



# Saint Mary's Parish Lanark & Saint Isidore's Parish Biggar

**3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**21st January 2024**



## Growing Together

Anglican and Catholic bishops to meet in Rome and Canterbury for the ecumenical summit "Growing Together" – during Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 22-29, 2024)

Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Canterbury will commission bishops for joint mission and witness on 25th January 2024.

Meeting during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, bishops from the Anglican and Roman Catholic traditions will be gathering for Growing Together – a week-long summit for ecumenical discussion and pilgrimage in Rome and Canterbury between 22nd and 29th January 2024.

The bishops will come in pairs – Anglican and Catholic – representing different countries from around the world. Over 50 bishops are participating, from 27 countries. Visiting holy sites in both Rome and Canterbury, the bishops will pray, reflect and learn from one another. The aim is to discuss ways of growing together in joint witness and mission in the world.

On January 25th, near the tomb of the Apostle Paul, Pope Francis and the Archbishop of Canterbury will commission the bishops, sending them out in pairs, to be witnesses to Christian Unity. This will be a significant moment, symbolic for Anglican-Catholic bonds and advancing ecumenical dialogue. The Summit is organised by IARCCUM – the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission. IARCCUM is an official commission of the Anglican Communion and the Catholic Church, established to promote ecumenical dialogue between the traditions.

Alongside daily discussions, the bishops will make visits to the following sites:

### **23rd January 2024**

St Peter's Basilica for a tour and a service of Anglican Choral Evensong.

### **25th January 2024**

Bishops visit the church of San Bartolomeo all'Isola, where the Archbishop of Canterbury will preside and preach at a sung Anglican Eucharist.

Commissioning of the bishops by the Archbishop of Canterbury and Pope Francis at the tomb of the Apostle Paul (Basilica of St Paul Outside The Walls)

### **26th January 2024**

A visit to the church of San Gregorio al Celio, from where the first Archbishop of Canterbury was sent to England by Pope Gregory the Great in 597.

### **28th January 2024**

Bishops to take part in Choral Eucharist at Canterbury Cathedral, where the Catholic Bishop of Hong Kong, Cardinal Stephen Chow, will preach. Discussions on a joint statement about the future work of IARCCUM / ongoing dialogue.



# Weekly Parish Schedule

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

**Sunday 21st January** *St Mary's Church will close after 5pm Mass*

**10.30am** Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**Monday 22nd January** *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 4pm*

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

**9.30am** Holy Mass & Novena to Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal (St Mary's)

**Tuesday 23rd January**

**10.00am** Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

**11.30am** Confessions until 11.55am (St Mary's)

**11.40am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

**12noon** Angelus, Holy Mass & Novena to St Anthony (St Mary's)

**Wednesday 24th January**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

**9.30am** Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Paul Reilly (St Mary's)

**7.00pm** *Online Zoom Rosary (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)*

**Thursday 25th January**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

**9.30am** Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph (St Mary's)

**7.30pm** **The Choir of St Mary's Rehearsal (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

**Friday 26th January**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

**9.30am** Holy Mass (St Mary's)

**Saturday 27th January** *St Mary's Church will close after 5pm Mass*

**9.00am** Confessions until 9.25am (St Mary's)

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

**9.30am** Holy Mass (St Mary's)

**4.30pm** Confessions until 4.50pm (St Mary's)

**4.30pm** Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**Sunday 28th January** *St Mary's Church will close after 5pm Mass*

**10.30am** Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

## Some Good Tips for Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of HC

### Readers:

1. Please continue to speak clearly whilst projecting your voice directly into the microphone. If you whisper in, then a whisper comes out. If you need to, adjust the microphone before Mass to make sure it is in the correct position.
2. For the Universal Prayers of Intercession (Bidding Prayers) please make your way to the ambo during the final few lines of the Creed. The reader should be at the ambo and ready before the priest begins the Opening Prayer.

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

1. For Communion, can the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion make their way to the sanctuary as soon as the "Lamb of God" begins. Extraordinary Ministers should be in place on the sanctuary for this prayer finishing and facing the altar for the priest saying: "Behold the Lamb of God".

If you have any questions please speak to Fr John-Paul.

## Weddings in St Mary's 2024

If you have booked a wedding in St Mary's for 2024, or you would like to book a wedding, please email Fr John-Paul to arrange a meeting, and to start the official paperwork.

It is important you make contact to confirm dates and times in order to secure your pre-booked date.

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### Bulletin - Front Cover

Thank you to all those who have composed, or selected articles for inclusion on the front cover of the weekly bulletin. Many parishioners have enjoyed reading them. If you have a topic you would like to see on the front cover of the bulletin, or indeed if you would like to write your own article (500 words), please email Fr John-Paul.

### Financial Returns

Fr John-Paul has now completed the Annual Financial Returns due to the Diocese, for year ending 31st December 2023.

A Financial Report will be made available to each parish in due course. It is important that you are aware of parish finances and the running costs of each parish.

### St Mary's Primary School Enrolment Mass

Today, Sunday 21st January, we welcome the children and their families from St Mary's Primary School who will be enrolling for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion.

Please pray for these children and their parents that they will continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus.

### St Mary's Memorial Plaques

Memorial Plaque forms are now available from the stall. We are aiming to send all completed forms to the engraver at the end of February. If you would like a plaque for a loved one please fill in a form and return it to Fr John-Paul. This is perhaps the last bulk order of plaques that we will be able to make, and depending of space and availability of materials, more plaques will be ordered on an individual basis.

### Project Wellspring

Several months ago Fr John-Paul announced that the Diocese is launching Project Wellspring, to look at the Diocese as a whole and plan positively for the future. Project Wellspring is now going to be piloted through several parishes in the Diocese, one in each Deanery. We are delighted to announce that St Mary's is the chosen parish for the Wishaw Deanery. Very soon Fr John-Paul will gather a same group of parishioners, perhaps 4 or 5, to look at a parish renewal scheme. This stage will also take into account the questionnaire forms completed several months ago.

Initial talks will be to determine the needs of our parish and discern how best these needs can be met. This will also be a great opportunity to make sure that parishioners from Forth and Biggar feel included and valued within the parish, and what will work well for them. If you are approached by Fr John-Paul to join this Working Group please consider giving generously of your time.

### Fr Joseph Brannigan Anniversary Mass

The 2nd of January 2024 marked the 10th anniversary of Fr Joe's death. As a parish, it is important we mark this anniversary in a special way, remembering the great work Fr Joe carried out in our beautiful church and the legacy he has left us. A special anniversary Mass will be celebrated on **Monday 29th January at 7pm**. Bishop Toal will celebrate the Mass and we hope some priests from the Diocese will also join us. After the Mass everyone is welcome to join us in the Clubrooms for tea/coffee/sandwiches. Monday 29th January would also have been Fr Joe's 70th birthday. Please make a special effort to come along to the Mass and pray for Fr Joe.





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## Please Pray For The Following:



**Recently Dead:** Paul Reilly Glebe Court  
Diane Curran Beechgrove Care Home  
Margaret Toner (East Kilbride); Frances Neil; Bernard Murphy; Bobby Armstrong (Coatbridge); Christopher McGuire (Largs); Harry McMillan (Wishaw).

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** Rose Kelly; Louise Keenan; Peter De-Schuster; Catherine Grant.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Paul Reilly Requiem Mass: Wednesday 24th January 9.30am, St Mary's  
Diane Curran Funeral Service: Tuesday 30th January 1pm, Brown's Parlour

## 300 Club: January Winners

*Week 3rd Dec: 55*

*Week 10th Dec: 105*

*Week 17th Dec: 239*

*Week 24th Dec: 227*

Just a reminder that monies can be placed in the offertory basket, along with your offertory collection, clearly marked with your name and 300 Club. Monies can also be handed into the sacristy or chapel house or paid standing order :

**St Marys 300 Club 83-24-12 00659433**

## Parish Finances

### St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 1,035.00  
Standing Orders: £ 435.00

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

### St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 82.50  
Standing Orders: £ 35.00

**Parish of St Isidore's**  
**83-16-11 00235026**

## St Mary's Ministry Rota

### Readers:

#### 20th/21st January

**5.00pm** A. Haetzman  
**10.30am** R. Colpitts  
**5.00pm** M. Davis

#### 27th/28th January

**5.00pm** G. Abernethy  
**10.30am** P. Roberts  
**5.00pm** S. Casserly

#### 3rd/4th February

**5.00pm** R. McConnell  
**10.30am** E. McCabe  
**5.00pm** N. Donnelly

#### 10th/11th February

**5.00pm** R. Kane  
**10.30am** M. McCusker  
**5.00pm** M. Davis

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

#### 20th/21st January

**5.00pm** M. Keenan  
P. Stewart  
**10.30am** P. Cunningham  
A. Cruikshank  
J. McFarlane

#### 27th/28th January

**5.00pm** J. McEwan  
C. McClafferty  
**10.30am** G. Duddy  
T. Mullen  
B. Farrell

#### 3rd/4th February

**5.00pm** J. McClafferty  
K. Bryce  
**10.30am** C. O'Brien  
M. Davis  
J. McAlavey

#### 10th/11th February

**5.00pm** A. Dempsey  
C. Scott  
**10.30am** C. Duddy  
V. Hilland  
D. McFarlane