



Saint Mary's Parish Lanark

6th Sunday of Easter
10th May 2026



Nostra Aetate

Nostra Aetate (translated as In Our Time) is the Vatican Two Declaration on the Church's approach to non-Christian religions, especially Judaism. It was proclaimed by Pope Paul VI on 28th October 1965. This was an intensely debated document, opposed by 88 of the assembled bishops, particularly the bishops of the Middle East. It is the shortest of all the documents produced by the Council but the one which marked a major shift in the Church's attitude.

This declaration emerged during a period of significant social and religious change, reflecting a growing awareness of the need for inter-religious dialogue and understanding, particularly in the years immediately following the Holocaust.

The short document deals with five main themes:

Common Humanity: Nostra Aetate recognised and emphasised that all people share a common origin and destiny, created by God and made in his image and likeness. It acknowledged the fundamental questions of human existence that religion seeks to answer, such as the meaning of life, moral goodness, and the nature of suffering, saying, "The Church exhorts her children, that through dialogue and collaboration with the followers of other religions, carried out with prudence and love, and in witness to the Christian faith and life, they recognise, preserve and promote the good things, spiritual and moral, as well as the socio-cultural values found among these people."

Relationship with Judaism: The declaration highlights the unique bond between Christians and Jews, affirming the continuing validity of God's covenant with the Jewish people. It explicitly rejects the notion of collective Jewish guilt for the death of Jesus, condemning anti-Semitism as a sin against God.

Relationship with Islam: As well as acknowledging the hostilities between Christians and Muslims over the centuries, the declaration also highlights common bonds - the Muslim's reverence for Christ as a prophet, their honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the day of Judgement and resurrection of the body, and worship of God through prayer, almsgiving and fasting.

Respect for other Religions: Nostra Aetate encourages Catholics to engage with people of other religions. It calls for mutual understanding and respect, promoting dialogue as a means to foster peace, cohesion and cooperation among different religious communities.

Interreligious Dialogue: The document serves as a foundational text for interreligious dialogue, urging Catholics to collaborate with followers of other religions. It acknowledges the spiritual heritage shared among various religions and encourages a respectful approach to understanding their beliefs and practices.

On the 60th anniversary of Nostra Aetate Pope Leo XIV said to the representatives of world religions gathered at the Vatican: "This historic document, therefore, opened our eyes to a simple yet profound principle: dialogue is not a tactic or a tool, but a way of life - a journey of the heart that transforms everyone involved, the one who listens and the one who speaks... We walk this journey not by abandoning our own faith, but by standing firmly within it".



Holy Week Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 10th 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)

Monday 11th May *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Tuesday 12th May

NO CONFESSIONS, MASS OR NOVENA TODAY

Wednesday 13th May

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph

6.15pm Vigil Mass for The Ascension of the Lord

Thursday 14th May

8.00am Holy Mass for The Ascension of the Lord (brief Mass)

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass for The Ascension of the Lord

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

Friday 15th May

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Agatha

7.00pm Parish Quiz Night (St Mary's Clubrooms)

Saturday 16th May *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 Recitation of the Holy Rosary

4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 7th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

Sunday 17th May *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

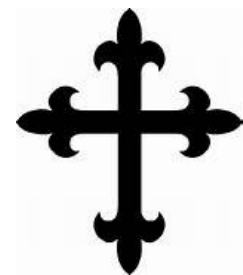
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Ascension Thursday

The Ascension of the Lord is a Holyday of Obligation, a day we are expected to attend Mass. Please make every effort to attend Mass either on the Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.



Parish Survey

As a parish it is important that we constantly look to the future and try our best to grow in our faith. In order to give some idea of where people are at, and where people would like to be, a short parish survey has been prepared for distribution. **Completed surveys should be returned no later than Sunday 24th May.**

This survey is more than a set of questions; it is an invitation. An invitation to reflect on your experience of our parish, to share your hopes, and to help us discern, together, how the Holy Spirit is guiding us forward. Every response, no matter how small it may seem, is a valuable part of that discernment. It is important, therefore, that as many people as possible complete and return a survey.



First Holy Communion Congratulations

Congratulations to the 10 boys and girls from St Mary's Primary School, who yesterday, took another step in their faith journey and received their First Holy Communion. Thank you to Mrs Allen and the staff of St Mary's School for preparing the children so beautifully. May they always treasure Jesus in the Eucharist.

Recent Donations

Recently, St Mary's has received £4,000 in donations (£1,000 and £3,000) from two anonymous donors. We are extremely grateful to the donors to all those who support our parish financially on a regular basis, especially through the collection each week. Thank you to those who have increased their standing order or weekly collection, this makes a vast difference as the cost of living increases. Without your generosity and kindness our parish would not be here today!!

Quiz Night Friday 15th May 7pm

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting a Quiz Night on Friday 15th May 2026. The Clubrooms will open at 7pm with 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.

The Bar will be open for refreshments.

Diocesan Synodal Meeting - Future of the Diocese

Following a request from the Holy See, the Bishops of Scotland have been invited to reflect on how the structures of the Church in our country can best serve her mission in the years ahead, specifically whether the present situation of eight dioceses is suitable. Bishop Toal invites you to participate in the forthcoming diocesan gathering in **St Brides Centre, Motherwell (ML1 1PP), on Monday 25th May at 7pm.**



Parish Meeting *Walking Together in Faith*

All are invited to an event to hear about the many good things happening in Holy Trinity and St Mary's and to share ideas about how the two parish communities can continue to flourish and grow in future. We hope as many people as possible will come along, whether that is simply to listen or to offer suggestions. Tea and coffee will be available. All are very welcome. Bring a friend!

When: Monday 1st June
Where: St Mary's Clubrooms
Time: 6.30-8.00pm

Communications Sunday

Next weekend, the Church marks Communications Sunday, a day to reflect on how the Gospel is shared through media, digital platforms, broadcasting and communications. From parish social media pages and livestreamed Masses to Catholic television, videos and news coverage, communications plays an important role in helping people stay connected to the life of the Church.

There will be a basket at the back of the church for those who wish to support the work of the Bishops' Conference in this important area of evangelisation.

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,640.00
 Standing Orders: £ 342.50
 Votives: £ 95.00
 Stall: £ 80.00



St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

<u>9th/10th May</u>		<u>23rd/24th May</u>	
5.00pm	J. McBride	5.00pm	F. Chung
10.30am	J. Angus	10.30am	E. Campbell
5.00pm	S. Casserly	5.00pm	M. Davis
<u>16th/17th May</u>		<u>30th/31st May</u>	
5.00pm	C. Jackson	5.00pm	R. McConnell
10.30am	P. Roberts	10.30am	J. Russell
5.00pm	N. Donnelly	5.00pm	S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>9th/10th May</u>		<u>23rd/24th May</u>	
5.00pm	F. McBride	5.00pm	C. Scott
	R. Sinton		S. Callaghan
10.30am	K. Lawrence	10.30am	J. Littlejohn
	J. McFarlane		A. O'Neill
	M. Russell		N. Keenan
<u>16th/17th May</u>		<u>30th/31st May</u>	
5.00pm	A. Dempsey	5.00pm	K. Bryce
	J. McBride		A. McGowan
10.30am	G. Duddy	10.30am	V. Hilland
	A. Gillespie		M. Thompson
	M. Keenan		B. Farrell



Holy Trinity Chapel

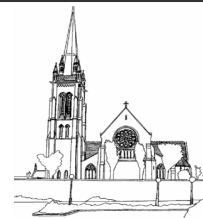
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Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Clare McCool; Jasamin Demspey;

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Jim McShane; May Welsh; Peter De-Schuster; Michael McLaughlan; Mary Tait;

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; Fr John Breslin; Canon Giles Goward; Father David Mellor; Jim McShane; John & Mary McShane; Rosemary McShane MacIntyre; Charlie McShane; John McShane; 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; Mary McFarlane; Therese Martin; John Skeffington; Joe & Betty McLeish; Peter Brannan; Edgar Family; Peter Skelly; Grace McGregor; Thomas & Helen Lamb; Thomas Lamb Jnr; Lamb Family; McGuigan Family; William & Sarah Dunnachie; Dunnachie Family; Michael Pavilonis; Cathy Gallagher; Tony Murphy; Lisa Katherine McAlavey; John McAlavey; Blanche McAlavey; Gerard Mays Snr; Gerard Mays Jnr; Brian Mays; Susan Mays; John O'Neill; Agnes Foley (McKendrick); John (Johnny) Foley; Joseph foley; Agnes Foley (McGuinness); Emilio & Cesarina Coia; Coia Family; Ungaretti Family; Giuseppe Molinaro; Owen, Margaret & John Dempsey; John & Marion Renton; Betty & Joe Woods; James, Clare & Evelyn O'Leary; Jimmy & Saddle Littlejohn; Frances, Monica & Anthony Cassidy; Lisa Geddes; Vera & Johnny Livingstone; Peter & Eleonore De-Schuster; Marion & Dan O'Donnell; Matt & Peggy Reilly; Betty, Wullie & John Thomson; Ann & Alasdair MacDonald; Teresa & Bill McArdle; Matt & Betty Reilly; Marjory Reilly; Jim Anderson; Bill & Annie Gebbie; Martha & Tam Smith; Sarah & Jimmy McEwan; Paisley Family; John, Mary & James Donnelly; Mary & Tommy Cavanagh; James & Rose Kelly; Pat & Joe McGarrigle; Gerry McGarrigle; McGarrigle Family; Dean Family; Margaret, John & Bobby Dykes; Ron Meldrum; Eileen Prior; Janette Irvine; May Quinn; David Tinto; Catherine & Daniel Stewart; Jean & Jimmy Meldrum; McConville Family (Shotts); Deceased members of the Choir of St Mary's; Mary, Jim & Michael McLaughan; Mary, Bill & Stephen Murray; Anne & John Boyle; Lizanne Inglis; Edward Hanlon; Kate Hanlon; Anne Lindsay; Archie Lindsay; Mary Sheely; Michael Sheely; Kate Nevin & Brothers; Rodger McConnell; Bernard & Rose Scott; Beverley & Alan Milliken; John, Annie, Liam & Janes McConnell; Noone Family; Dowds Family; Farrell Family; David Tinto; Rosemary McManus; Francis & Grace McManus; Francis McManus Jnr; Willie Connor; Iain Connor; Mark Stewart; Thomas Cloonan; Cecilia Cloonan; Mark Cloonan; Cloonan Family; Rotherham Family; Jim Callaghan; Anna Marshall; Agnes and Alice Bamford; Callaghan Family (Sligo); Karen Reilly; John Reilly Jnr; Betty Hutchison; Thomas McNulty; Christina McNulty; Nora Byers; John Byers; Rosina Baird; Babay Luca Gunning; James Tait; Mary Tait; Eileen McLeod; Nicholas Lambert; Rose Lambert; Bridget Lambert; Sandy McLean; Mary McLean; Catherine McLean; Jessie Clark; Frank Mackie; Susan Mackie; Graham Munro; Leah Welsh; Albert Welsh; Morton Family; Peter & Susan Mulligan; Joe McAllister; Bridget Donnelly; Fox Family; Harvey Family; Thomas, Molly & James McKeown; Paul Halloran; Halloran Family; Helen, Robert, Dennis, May & Veronica Quinn; Mr & Mrs Brady; John & Bridget Callaghan; John Doolan; Henry Doolan; Jane Doolan; Oliver Family; Small Family; Liz Rae; Eleanor Douglas; James McCardie; Arthur Christie; Jessica & John Christie; Rina & Jimmy Travers; Mary & John Christie; Evelyn Grant Quinn; Lilly Grant; Blanche McCabe;

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory!