

St Mary's Lanark

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5th Sunday of Easter

18th May 2025

A Love Letter

I love you, I shed My own blood for you to make you clean.
You are new! Believe it is true! You are lovely in My eyes,
and I created you to be just as you are.

Do not criticise yourself or be discouraged for not being perfect in your own eyes.
This leads only to frustration, I want you to TRUST ME, one step, one day at a time.

Dwell in My power and love. Be free - be yourself.

Don't allow other people to control you. I will guide you if you let Me.

Be aware of My presence in everything. I give you love, joy, peace.

Look to Me. I am your Shepherd and will lead you.

FOLLOW ME only! Listen and I will tell you My will.

I love you, I love you! Let it flow from you - spill over to all you touch.

Be not concerned with yourself. You are My responsibility, I will change you.

You are to love yourself and love others simply because I love you.

Take your eyes off yourself. Look only at Me! I lead; I change; I make, but not when you are trying.

I won't fight your efforts. You are mine. Let Me have the joy of making you like Christ.

Let Me love you! Let Me give you joy, peace and kindness. No one else can. Do you see?

You are not your own. You have been bought with blood and now you belong to Me.

It is not Your concern how I deal with you.

Your only command is to look to Me and Me alone.

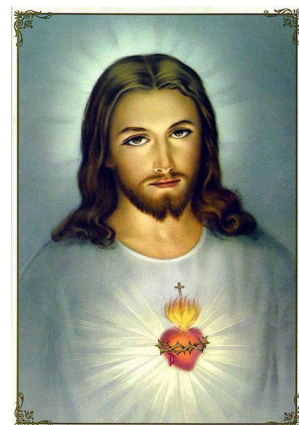
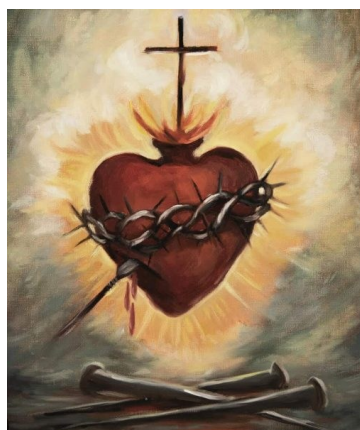
Never to yourself and never to others. I love you. Do not struggle.

Relax in My love. I know what is best and will do it with you, in you and through you.

My will is perfect. My love is sufficient. I will supply all your needs. Look to Me.

I Love You,

Your friend Jesus



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 18th May *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)

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

Monday 19th May *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Tuesday 20th May

10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon Regina Caeli & Holy Mass

Wednesday 21st May

NO ROSARY OR MASS TODAY

RSNO USING THE CHURCH

Thursday 22nd May

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

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

Friday 23rd May

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 24th May *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

4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm

4.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

Sunday 25th May *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)



Pope Leo XIV Mass in Thanksgiving

With our fellow Catholics, and so many others across the world, we in the Diocese of Motherwell thank God for the election of our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. It is great news that Cardinal Prevost was chosen so quickly by his fellow Cardinals and there is reassurance that they have placed this confidence in his abilities to lead the Church in the great mission of preaching Christ, and upholding and strengthening our communion as the Body of Christ, the People of God. We trust that his choice has been inspired by the Holy Spirit and his actions will always be guided by the same Holy Spirit.



May God bless Pope Leo, and may he be sustained by the prayers of all the faithful. We commend his ministry as the Successor of St Peter to the intercession of Mary, Mother of the Church, and to that of all the Saints.

***We will celebrate a Diocesan Mass in Thanksgiving for the Election of Pope Leo XIV
in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell, on Monday 26th May at 7pm.***

All are most welcome to attend.

Motherwell Diocese Justice & Peace Relaunch - 22nd May

Motherwell Diocese has a history of active support for Justice & Peace and we are seeking to revive this as part of the Wellspring Project at the invitation of Bishop Toal. All who are interested in working and praying for a just and peaceful world is warmly invited to attend a relaunch event on Thursday, 22nd May. Mass in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral at 7pm celebrated by Bishop Toal followed by gathering at 7.30pm in the Diocesan Centre. Contact paulfoley@rcdom.org.uk for questions or more info.

Justice & Peace is always a cause worth praying for and supporting at parish level.

If you would be interested in being part of a parish justice & Peace commission please speak to Fr John-Paul.

Monday Club

After 31 years of gathering, sadly the Monday Club has come to an end. At various gatherings, occasions and anniversaries, photographs were taken and are now on display at the back of the church.

If you are in these photos, or you know people in the photos, please take them home with you. The photographs will be at the back of the church until the end of May, and then what is left will be archived.

St Mary's Cemetery Donation

The Community Payback Team continue to look after the maintenance of St Mary's Cemetery on a fortnightly basis – spending most of the day on a designated Saturday cutting the grass and tidying the cemetery.

There is weeds growing next to the road, which is dangerous to weed, however, we thank the parishioner who has organised, and paid for, their progressional gardener to weed this area. *Thank you for your concern.*

Parish Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto

Many thanks to the 45 parishioners who travelled to Carfin last Monday for our parish pilgrimage. It was a lovely day of prayer and fellowship.

A huge thank you to the St Vincent de Paul who organised this day for us, and for the caterers in the Little Flower Hall for hosting us. If you missed the day there are some pics on the parish Facebook page, and you can join us next year!

Memorial Plaques

Many people have asked about ordering a memorial plaque for a loved one. The Memorial Wall still has limited space and will be first come first serve basis. Forms are now available in the stall and can be completed and returned direct to Fr John-Paul. The order will be submitted to Paterson's Memorials on Friday 30th May.



Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? If so please contact Fr John-Paul to find out more.

We are hoping that our RCIA Program will begin very shortly. We already have 4 young people interested in the course this year.



Praying for Vocations

As part of St Mary's ongoing efforts to pray for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese, we continue to recite the Vocations Prayer, issued by the Diocese for Vocations Awareness Week, at the end of the Holy Rosary every day.

If you feel called to the priesthood, or would like to find out more, please contact Fr Sean Wyllie, Diocesan Vocation Promoter: frwyllie@rcdom.org.uk

RSNO - Wednesday 21st May 1pm

The Royal Scottish National Orchestra will perform in St Mary's on Wednesday 21st May, this means that there will be no Mass that day.

When the RSNO comes to play, everyone is welcome! In their special lunchtime concert, join presenter Gillian Moore as she introduces young and old alike to the wonders of classical music with conductor Adam Hickox.

£16, U26/unemployed £6, Disabled 50% off, U18s Free

St Mary's Bell Tower Update

After many months of reports and conversations with the grants bodies (National Churches Trust & Historic Environment Scotland), and various additional inspections, we have now completed all applications and await their response. Thank you to those involved in the Grant Application process.

We had hoped that the work would have been completed by now, but being a grade A listed building is not always a blessing. More details to follow soon...



Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Jim Mallon Main Street, Symington
His Holiness Pope Francis; Jack McGinn; Gerrard McGeachy (Canada);

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Frank McMahon; Margaret Maxfield; Joseph McAreavy; Jeannie McKay; Jimmy McKay; Anne Lindsay; Sandy Abernethy; Rosina Baird;

*Accept what is,
Let go of what was
Have faith in what will be*

300 Club: March & April Winners

Week 2nd March: **111**

Week 9th March: **31**

Week 16th March: **52**

Week 23rd March: **136**

Week 30th March: **10**

Week 6th April: **43**

Week 13th April: **29**

Week 20th April: **144**

Week 27th April: **157**

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.

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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 email Kathleen who will then supply you with a lucky number: stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk

Some Good Tips for Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

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.

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

17th/18th May

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

31st May/1st June

5.00pm C. Jackson
10.30am A. Servers
5.00pm T. Coia

24th/25th May

5.00pm J. McBride
10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm S. Casserly

7th/8th June

5.00pm A. Haetzman
10.30am J. Russell
5.00pm M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

17th/18th May

5.00pm M. Keenan
C. Callaghan
10.30am C. Duddy
D. McFarlane
I. Maxfield

31st May/1st June

5.00pm A. Dempsey
J. McBride
10.30am G. Duddy
A. Gillespie
M. Keenan

24th/25th May

5.00pm F. McBride
R. Sinton
10.30am K. Lawrence
J. McFarlane
M. Russell

7th/8th June

5.00pm A. Dempsey
J. McBride
10.30am J. Littlejohn
A. O'Neill
N. Keenan