



# Saint Mary's Parish Lanark

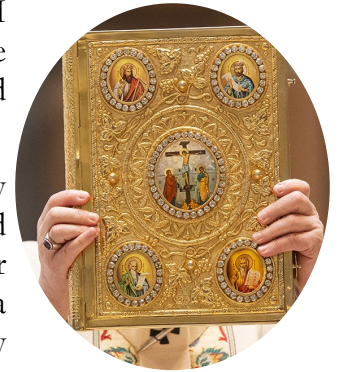
4th Sunday of Lent  
15th March 2026



## Dei Verbum

Dei Verbum (translated as Word of God), was promulgated by Pope Paul VI on 18th November 1965. It is the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, emphasising the relationship between Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition in conveying God's revelation.

It is a document considered the principal document shaping contemporary Catholic theology and biblical interpretation. It calls for a renewed appreciation of Scripture and Tradition, urging Catholics to recognise their roles in the life of the Church and the spiritual growth needed. It is a foundational text for understanding how God communicates with humanity through Scripture and Tradition, emphasising the centrality of Christ in revelation and the importance of faith.



The document is divided into six chapters. Below you will find the main points of each chapter:

**Revelation Itself:** God wants us to know his love for us. Revelation isn't just words about God, it is a living experience of God. In the Word of God we don't just find out how we should live our lives but God reveals himself to us. Jesus is the message and the messenger, he leads us to eternal life. This is made known by means of human reason and by faith in Christ.

**Handing on Divine Revelation:** In the early Christian Church they preached and taught orally. In time it became necessary for their message to be written down. The apostles handed on the authority to teach to the bishops who took their places. Through the unbroken line of succession the bishops are charged with securing and protecting the Word of God and to keep intact until the end of time. The Magisterium (teaching) of the Church is not superior to the Word of God, but its servant. The text of the Bible is sovereign in the Catholic Church. We are all called and commissioned to preach this Gospel and the revelation of Christ as baptised Catholics.

**Sacred Scripture, its Divine Inspiration & Interpretation:** Those chosen wrote down words inspired by the Holy Spirit, they revealed what God desired to be written down. The authors of the various books of the Bible were not robbed of their human intelligence or knowledge, but in a special way their human characteristics, including their limitations were used in God's service. We interpret God's Word faithfully in order to produce the proper fruit.

**The Old Testament:** Israel was chosen by God to establish a covenant of love with humanity. The Old Testament describes and explains God's relationship with his people and also reveals the plan of God to bring forth the Messiah (Jesus) into the world to redeem humanity.

**The New Testament:** The Gospel writers told the story of Jesus, the Saviour and Redeemer of the human race. Jesus reveals the Father and completes God's plan of redemption. The four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) are the foremost teachings in Scripture. The Gospels contain the story of salvation and the truths about Jesus Christ.

**Sacred Scripture in the Life of the Church:** At Mass there are two altars - the Altar of the Word (the Ambo/lectern) and the Altar of the Eucharist. Through Scripture we don't just hear about God but also get to know him better. Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ himself. Through reading and study of Scripture, the treasure of revelation fills the hearts of believers.

## Weekly Parish Schedule

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

**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)

**Monday 16th 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 12noon
- 12noon The Divine Praises & Simple Benediction
- 6.15pm Stations of the Cross & Holy Communion

**Tuesday 17th 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

**Wednesday 18th 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 19th 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 20th 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 21st 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 5th Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)

**Sunday 22nd March** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 12noon Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Lent (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 5th 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.*

## Happy Mothers Day

On this Mother's Day, we give thanks for all mothers - those who are with us today and those who have gone before us into eternal life. We remember with gratitude their love, sacrifices, and the many ways they have shaped our lives.

May we cherish our biological mothers, and those mother figures in our lives, and hold in our hearts the treasured memories of those we dearly miss.

## Dominic Haetzman

Dominic would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts and good wishes for his move into his new home.

Dominic is now resident in Shalom House, the rear part of the presbytery, often know as the 'Holiday Flat'. He has settled well and is enjoying living at St Mary's. We are very blessed to have Dominic serve Mass each day, and we are delighted we can offer him this new home.

## 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.



## Liturgical Calendar

**Tuesday 17th March, St Patrick, Bishop & Missionary** - Born in Britain probably in the early years of the fifth century, Patrick was taken captive at the age of 16 and brought to Ireland, where he worked as a slave. His captivity led him to a renewal of his spiritual life. After he escaped back home at the age of 22, it was clear to him that God was calling him to return to convert the Irish. After studies in Europe he returned to Ireland, where he made a very large number of converts. His spiritual journey is recounted in his Confessio.

**Wednesday 18th March, St Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop & Doctor** - Born in 315 of Christian parents and succeeded Maximus as bishop of Jerusalem in 348. He was active in the Arian controversy and was exiled more than once as a result. His pastoral zeal is especially shown in his Catechesis, in which he expounded orthodox doctrine, holy scripture and the traditions of faith. He died in 386. he is held in high esteem by both Catholics and Orthodox, and he was declared a Doctor of the Church by Pope Leo XIII in 1883.

**Thursday 19th March, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - A carpenter, though born of the royal house of David, Joseph was an upright man who, as husband of the Virgin Mary, cared for Mary and the child Jesus. Venerated in the East after the fourth century, and his cult flowered in the West during the fifteenth century, following the development of medieval nativity plays, the Christmas crib, and increased devotion to Mary.

## 300 Club: February Winners

Week 1st February: **16**    Week 8th February: **209**    Week 15th February: **222**    Week 22nd February: **37**

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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)

## Gift Aid Envelopes

As we prepare for the new Financial Year those who are part of the gift aid system, and use the weekly envelopes, are asked to collect their new box of envelopes from the back of the church.

Once again, thank you to those who contribute financially to our parish through the gift aid scheme, last year we were able to reclaim £22,233.63 from HMRC.

## Change to Lenten Schedule

Due to the lack of numbers attending Monday 6.15pm Mass, Stations of the Cross will now be moved to Monday at 6.15pm, which will free up Tuesday evenings for Theology on Tap, which will be held in Our Lady and St John's Parish Blackwood, with the guest speaker being Fr Philip Caldwell.

More details to follow next weekend...



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

**St Vincent de Paul Helpline:** 07565396878



**Please Pray For The Following**



**Recently Dead:** Margaret Moore Wellgatehead

Catherine O'Neill; Anne Meahan (Motherwell); Sylvia Frame; Paul Brady; Anne Farquhar;

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** Eleanor Douglas; John Dempsey; Stuart Gordon; Paul Donnachie; James Hynds;

**Mothers Day Remembrances:** Kate Campbell; Mary McShane; Bernie McEwan; Rosemary MacIntyre McShane; Cathy Gallagher; Cesarina Coia; Margaret Maxfield; Mary Tait; Marion Renton; Emanuella James; Sarah Quinn; Jessica Christie; Marion O'Donnell; Helen Beveridge; Mary Hughes; Betty Woods; Josephine Hannan; Pat McGarrigle; Cecilia Cloonan (Liverpool); Eileen Callaghan; Maryjane Brennan; Agnes Kennedy; Agnes Jack; Anne Elder; Rose Scott; Agnes Foley (McKendrick); Annie Halloran; Helen Dennis; Esther Oliver; Mary Dowds; Clare Farrell; Peggy Docherty;

**SCIAF Sunday**

**Our Annual SCIAF Collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.**

**Parish Weekly Finances**

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,326.00  
Standing Orders: £ 148.30  
Votives: £ 110.00  
Stall: £ 120.00

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

**St Mary's Ministry Rota**

**Readers:**

<b><u>14th/15th March</u></b>	<b><u>28th/29th March</u></b>
5.00pm C. Jackson	See Triduum Rota
10.30am R. Colpitts	
5.00pm S. Casserly	
<b><u>21st/22nd March</u></b>	<b><u>4th/5th April</u></b>
5.00pm G. Abernethy	See Triduum Rota
10.30am J. Russell	
5.00pm M. Davis	

**Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:**

<b><u>14th/15th March</u></b>	<b><u>28th/29th March</u></b>
5.00pm M. Keenan	5.00pm K. Bryce
C. Callaghan	A. McGowan
10.30am J. Littlejohn	10.30am C. Duddy
A. O'Neill	I. Maxfield
N. Keenan	J. Russell
<b><u>21st/22nd March</u></b>	<b><u>4th/5th April</u></b>
5.00pm C. Scott	8.00pm J. Russell
S. Callaghan	
10.30am V. Hilland	10.30am K. Lawrence
M. Thomson	J. McFarlane
B. Farrell	M. Russell