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Lepra

Our vision is a world free from prejudice and disability due to leprosy.

Lepra is an international charity working to beat leprosy. We work directly with people in India, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe, prioritising marginalised and hard to reach communities to support people affected by leprosy and refer them for treatment and care.

Leprosy is a Neglected Tropical Disease which affects the skin and attacks nerves in the hands, feet and eyes. Leprosy is curable with a combination of antibiotics, known as multidrug therapy. However, left untreated it can cause severe disabilities and even blindness. Reconstructive surgery followed by physiotherapy can reverse the damage, helping people to use their hands, feet and eyes again.

Lepra offers a holistic approach to the treatment of leprosy, providing mental health support, and social and economic advocacy to ensure the needs of each individual are addressed.

Lepra's 5 key areas of work are:

Prevention Detection Treatment Disability Support Inclusion

Due to COVID-19, up to 80% fewer people are coming forward for leprosy diagnosis and treatment. Lepra reacted quickly to the pandemic, and through the provision of a PCR machine, has been at the forefront of testing for COVID-19 as well as leprosy in India. However, evidence now indicates that 63% of new cases of leprosy in India could be missed this year, in the wake of the pandemic. For 2021, and for 2022, Lepra's active case finding programme is ramping up in order to plug this gap.

St Joseph's Leprosy Centre was established in 1993 in the Khargone district of Madhya Pradesh, India and is run by the Sisters of St Joseph's. Reconstructive surgery is carried out at the centre to reverse damage caused to hands and feet, and the sisters care and support people through faith and love. St Joseph's also provides activities including counselling and self-care services, ulcer care, screening camps, advocacy, the teaching of new skills and protective footwear. These are all important for patients to support their families, particularly if they are unable to return to their old employment.



To find out more, or to donate directly to Lepra, please logon to their website: www.lepra.org.uk

Thank You



Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 1,209.00
Standing Orders: £ 179.00

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 48.51
Standing Orders: £ 60.00
(Including St Mary Magdalene's)

St Mary Magdalene's

Offertory Collection: £ 101.00

SCIAF Collection

Thank you very much for your generosity to last weekends second collection to help the work of SCIAF in Malawi, as the country struggles with the effects of climate change. The amounts realised from each church was as follows:

St Mary Magdalene's £ 150.00
St Isidore's £ 134.00
St Mary's £1,005.00

God reward your continued support and generosity!

SCIAF Marathon

Mark Daly, a parishioner of St Mary's, is running the Edinburgh Marathon, on Sunday 29th May, 2022, in aid of SCIAF. If you would like to sponsor Mark, you can donate through his fundraising page https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-daly2207?utm_source=sms&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=mark-daly2207&utm_campaign=pfp-sms&utm_term=65e509225b614498b65e8633944d5ca0

Lepra Appeal

This weekend we are delighted to welcome Liz from Lepra, the charity working closely with those suffering from leprosy. Liz will be with us in St Mary's to make us aware of the great work Lepra are doing. There will **NOT** be a second collection, but the parish will make a donation to Lepra for their charitable works. More info at: www.lepra.org.uk

St Mary's Social Committee

The next Coffee Morning will take place on **Sunday 17th April** (Easter Sunday), after the 10.30am Mass. The much anticipated Easter Raffle will also take place at this event!! The girls will start selling the Easter Raffle tickets at Masses from Sat/Sun 19th/20th March.

***DONATIONS FOR RAFFLE PRIZES
WOULD BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED***

And can be donated at any weekend Mass. Thank you for your continued support.

Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Thank you very much for your generosity last weekend to the Clydesdale Foodbank. We collected **£350** and **14 bags** of groceries. What a great contribution to our local community. God bless your continued generosity and support.

Wee Box Appeal

Wee Boxes can be returned, either to a Passkeeper, or to the sacristy, before Easter Sunday. Again, this money will be used to help the people in Malawi, affected by climate change.

The Synod In Our Parish

DISCERNING AND DECIDING:

A synodal Church makes decisions through discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community.

How well do we promote participation in decision making and how well do we make decisions together?

How can we improve our methods so that everyone's voices can be included?

How can we grow in communal spiritual discernment?

<https://youtu.be/ESxb1jhKV6k>

Thank you to all those who so kindly completed, and returned, the synod questionnaires. A special thank you to Frances, Gilleen, and their group of helpers, for all their hard work and effort.

Offertory Procession

Already it is becoming increasingly difficult to get people to bring the gifts forward during the offertory procession. If a Passkeeper asks you to take the gifts forward, please give it serious thought. Alternatively, if you would like to bring the gifts forward, please speak to a Passkeeper when you enter the church.

Face Coverings

As from tomorrow, Monday 4th April, it will no longer be the legal requirement to wear a face covering whilst at Mass, or in the church for any purpose. You may choose to continue to wear a face covering, but this is each persons preference and not mandatory. We are still required to sanitise our hands before entering or exiting the church.



Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Paul Donnachie Bankhead Terrace
Tom McAnna.

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Agnes Brown Foley; Donald Young; Helen Young; Skye Martin.

Funeral Arrangements: Paul Donnachie TBC (Will be announced at Mass this week)



Gift Aid Appeal

As we begin to enter a new Financial Year, it is appropriate that the Parish offers everyone the opportunity to join the Gift Aid Scheme. If you are not already a member of the Gift Aid Scheme, and you pay tax on your pension or any earnings, we strongly encourage you to consider joining the Scheme. It takes minutes to join, your weekly donations can stay the same, and it is 100% confidential. For every £1 donated through Gift Aid, the Parish claims back 25%, at NO cost to you, it is claimed from the Government. Each Gift Aid user is issued a number, to keep all details confidential, and no matter how little or how large your offering, we can claim back 25% at the end of the Tax Year. If you would like to join the Gift Aid Scheme you can either, speak to Fr John-Paul, or fill out a Gift Aid Declaration Form and hand it in next week. If it is easier you can pop completed forms into the collection bag with your weekly offering and Fr John-Paul will deal with it from there. Last year St Mary's reclaimed £16,525.27 and St Isidore's £7,218.50. We are extremely grateful to those who support the church through Gift Aid, and with the rising cost of bills, we strongly encourage other tax payers to consider using the Scheme, and maximising your donations.

Many thanks to all those who use the Weekly Envelopes for their offering. As you will see from your current box of envelopes, they are due to be renewed in the coming weeks. Please collect your new book from the table in the narthex. If you see a box there that belongs to a neighbour, why not pop it through their door...

Thank you for your continued financial generosity to our parish Fr John-Paul

St Mary's Cemetery

Once again, we are able to inform you that the Community Payback Scheme have very kindly agreed to maintain the cemetery this season. We are very grateful to the many volunteers who cut the grass, edged the paths and kept the cemetery looking so good last season. Can we kindly ask for any ornaments or wreathes/floral tributes that are on the graves to be removed, as the workers will be cutting the grass soon.

The Scottish Catholic

Please find in the Stall copies of the Scottish Catholic magazine, which is priced at £2. The Scottish Catholic is produced fortnightly, and this edition features an article on St Mary's Church.

Please support the Scottish Catholic and the great media work they carry out to promote the faith.

Extra copied have been ordered for this edition, however, future editions will be limited to 20 copies, but we can increase that at any time.

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

2nd/3rd April

5.00pm R. McConnell
10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm M. Davis

16th/17th April

Readers
See Separate
Rota

9th/10th April

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

23rd/24th April

5.00pm J. Moynagh
10.30am J. Russell
5.00pm S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

2nd/3rd April

5.00pm T. Mullen
C. McClafferty
10.30am J. Wilson
C. Duddy

16th/17th April

5.00pm A. Dempsey
C. Scott
10.30am J. McAlavey
M. Keenan

9th/10th April

5.00pm J. McClafferty
M. Davis
10.30am P. Cunningham
A. Cruickshank

23rd/24th April

5.00pm P. Freel
J. McEwan
10.30am G. Duddy
T. Mullen

Weekly Parish Schedule

Sunday 3rd April St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6.30pm

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday in Lent (St Mary's)
- 1.00pm Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday in Lent (Biggar Kirk)
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday in Lent (St Mary's)
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer of the Church and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (St Mary's)

Monday 4th April - St Mary's opened from 9am until 7.30pm.

- 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 12noon Angelus & Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)
- 6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (St Mary's)
- 6.30pm Confessions until 6.55pm (St Mary's)
- 7.00pm Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Tuesday 5th April

- 11.30am Confessions until 11.55am (St Mary's)
- 11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 12noon Angelus & Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Wednesday 6th April

- 9.10am Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 10.15am Around the Lenten Circle - Faith Sharing Group (Cargill Club)
- 7.00pm Stations of the Cross (Livestream Only)
- 7.00pm Weekly Rosary Group (Zoom: ID 828 0546 0960 Passcode 638016)**

Thursday 7th April

- 9.10am Morning Prayer of the Church (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 10.00am Holy Mass St Catherine's (Sisters Only)
- 7.30pm Choir Rehearsal (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

Friday 8th April

- 9.00am Confession until 9.25am (St Mary's)
- 9.10am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Divine Mercy Chaplet (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Saturday 9th April St Mary's opened from 9am until 6.30pm

- 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)
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (St Mary's)

Sunday 10th April St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6.30pm

- 10.30am Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (St Mary's)
- 1.00pm Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (Biggar Kirk)
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (St Mary's)
- 6.00pm Evening Prayer of the Church and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (St Mary's)

*Lenten Devotions, 10.30am Sunday Mass & weekday Masses from St Mary's are Livestreamed on the parish Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.
The 1pm Sunday Mass from Biggar Kirk is also Livestreamed on St Isidore's parish YouTube Channel.*