



# Saint Mary's Parish Lanark

3rd Sunday of Lent  
8th March 2026



## Sacrosanctum Concilium

Sacrosanctum Concilium (translated as This Sacred Council), was the first of the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council. It was approved by 2,147 bishops to 4, and was promulgated on 4th December 1963. It highlighted the importance of the liturgy for the Church.



The liturgy (the public prayer of the Church) is the heart of the Church's life. Through it, the faithful unite with Christ in his redemptive sacrifice, participating in the mysteries of the faith, and receive the grace necessary to live as missionary disciples. The first document of the Second Vatican Council focussed on the liturgy and reminds us: "The liturgy is the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed, and at the same time, it is the source from which all her power flows" (Sacrosanctum Concilium 10).

In the 20th century, the Second Vatican Council sought to renew the liturgy to make it more accessible and understandable for the faithful. The liturgy is the encounter between God and his people. The faithful were encouraged to have a "full, conscious, and active participation" in the Mass. This is not so much everyone having a role in the Mass but rather opening their hearts and minds to a full, conscious, and active participation in what is happening during the liturgy.

The liturgy is a treasure that the Church has entrusted to us. It is our responsibility to care for it, protect it, and celebrate it with the reverence and love it deserves. The Council Fathers wished for the Church to rediscover and appreciate the following points:

- ♦ Christ is always present in his Church, especially in her liturgical celebrations. No other action of the Church can equal its power. It is the source and summit of the Church's life
- ♦ The People of God are to be led to a fully conscious, and active participation in the liturgy as is their right and their duty by reason of their baptism
- ♦ There must be no innovations to the words and form of Mass unless the Church permits it
- ♦ Sacred Scripture should form a major part of the Mass and Sacramental Rites
- ♦ "The Latin language is to be preserved with the faithful being able to say or sing together the parts of the Mass in the Latin language", but the vernacular is also encouraged
- ♦ The Sacraments, blessings and their meaning should be accessible for the people
- ♦ The Divine Office (Prayer of the Church) should be sung or said in monasteries, abbeys, cathedrals and churches by priests, religious and the lay faithful
- ♦ Sacred music is to be preserved and fostered. Gregorian chant is to have pride of place at Mass and the organ is to be "held in high esteem as it adds a wonderful splendour to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lifts up mans mind to God and higher things"
- ♦ Sacred art, architecture and images are to be fostered and encouraged in churches "as they are oriented toward the infinite beauty of God" and help to raise our minds to him.

## Weekly Parish Schedule

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

**Sunday 8th March** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 12noon Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Lent (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer of the Church and Solemn Benediction (St Mary's)

**Monday 9th March** *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
- 10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.55am
- 12noon Stations of the Cross
- 6.15pm Holy Mass

**Tuesday 10th March**

- 8.25am Holy Mass (St Mary's Primary School)
- 10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)
- 11.30am Confessions until 11.55am
- 11.40am Morning Prayer of the Church
- 12noon Angelus, Holy Mass & Novena to St Anthony
- 6.15pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion

**Wednesday 11th March**

- 9.10am Stations of the Cross
- 9.30am Holy Mass
- 10.00am Lenten Prayer Circle (St Catherine's)
- 7.00pm Weekly Online Zoom Scripture Session (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)**

**Thursday 12th March**

- 8.25am Holy Mass (St Mary's Primary School)
- 9.10am Morning Prayer of the Church
- 9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph
- 7.30pm St Mary's Choir Weekly Rehearsal (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

**Friday 13th March**

- 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am
- 9.00am Confessions until 9.25am
- 9.10am Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Agatha

**Saturday 14th March** *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 Confessions until 4.50pm
- 4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)

**Sunday 15th March** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 12noon Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Lent (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 5.30pm Evening Prayer of the Church and Solemn Benediction (St Mary's)



### **Easter Raffle/Coffee Morning**

The next Coffee Morning will take place on Sunday 5th April after 10.30 Mass. The Easter Raffle Draw will also take place at this event. Raffle tickets are now available. Donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully received.



*Thank you for your continued support.*

### **Building Fund Collection**

Thank you to those who spoke to Fr John-Paul regarding the proposed quarterly Building Fund Collection.

**The first Building Fund Collection will be taken up 18th/19th April.**

All monies donated will go towards the future maintenance and enhancement of St Mary's campus.

### **Clydesdale Foodbank Collection**

Thank you to all who support the Clydesdale Foodbank from St Mary's. Each month, on average, we receive £350 and 8 bags of groceries. As we know, over 60% of all donations to Clydesdale Foodbank are distributed in our local community. Thank you for your continued generosity and support and for truly making a difference in peoples lives.

### **Lenten Masses and Devotions**

Lent is a season we are called to deepen our relationship with the Lord through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. There are lots of opportunities for Confessions, Masses and Devotions throughout the weeks of Lent. It has been lovely to see good numbers attend additional Masses and Devotions. If you have not managed to join us yet, it is not too late! Why not take up one or two extra things each week to fulfil your Lenten commitment and allow yourself to draw closer to the Lord—or more importantly, allow the Lord to draw closer to you!

### **SCIAF Lenten Campaign**

This Lent the SCIAF appeal focuses on Ethiopia, where decades of progress is being undone by conflict, droughts, floods and cuts in International Aid. Millions are being pushed back into poverty, essential services are collapsing and clean water is becoming hard to access.

SCIAF WEE BOXES are available at the back of the church for those who wish to offer financial support. WEE BOXES should be returned before Holy Thursday (Thursday 2nd April).



### **St Paddy's Day With The Sisters**

Come and join the Community of St Catherine's for some morning entertainment on Tuesday 17th March at 11am. Followed by fun, games and music in the afternoon with Afternoon Tea.

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to the 16 boys and girls from St Mary's Primary School who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Monday evening. It was a great joy for them to receive God's love and mercy afresh. A great encouragement to us all to prepare spiritually for Easter by attending the Sacrament of Confession.

### **Locking St Mary's**

We are very lucky that we have parishioners who open and lock St Mary's each day in order to allow the church to be open for private prayer. Due to personal circumstances one of the team has had to step down for a set period of time.

At present, we have enough volunteers to go on rota for one week every three weeks. It is Mon-Fri locking the church at 3pm.

Could you offer some help? Even for a short time? If so, please speak to Fr John-Paul this weekend or next weekend. If we do not receive any offers of help it may mean St Mary's will have to be closed out with Mass times.

### **Mothers Day**

Mothers Day will be observed as usual on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, 15th March. At Masses that weekend there will be a special blessing of mothers at the conclusion of Mass.

There will also be the opportunity for Mothers Day Remembrances in the bulletin that weekend. If you wish your deceased mothers name included in the remembrances please write their name on an envelope and 'Mothers Day Remembrance', with your Mass offering included.

Mass that weekend will be offered for all those names contained in the remembrances.



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**St Mary's Clubrooms Bookings:** 07300857616

**St Vincent de Paul Helpline:** 07565396878



**Please Pray For The Following**



**Recently Dead:** Jacqueline Cummings; Mary Hughes; Tony McLean; Ronnie McCue; Mary Carroll;

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** Peter Brannan (Blantyre); Mary Meahan; Joan Owen; Edward Hanlon; Archie Lindsay; Joseph Doolan; Mamie McAvoy;

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain,  
for the old order of things has passed away."  
*Rev 21:4*

**Second Collections During Lent**

**Sick & Retired Priests Lenten Collection**

Thank you for your generosity to this second collection to support the sick & retired priests of our diocese.

**£730.00**

**Annual SCIAF Collection**

Our Annual SCIAF Collection will be taken up at all Masses on **Weekend 14th/15th March.**

**Parish Weekly Finances**

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,510.00  
Standing Orders: £ 425.30  
Votives: £ 135.00  
Stall: £ 100.00

**St Marys Mission RCDM**  
**80-17-02 00265809**

Thank you *for your*  
*continued generosity.*

**St Mary's Ministry Rota**

**Readers:**

<b><u>7th/8th March</u></b>		<b><u>21st/22nd March</u></b>	
<b>5.00pm</b>	J. McBride	<b>5.00pm</b>	G. Abernethy
<b>10.30am</b>	P. Roberts	<b>10.30am</b>	J. Russell
<b>5.00pm</b>	N. Donnelly	<b>5.00pm</b>	M. Davis
<b><u>14th/15th March</u></b>		<b><u>28th/29th March</u></b>	
<b>5.00pm</b>	C. Jackson	See Triduum Rota	
<b>10.30am</b>	R. Colpitts		
<b>5.00pm</b>	S. Casserly		

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

<b><u>7th/8th March</u></b>		<b><u>21st/22nd March</u></b>	
<b>5.00pm</b>	R. Sinton	<b>5.00pm</b>	C. Scott
	F. McBride		S. Callaghan
<b>10.30am</b>	G. Duddy	<b>10.30am</b>	V. Hilland
	A. Gillespie		M. Thomson
	M. Keenan		B. Farrell
<b><u>14th/15th March</u></b>		<b><u>28th/29th March</u></b>	
<b>5.00pm</b>	M. Keenan	<b>5.00pm</b>	K. Bryce
	C. Callaghan		A. McGowan
<b>10.30am</b>	J. Littlejohn	<b>10.30am</b>	C. Duddy
	A. O'Neill		I. Maxfield
	N. Keenan		J. Russell