

St Mary's Lanark

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4th Sunday of Lent

30th March 2025

SCIAF vs Hunger

World hunger is accelerating at a devastating rate. Although hunger is not a new problem, conflict, climate change, and the COVID-19 pandemic are causing a deadly hunger crisis that's left 45 million people on the brink of starvation. Millions of people are facing the worst hunger crisis the world has seen in decades. For those living in the world's poorest places, the inability to access, grow or afford food has trapped them in a deadly cycle.

World hunger is on the rise for the first time in decades. In 2015, many of the world's greatest powers committed to the UN Sustainable Development Goal of zero hunger by 2030, yet recent reports have called the goal "tragically distant".

SCIAF is already working in many of the world's poorest countries to tackle both the causes and consequences of hunger. We work with people in the hardest circumstances, so they can overcome their daily struggles and the structures of injustice that make and keep them poor. We actively serve those forced to the fringes of society and deprived of opportunity. For decades we've walked with people whose entire livelihood can wither in a drought or be washed away in a flood. Our local partners not only work with communities to meet their most pressing needs today, but build their resilience so they can provide for themselves and their families into the future.

Our three pillared response

1. Immediate access to life-saving food and financial support

When a crisis hits, we ensure families have food to eat and the money they need to survive.

2. Access to the seeds, tools and training needed to grow food that's resistant to a changing climate

We're helping families to grow food, whatever the weather. We work with them to establish vegetable gardens, providing drought resistant seeds, helping to diversify what they grow and how they farm, and installing solutions like solar irrigation pumps to water crops when drought hits. At the same time, we're working to address gender inequality in families, so that the benefits can be equally felt by all family members.

3. Providing the support needed to increase income, save money and provide a secure future

By working with communities to set up savings and loans groups, providing training and support on growing a business and diversifying their income, we're helping families to create a livelihood to support themselves long into the future.

SCiAF
Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund

Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 30th 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)

Monday 31st 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

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

12noon Stations of the Cross

Tuesday 1st April

8.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's Primary School)

10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

11.40am Stations of the Cross

12noon Angelus, Holy Mass & Novena to St Anthony

Wednesday 2nd April

9.10am Stations of the Cross

9.30am Holy Mass

10.00am Prayer Group (St Catherine's)

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

Thursday 3rd April

8.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's Primary School)

9.10am Morning Prayer of the Church

9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph

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

Friday 4th April

9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am

9.00am Confessions until 9.25am

9.10am Divine Mercy Chaplet

9.30am Holy Mass

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

9.00am Confessions until 9.25am

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.55am

12noon Stations of the Cross

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 6th April *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)

12.35pm Light Bite (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)

St Mary's Parish Readers

Just a gentle reminder for ALL parish readers in St Mary's to fill out a Readers Form, found in the stall, and return to the sacristy at your earliest convenience.

The Form is required for GDPR and for the rota. New readers are also welcome and asked to fill out the same form and return in the same way.



Wishaw Deanery Adoration & Stations

In this Jubilee Year, we are encouraged, as 'Pilgrims of Hope,' to visit a church outside of our own parish. To facilitate this endeavour, the Wishaw Deanery is offering opportunities for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Day	Location	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Station of the Cross
Monday	St Mary's, Lanark	10.00am until 12noon	12noon
Monday	St Ignatius', Wishaw	6.00pm until 7.00pm	7.00pm
Tuesday	St Aidan's, Coltness	10.30am until 12noon	12noon
Tuesday	St Athanasius', Carlisle	6.00pm until 7.00pm	7.00pm
Wednesday	St Ignatius', Wishaw	10.00am until 12noon	12noon
Thursday	St Patrick's, Craigneuk	6.00pm until 7.00pm	7.00pm
Friday	St Mary's, Lanark	9.00am until 9.25am	-----
Saturday	St Mary's, Lanark	10.00am until 12noon	12noon
Sunday	St Thomas', Wishaw	4.30pm until 5.00pm	4.00pm

St Mary's Big Tidy - Saturday 12th April

In preparation for summer Fr John-Paul is asking for volunteers to help tidy the grounds of St Mary's Church on **Saturday 12th April from 10am until 12noon**. We plan on carrying out the following tasks and we really need your help: cutting the grass; strimming the borders; wedding Calvary Circle and boxes; house, church & clubrooms gutters; painting the main gates and railing; varnishing external doors.

All material and equipment will be provided, and hopefully we can also get some volunteers to make tea/coffee in the Clubrooms for those helping. Please consider coming along and giving a few hours to benefit the parish.

St Mary's Easter Raffle/Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will take place on **Sunday 20th April** after 10.30am Mass. The Easter Raffle Draw will also take place at this event. The girls will start selling raffle tickets at Masses this weekend.

Donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Thank you for your continued support.

St Brigid Parish Newmains - Day of Reflection

St Brigid's Parish, Newmains, are having a Day of Reflection, led by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre, on Saturday 5th April beginning with Mass at 10am and finishing at 2.30pm, in St Brigid's Parish Centre - all welcome.

SCIAF Sunday Second Collection

Each year on the Fourth Sunday of Lent we offer up prayers and provide practical support for the work of SCIAF - Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund. A Second Collection will be taken up at all Masses on 29th/30th March.

St Mary's Social Committee

Thanks to everyone who came along to the disco. Our DJ Ian was brilliant as always, catering for all age groups. It was great to welcome new faces as well as our regular supporters. It was a fantastic night raising £455. A special thank you to Eileen and Helen our bar volunteers.

Theology on Tap - Our Lady & St John's Blackwood ML11 9RZ

The next Theology on Tap at Our Lady & St John's Blackwood will take place in the Parish Hall on **Thursday 10th April beginning at 6.30pm** with the talk beginning at 7.00pm. The speaker this month is Fr Andrew Robinson, Scripture Scholar and Lecturer of New Testament at St Mary's College Oscott.

The talk will focus on St Luke's Passion Gospel which will be read on Palm Sunday this year. All welcome.



Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Eleanor Douglas; Jean Dow; Johanna Bamford; John Burns (Addiewell); Joan Owen;

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Fr Damian Gilhooley; Fr George Donaldson; Brian McSherry; Clare O'Leary; Frances Kelly; John McTaggart;

Mothers' Day Remembrance:

Kate Campbell; Bernie McEwan; Mary McShane; Rosemary MacIntyre; Cathy Gallagher; Helen Lamb; Sarah Donnachie; Cathie Millar; Mary McLaughlan; Mary Murray; Anne Boyle; Grace McManus; Sarah McEwan; Barbara Gaffney; Bridget Brady; Ray Crossan; Isabella Devitt; Cesarina Coia; Mary Tait; Cecelia Cloonan; Nora O'Callaghan; Stella Gunn; Esther Oliver; Marion Renton; Vera Livingstone; Helen Beveridge; Helen McAreavy; May Welsh; Mary Caddle; Theresa Welsh; Marion O'Donnell; Martha Smith; Anne Elder; Margaret Maxfield; Evelyn Grant Quinn; Mary Jane Brennan; Agnes Jack; Agnes Kennedy; Isobel Creighton; Elizabeth Joyce; Mary Carr; Elizabeth McGrath;

Gone but never forgotten!

St Mary's Social Cemetery Maintenance

We are delighted that the Community Payback Team will be looking after St Mary's Cemetery again this year. They have already visited and cut the grass and edged the paths. The cemetery is looking really good, and we appreciate the hard work of the Payback Team. Now that we are in season, the cemetery grass will be cut every two weeks.

300 Club: January & February Winners

Now that the Bank of Scotland no longer has a Lanark branch we are asking for **all subscriptions** for the 300 Club to be paid by Standing Order using the details below. Many people already pay through the bank weekly/monthly/annually and they will not need to change anything! But, for those who pay cash or cheque, we ask that you set up a standing order. We thank you very much for your assistance and understanding and it is hoped that by becoming cashless we will save countless trips to Bank of Scotland Larkhall branch.

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If you would like to join the 300 Club please you can set up a standing order using the details above and email Kathleen who will then supply you with a lucky number: stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,315.00
Standing Orders:	£ 425.50
Votives:	£ 230.00
Stall:	£ 60.00

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

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

29th/30th March	12th/13th April
5.00pm A. Haetzman	5.00pm J. McBride
10.30am P. Roberts	10.30am M. McCusker
5.00pm M. Davis	5.00pm S. Casserly
5th/6th April	19th/20th April
5.00pm C. Jakson	See
10.30am A. Servers	Separate
5.00pm N. Donnelly	rota

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

29th/30th March	12th/13th April
5.00pm C. Scott	5.00pm M. Keenan
S. Callaghan	C. Callaghan
10.30am V. Hilland	10.30am K. Lawrence
M. Thomson	J. McFarlane
B. Farrell	M. Russell
5th/6th April	19th/20th April
5.00pm K. Bryce	5.00pm F. McBride
A. McGowan	R. Sinton
10.30am C. Duddy	10.30am G. Duddy
D. McFarlane	A. Gillespie
I. Maxfield	M. Keenan