



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



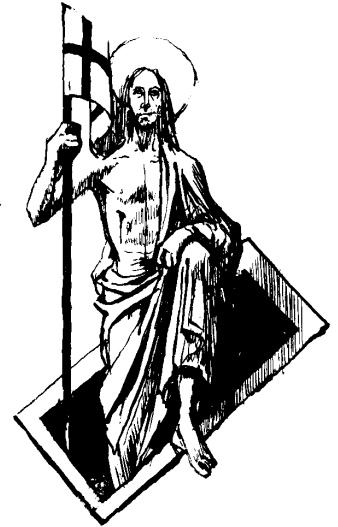
**5th Sunday of Sunday
28th April 2024**

Living the Spirit of Easter

The Easter season—beginning on Easter Sunday and continuing for 50 days - is an opportunity for us to cultivate a spirit that defines who we are as Christians. So what does living the spirit of the Easter season mean in practical terms? Here are three concrete suggestions.

Live with Joy

Joy is a deep-down gladness that cannot be taken away, even in the midst of sorrow. The Passion and Resurrection of Jesus teach us that suffering is transformed through faith in the Risen Christ. With this faith, we are able to hold on to an enduring sense of joy even in the midst of the sadness we experience from the loss of a loved one, a failure to achieve an important goal, or a setback during recovery from an illness.



Live without Fear

The Resurrection teaches us that God can overcome anything, even death. When the Risen Christ appears to the women at the tomb and later to his disciples, his first words are “Do not be afraid!” (Mt 28:5,10) These words speak to our hearts, helping us cope with the fear from the loss of a job, a serious illness, or a crumbling relationship. Our faith allows us to trust that God can overcome our most serious problems.

Live with New Eyes

Easter means to live with a sense of newness. Just as the return of spring lifts our spirits and makes us feel like the whole world is new, the Resurrection of Jesus makes “all things new.” (Rev. 21:5) The Easter spirit is a spirit of renewal that enables us to show up at work with a positive attitude, to renew relationships that have been taken for granted, and to express appreciation and affection to those closest to us. It means to see the world through new eyes - God's eyes.

We can use these 50 days to cultivate an Easter spirit that enables us to be truly Christian: embracing joy, living without fear, and seeing the world again - as if for the first time.

Resurrection Symbols

The butterfly is only one of several traditional symbols of the Resurrection. The most popular symbol is the egg, which seems to be lifeless but then breaks open to release new life. The lily is another common symbol. A dry and lifeless-looking bulb blossoms into one of the most beautiful flowers on earth. Another symbol of the Resurrection comes from Greek mythology. The phoenix was a bird that fell to earth and burned, and yet from its ashes arose another bird. Jesus' executioners destroyed his earthly life, but a new and more glorious life came about as a result of his resurrection. Artists sometimes show this as an eagle rising out of a flame. Appearing in the ancient catacombs of the early Church is another symbol of the Resurrection, the peacock. The peacock has a spectacularly beautiful tail, which loses its beauty during the molting season. But when the molting season ends, a new and more beautiful tail appears. The allusion in this symbol is to the fact that through the Resurrection Christ's life became more beautiful than ever.

Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 28th April *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 29th April *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 5pm*

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Tuesday 30th April

- 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 Regina Caeli & Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Wednesday 1st May

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 7.00pm **Online Zoom Rosary (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)**

Thursday 2nd May

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 7.30pm **The Choir of St Mary's Rehearsal (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

Friday 3rd May

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Saturday 4th May *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

- 9.00am Confessions until 9.25am (St Mary's)
- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm (St Mary's)
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

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

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)
- 11.15am **Monthly Coffee Morning (St Mary's Clubrooms)**
- 12noon Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)
- 12.35pm **Light Bite (Holy Trinity)**
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

New Bank Details St Mary's 300 Club

As part of Project Wellspring the Diocese has transferred all our banking into one bank (The Bank of Scotland). The purpose of this is to maximise our diocesan interest rate and reduce any bank charges across the parishes. Please find below new Standing Order details for the **300 Club**. If you are a member of the 300 Club and pay Standing Order, please inform your bank of the new details. **Many thanks for your assistance and continued support.**

Account Name: St Mary's Lanark Account Number: 10246763 Sort Code: 80-12-97

Lanark St Vincent de Paul Contact Number

If you are requiring some assistance, or if you know of a family who require assistance, please contact our SSVP on their new dedicated number: **07565396878**. The aim of the SSVP is to offer help to any families who are struggling within the geographical remit of our conference.

Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 1,060.00

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 105.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish

St Marys Mission RCDM
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Quiz Night - Friday 17th May 2024

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting a Quiz Night on **Friday 17th May 2024**. The Clubrooms will open at 7pm with the Quiz starting at 7.30pm.

If you are planning to enter a team, please can you let a member of the Social Committee know. Entry price is £2.00 per person. Maximum number in team is 6 people.



St Peregrine Mass

Holy Mass for the
Feast of St Peregrine
(Patron Saint of Cancer Sufferers)

With Anointing of the Sick
Wednesday 1st May 2024, 7pm

Our Lady & St John's Church Blackwood
79 Carlisle Road ML11 9RZ

Assisted Suicide Bill

Assisted Suicide – Called to Care, Not to Kill. Please contact your MSPs today to stop assisted suicide becoming legal in Scotland.

Use the QR code to access an online resource created by the Catholic Parliamentary Office, including guidance on contacting your MSPs. You can also visit repolitics.org/assistedsuicide or email us at office@rcpolitics.org



Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Our Monthly Foodbank Collection will take place **this weekend**.

Thank you for your continued generosity



Second Collection 4th/5th May

This year the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary are seeking our help.

The Sisters work with the 'poorest of the poor' in Philippines, Zambia, Uganda, El Salvador, and other countries, to offer Health Care, Education, Pastoral Care, Food, Shelter and much more.

A Second Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend to support the Sisters in their work.

House Repairs

As previously reported in the bulletin, St Mary's suffered some severe damage due to Storm Isha and the finding of dry rot. It has been a mammoth task, however, the builders have now finished and the next stage of decoration is ready to start.

At present the cost stands at £42,345.65, with an expected budget of £3,500 required for decoration and furnishings of the 5 affected areas/rooms.

We are in the process of submitting an insurance claim for the storm damage, (insurance doesn't cover dry rot). We are unsure of what cost we will be able to recuperate from the insurers, but we hope it will be in the region of £10,000.

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

27th/28th April

5.00pm G. Abernethy

10.30am E. McCabe

5.00pm S. Casserly

11th/12th May

5.00pm R. Kane

10.30am M. McCusker

5.00pm M. Davis

4th/5th May

5.00pm C. Jackson

10.30am J. Russell

5.00pm N. Donnelly

18th/19th May

5.00pm A. Haetzman

10.30am R. Colpitts

5.00pm S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

27th/28th April

5.00pm J. McClafferty

K. Bryce

10.30am J. Wilson

A. O'Neill

N. Keenan

4th/5th May

5.00pm P. Freel

K. Bryce

10.30am J. Littlejohn

M. Keenan

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P. Stewart

10.30am J. Wilson

A. O'Neill

N. Keenan

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5.00pm J. McEwan

C. McClafferty

10.30am J. Wilson

T. Mullen

B. Farrell



Holy Trinity Chapel

Lamington
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Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Evelyn Quinn Auchlochlan Care Village
Dylan Lyons; Jim Devanny (Wishaw); Liam Connelly (Cleland); Mary Thompson (Cumbernauld); Clare Nicolson; Cian Jones (Blantyre).

Months Minds & Anniversaries: James Kelly; Donal Liddell; Frank Coia; Peggy Reilly; Owen Dempsey; Frank Brady; Nan Keenan; Martin Carway; Roddy O'Connor; Betty Dunlop.

Easter Remembrances: Bishop Frank Thomson; Bishop Joseph Devine; Father Joseph Brannigan; Father Paddy Hughes; All Deceased Members of The Vincentian Fathers; All Deceased Members of The Daughter's of Charity; Canon Willie Dunnachie; Father Damien Gilhooley; Canon Giles Goward; Father David Mellor; Jim McShane; John & Mary McShane; Rosemary McShane MacIntyre; Frank McMahan; Annie & Arthur Lenagh; Hughie & Mary McShane; McShane Family; McGuire Family; Lenagh Family; McMahan Family; Kate & William Campbell; Bernie & Jim McEwan; Campbell Family; McCafferty Family; McEwan Family; James E. Reid; Gerry Wyllie; Wyllie Family; Deerin Family; Valentie Family; Joseph & Betty McLeish; Hugh McLeish; Peter Brannen; Brannen Family; Edgar Family; Peter Skelly; Grace McGregor; James, Clare & Evelyn O'Leary; Jimmy & Sadie Littlejohn; Frances & Monica Cassidy; May Kelly; Arthur Kane; Irene & To Wallace; Madeline & Ken Highton; Sr Margaret Duncan; Mr & Mrs McCulloch (Lanark); McCulloch Family; Mr & Mrs McDade (Newkirk); McDade Family; Owen, Margaret & John Dempsey; Estelle Higgins; John Cunningham; James McCardie; Arthur Christie; Jessica & John Christie; John Christie Jnr; Sarah & Joseph Quinn; Rena & Jimmy Travers; John Kerr; Dan & Marion O'Donnell; Mary & Charlie Binnie; Davie & Bette Haggerty; Paul Donnachie; Donnachie Family; Sand & Alex McLellan; Paul Halloran; Helen & Robert Dennis; May & Veronica Quinn; Fr Joseph Brannigan; Fr Hughes; Maureen Mathers; Jimmy & Sarah McEwan; Anne Paisley; Anne Skeldon; John Donnelly; Martha & Tam Smith; William & Martin McPhail; Harry & Jean McPhail; James & Mary McCrossan; Jim & Theresa Casagranda, Dan McPhail; Sandy McLean; Mary Mclean; Catherine McLean; Jessie Clark; Susan Mackie; Frank Mackie; Leah & Albert Welsh; Morton Family; Matt & Peggy Reilly; Betty Thomson; Ann & Alasdair MacDonald; Bill & Annie Gebbie; Lisa Katherine McAlavey; John McAlavey; Blanche McAlavey; Gerard Mays Snr; Gerard Mays Jnr; Susan Mays; John O'Neill; John & Marion Renton; Mary, Jim & Michael McLaughlan; Mary, Bill & Stephen Murray; Anne & John Boyle; Margaret, John & Bobby Dykes; Charlie Lively; Lively Family; Lavery Family; Maher Family; Markie Higgins; Joe McAllister; Peter & Susan Mulligan; Bridget Donnelly; Kate Hanlon; Edward Hanlon; Anne Lindsay; Archie Lindsay; Michael Sheely; Mary Sheely; Kate Nevin; Kathleen & Bill Grieve; Frank Hilland; Martin Hilland; Joe & Frances Jackson; Phil & Anne Kinsella; Estelle Higgins; Josephine & Harry Freel; Helen & Donald Young; Skye Martin; Chrissy & Hugh Martin; Jacky Stewart; Ron Meldrum; Catherine & Daniel Stewart; Eileen Prior; Janette Irvine; Jean & Jimmy Meldrum; May Quinn; Meg McConville; McConville Family; Pat Tansey; Deceased Members of The Choir of St Mary's; Hugh & Jean McNamara; Tony & Alison Filmer; Helen & Alex Barrack; Oliver Jones; Nick Fish; Noone Family; Dowds Family; Farrell Family; Peggy & Denis Docherty; Annie & Archie McMillan; William O'Brien Snr; Christopher Campbell; Quinn Family; Mary Jane Brennan; Agnes Jack; Anne Elder; James & Evelyn Brennan; Josephine McGuire; Josephine & Willie Whitefield; Lisa Mary Geddes; Vera Livingstone; Thomas, Cecilia & Mark Cloonan; James (Jim) Callaghan; Anna Marshall; Agnes & Alice Bamford; Jack Knox (Redditch); Rotherham Family (Liverpool); Callaghan Family (Sligo); Cloonan Family (Liverpool); Clara Rotherham; Vincent Schmidt (USA); John Cloonan; Emilio & Cesarina Coia; Eleonora & Peter De-Schuster.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.