



# Saint Mary's Parish Lanark

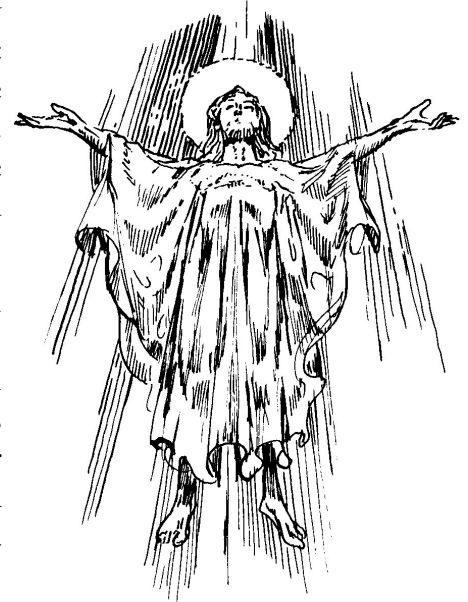
3rd Sunday of Easter  
19th April 2026



## Easter Continues

The celebration of Easter is often thought of as a single Sunday marked by church services, family gatherings, and symbolic traditions such as eggs and springtime imagery. However, in the Christian liturgical calendar, Easter is far more than a one-day event. It is the centrepiece of a much longer season that reflects the profound significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ and extends its meaning over several weeks.

Easter itself commemorates the belief that Jesus rose from the dead three days after his crucifixion, an event regarded by Christians as the foundation of their faith. Because of its importance, the Church does not limit its observance to a single day. Instead, Easter is embedded within a broader period known as the Easter Season, or Eastertide, which lasts for fifty days. This extended celebration begins on Easter Sunday and continues until Pentecost, creating a sustained period of joy, reflection, and spiritual renewal.



The length of Eastertide mirrors other important liturgical seasons, particularly Lent, the forty-day period of preparation leading up to Easter. Just as Lent is a time of fasting, repentance, and contemplation, the Easter Season serves as a time of rejoicing and affirmation. The contrast between these two seasons highlights the emotional and theological journey at the heart of Christianity: from sacrifice and sorrow to triumph and hope.

The prolongation of Easter also reflects the biblical accounts of Jesus' appearances after his resurrection. According to the New Testament, Jesus appeared to his disciples over a period of forty days before ascending into heaven. This narrative is echoed in the structure of the Easter Season, which includes the Feast of the Ascension and culminates in Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit is believed to have descended upon the apostles. Together, these events form a continuous story that extends the meaning of Easter beyond the initial resurrection.

In addition to its theological basis, the extended celebration of Easter has a practical and communal dimension. It allows believers time to absorb and reflect on the significance of the resurrection in their daily lives. Rather than a fleeting celebration, Easter becomes a sustained period of spiritual growth, encouraging individuals to live out the themes of renewal, hope, and transformation.

Cultural traditions also reflect this extended joy. While many popular customs—such as Easter eggs and festive meals—are concentrated around Easter Sunday, the wider season continues to influence church music, readings, and prayers. Hymns of celebration, the use of bright colours like white and gold, and the absence of penitential practices all reinforce the sense of ongoing festivity.

Ultimately, the length of Easter and its prolonged celebration emphasise that the resurrection is not merely an isolated event but a cornerstone of Christian faith with lasting implications. By extending the celebration over fifty days, the Church invites believers to fully engage with its meaning, ensuring that the joy of Easter resonates well beyond a single day and becomes a defining feature of the Christian year.

## Holy Week Parish Schedule

*Daily Mass & Devotions from St Mary's are broadcast on the parish YouTube Channel.*

**Sunday 19th April** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

**Monday 20th April** *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

- 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am
- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

**Tuesday 21st April**

- 10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)
- 11.30am Confessions until 11.55am
- 11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 12noon Angelus, Holy Mass & Novena to St Anthony of Padua

**Wednesday 22nd April**

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass
- 10.00am Church Cleaning**

**Thursday 23rd April**

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph

**Friday 24th April**

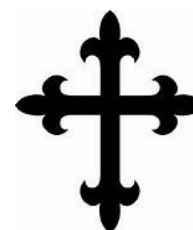
- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Agatha

**Saturday 25th April** *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

- 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am
- 9.00am Confessions until 9.25am
- 9.30am Holy Mass
- 4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)**

**Sunday 26th April** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)



### St Mary's Ministry Rota

**Readers:**

<b><u>18th/19th April</u></b>		<b><u>2nd/3rd May</u></b>	
<b>5.00pm</b>	R. McConnell	<b>5.00pm</b>	A. Haetzman
<b>10.30am</b>	E. McCabe	<b>10.30am</b>	A. Servers
<b>5.00pm</b>	S. Casserly	<b>5.00pm</b>	M. Davis
 <b><u>25th/26th April</u></b>		 <b><u>9th/10th May</u></b>	
<b>5.00pm</b>	T. Coia	<b>5.00pm</b>	J. McBride
<b>10.30am</b>	R. Colpitts	<b>10.30am</b>	J. Angus
<b>5.00pm</b>	N. Donnelly	<b>5.00pm</b>	S. Casserly

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

<b><u>18th/19th April</u></b>		<b><u>2nd/3rd May</u></b>	
<b>5.00pm</b>	C. Scott	<b>5.00pm</b>	C. Callaghan
	S. Callaghan		M. Keenan
<b>10.30am</b>	J. Littlejohn	<b>10.30am</b>	C. Duddy
	A. O'Neill		I. Maxfield
	N. Keenan		J. Russell
 <b><u>25th/26th April</u></b>		 <b><u>9th/10th May</u></b>	
<b>5.00pm</b>	K. Bryce	<b>5.00pm</b>	F. McBride
	A. McGowan		R. Sinton
<b>10.30am</b>	V. Hilland	<b>10.30am</b>	K. Lawrence
	M. Thompson		J. McFarlane
	B. Farrell		M. Russell

### Easter Water

The gold container in front of the sanctuary in St Mary's contains blessed Easter water. This water can be used to bless people, homes, cars or other objects.

If you would like some Easter water please bring a container and help yourself.

### Memorial Wall Plaques

Our latest batch of Memorial Plaques are due for completion this week, and all going well, will be collected on Friday.

Weather, and Jerry permitting, they should be erected the following week. The next order will not be until after the summer.

### Building Fund Collection - Your Support Matters

We are pleased to launch our first Building Fund Collection in support of the ongoing maintenance and future development of St Mary's Parish. Our church is at the heart of our community, and with your generosity, we can ensure it remains a welcoming and vibrant place for worship and fellowship for years to come.

We kindly invite all parishioners to contribute as they are able. Every gift, no matter the size, will make a meaningful difference. Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our parish.

### Gift Aid Claim 2025/2026

Once again, a huge thank you to those who are part of the parish gift aid scheme. We have just submitted our claim for the last financial year, and we hope to receive around £23,000 from HRMC.

*This money is vital for our parish!*

### St Mary's Heating

Year to date, our heat & light costs in St Mary's have continued to increase (£12,029.93). As we welcome the brighter days, the heating will now be reduced to focus on weekend Masses.

*The heating schedule will be reviewed in May.*

### 300 Club: March Winners

Week 1st March: **21**

Week 8th March: **268**

Week 15th March: **41**

Week 22nd March: **70**

Week 29th March: **48**

**St Mary's Lanark 80-12-97 10246763**

If you would like to join the 300 Club you can set up a Standing Order using the details above and emailing Kathleen who will then supply you with a lucky number: [stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk)

### Quiz Night Friday 15th May 7pm

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting a Quiz Night on Friday 15th May 2026.

The Clubrooms will open at 7pm with Quiz starting at 7.30pm.

**If you are planning to enter a team, please can you let a member of the social committee know.** Entry price is £2.00 per person. Maximum number in team is 6 people. The Bar will be open for refreshments.



### Easter Collection

Unlike the majority of other parishes in the diocese, we do not have a separate Easter Collection—parishioners are simply invited to put their Easter Offering in the collection basket with their weekly offering, clearly marked EASTER OFFERING. This can be done at any point over the next few weeks.

It was lovely to see our churches filled to capacity on Easter Sunday and welcome so many visitors and young families. A sign that faith is still alive and active in our area.

### Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,340.00  
Standing Orders: £ 186.50  
Votives: £ 195.00  
Stall: £ 135.00

**St Marys Mission RCDM**  
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Thank you *for your*  
*continued generosity.*



### Holy Trinity Chapel

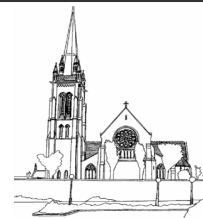
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### Parish Priest

### Father John-Paul McShane

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St Mary's Clubrooms Bookings: 07300857616

St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 07565396878



## Please Pray For The Following



**Recently Dead:** Clare McCool Armadale Road  
Sr Anna McBride DC; Professor Judith Champ (Birmingham);

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** Peggy Reilly; Willie Connor; Jan Connor; Brother Walfrid Kerins FMS;

### *Easter Remembrances*

Bishop Frank Thomson; Bishop Joseph Devine; Father Joseph Brannigan; Father Paddy Hughes; All Deceased Members of The Vincentian Fathers; All Deceased Members of The Daughter's of Charity; Canon Willie Dunnachie; Father Damien Gilhooley; Fr John Breslin; Canon Giles Goward; Father David Mellor; Jim McShane; John & Mary McShane; Rosemary McShane MacIntyre; Charlie McShane; John McShane; Frank McMahan; Annie & Arthur Lenagh; Hughie & Mary McShane; McShane Family; McGuire Family; Lenagh Family; McMahan Family; Kate & William Campbell; Bernie & Jim McEwan; Campbell Family; McCafferty Family; McEwan Family; James E. Reid; Gerry Wyllie; Wyllie Family; Deerin Family; Mary McFarlane; Therese Martin; John Skeffington; Joe & Betty McLeish; Peter Brannan; Edgar Family; Peter Skelly; Grace McGregor; Thomas & Helen Lamb; Thomas Lamb Jnr; Lamb Family; McGuigan Family; William & Sarah Dunnachie; Dunnachie Family; Michael Pavilonis; Cathy Gallagher; Tony Murphy; Lisa Katherine McAlavey; John McAlavey; Blanche McAlavey; Gerard Mays Snr; Gerard Mays Jnr; Brian Mays; Susan Mays; John O'Neill; Agnes Foley (McKendrick); John (Johnny) Foley; Joseph foley; Agnes Foley (McGuinness); Emilio & Cesarina Coia; Coia Family; Ungaretti Family; Giuseppe Molinaro; Owen, Margaret & John Dempsey; John & Marion Renton; Betty & Joe Woods; James, Clare & Evelyn O'Leary; Jimmy & Saddle Littlejohn; Frances, Monica & Anthony Cassidy; Lisa Geddes; Vera & Johnny Livingstone; Peter & Eleonore De-Schuster; Marion & Dan O'Donnell; Matt & Peggy Reilly; Betty, Wullie & John Thomson; Ann & Alasdair MacDonald; Teresa & Bill McArdle; Matt & Betty Reilly; Marjory Reilly; Jim Anderson; Bill & Annie Gebbie; Martha & Tam Smith; Sarah & Jimmy McEwan; Paisley Family; John, Mary & James Donnelly; Mary & Tommy Cavanagh; James & Rose Kelly; Pat & Joe McGarrigle; Gerry McGarrigle; McGarrigle Family; Dean Family; Margaret, John & Bobby Dykes; Ron Meldrum; Eileen Prior; Janette Irvine; May Quinn; David Tinto; Catherine & Daniel Stewart; Jean & Jimmy Meldrum; McConville Family (Shotts); Deceased members of the Choir of St Mary's; Mary, Jim & Michael McLaughan; Mary, Bill & Stephen Murray; Anne & John Boyle; Lizanne Inglis; Edward Hanlon; Kate Hanlon; Anne Lindsay; Archie Lindsay; Mary Sheely; Michael Sheely; Kate Nevin & Brothers; Rodger McConnell; Bernard & Rose Scott; Beverley & Alan Milliken; John, Annie, Liam & Janes McConnell; Noone Family; Dowds Family; Farrell Family; David Tinto; Rosemary McManus; Francis & Grace McManus; Francis McManus Jnr; Willie Connor; Iain Connor; Mark Stewart; Thomas Cloonan; Cecilia Cloonan; Mark Cloonan; Cloonan Family; Rotherham Family; Jim Callaghan; Anna Marshall; Agnes and Alice Bamford; Callaghan Family (Sligo); Karen Reilly; John Reilly Jnr; Betty Hutchison; Thomas McNulty; Christina McNulty; Nora Byers; John Byers; Rosina Baird; Babay Luca Gunning; James Tait; Mary Tait; Eileen McLeod; Nicholas Lambert; Rose Lambert; Bridget Lambert; Sandy McLean; Mary McLean; Catherine McLean; Jessie Clark; Frank Mackie; Susan Mackie; Graham Munro; Leah Welsh; Albert Welsh; Morton Family; Peter & Susan Mulligan; Joe McAllister; Bridget Donnelly; Fox Family; Harvey Family; Thomas, Molly & James McKeown; Paul Halloran; Halloran Family; Helen, Robert, Dennis, May & Veronica Quinn; Mr & Mrs Brady; John & Bridget Callaghan; John Doolan; Henry Doolan; Jane Doolan; Oliver Family; Small Family; Liz Rae; Eleanor Douglas; James McCardie; Arthur Christie; Jessica & John Christie; Rina & Jimmy Travers; Mary & John Christie; Evelyn Grant Quinn; Lilly Grant; Blanche McCabe;

*May they rest in peace, and rise in glory!*