



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



**6th Sunday of Sunday  
5th May 2024**

**Christ is the Day**

Christ is risen! He has burst open the gates of hell and let the dead go free; he has renewed the earth through the members of his Church now born again in baptism, and has made it blossom afresh with men brought back to life. His Holy Spirit has unlocked the doors of heaven, which stand wide open to receive those who rise up from the earth. Because of Christ's resurrection the thief ascends to paradise, the bodies of the blessed enter the holy city, and the dead are restored to the company of the living. There is an upward movement in the whole of creation, each element raising itself to something higher. We see hell restoring its victims to the upper regions, earth sending its buried dead to heaven, and heaven presenting the new arrivals to the Lord. In one and the same movement, our Saviour's passion raises men from the depths, lifts them up from the earth, and sets them in the heights.



Christ is risen. His rising brings life to the dead, forgiveness to sinners, and glory to the saints. And so David the prophet summons all creation to join in celebrating the Easter festival: Rejoice and be glad, he cries, on this day which the Lord has made.

The light of Christ is an endless day that knows no night. Christ is this day, says the Apostle; such is the meaning of his words: Night is almost over; day is at hand. He tells us that night is almost over, not that it is about to fall. By this we are meant to understand that the coming of Christ's light puts Satan's darkness to flight, leaving no place for any shadow of sin. His everlasting radiance dispels the dark clouds of the past and checks the hidden growth of vice. The Son is that day to whom the day, which is the Father, communicates the mystery of his divinity. He is the day who says through the mouth of Solomon: I have caused an unfailing light to rise in heaven. And as in heaven no night can follow day, so no sin can overshadow the justice of Christ. The celestial day is perpetually bright and shining with brilliant light; clouds can never darken its skies. In the same way, the light of Christ is eternally glowing with luminous radiance and can never be extinguished by the darkness of sin. This is why John the evangelist says: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has never been able to overpower it.

And so, my brothers, each of us ought surely to rejoice on this holy day. Let no one, conscious of his sinfulness, withdraw from our common celebration, nor let anyone be kept away from our public prayer by the burden of his guilt. Sinner he may indeed be, but he must not despair of pardon on this day which is so highly privileged; for if a thief could receive the grace of paradise, how could a Christian be refused forgiveness?

*From a sermon by Saint Maximus of Turin, bishop*

# Weekly Parish Schedule

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

**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)

**Monday 6th May** *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)
- 12noon **Wedding of Laura & Tom (St Mary's)**

**Tuesday 7th May**

- 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 8th 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 9th May**

- 8.00am Holy Mass for the Ascension of the Lord (St Mary's)
- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass for the Ascension of the Lord (St Mary's)
- 7.00pm Holy Mass for the Ascension of the Lord (St Mary's)
- 7.30pm **The Choir of St Mary's Rehearsal (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

**Friday 10th May**

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

**Saturday 11th 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 7th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

**Sunday 12th May** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 7th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)
- 12noon Holy Mass for the 7th Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 7th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

***Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.***

## 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 and support to any families who are struggling within the geographical remit of our conference.

## Parish Finances

### St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 1,054.00

### St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 103.50

*Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish*

**St Marys Mission RCDM**  
**80-17-02 00265809**



## 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.



## 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 this weekend to support the Sisters in their work.***

## 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 [rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide](http://rcpolitics.org/assistedsuicide) or email us at [office@rcpolitics.org](mailto:office@rcpolitics.org)



## Donations

Many thanks to the two Donors who made donations to St Mary's last week, amounting to £1,100.00

Thank you for your continued generosity and support towards our beautiful church. Without the weekly generosity of our parishioners St Mary's would simply not be here. Thank you all

## Deanery Questionnaire

As part of Project Wellspring, the Wishaw Deanery has put together a questionnaire to be distributed in all parishes across the Deanery. It is important that each household takes a questionnaire, fills it in, and returns it no later than **Sunday 19th May**.



The questionnaire will allow the Deanery to plan for the future, and will give the clergy the relevant information to grow our parishes.

Questionnaires can be returned to the back of the church, the sacristy, or posted through the house letter box.

## Holyday of Obligation

Thursday marks 40 days after Easter Sunday, and the Ascension of the Lord into Heaven; it is a Holyday of Obligation, and a day we are expected to attend Mass.

**Additional Masses are available in our parish:  
8am, 9.30am & 7pm.**

## St Mary's Ministry Rota

### Readers:

#### 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

#### 11th/12th May

5.00pm R. Kane

10.30am M. McCusker

5.00pm M. Davis

#### 25th/26th May

5.00pm G. Abernethy

10.30am P. Roberts

5.00pm N. Donnelly

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

#### 4th/5th May

5.00pm P. Freel

K. Bryce

10.30am J. Littlejohn

M. Keenan

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#### 11th/12th May

5.00pm M. Keenan

P. Stewart

10.30am J. Wilson

A. O'Neill

N. Keenan

#### 18th/19th May

5.00pm J. McEwan

C. McClafferty

10.30am J. Wilson

T. Mullen

B. Farrell

#### 25th/26th May

5.00pm J. McClafferty

K. Bryce

10.30am P. Cunningham

A. Cruikshank

J. McAlavey



### Holy Trinity Chapel

Lamington  
Biggar  
ML12 6HW



### Parish Priest

### Father John-Paul McShane

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## Please Pray For The Following:



**Recently Dead:** Evelyn Quinn Auchlochlan Care Village  
Brian McCardie; John Sweeney (Germany).

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** Father Joseph Brannigan; Monteith Family; Thomas Bowie; Jim McShane; William James Wilson; Elaine Mary Wilson; Elizabeth Goldie Snr; Charlie & Mary Binnie; John Donnelly; May Welsh; May Quinn; Rosina Baird; Michael McLaughlan.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Evelyn Quinn Requiem Mass: Tuesday 14th May 12noon, St Mary's.

**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 Casagrande, 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.

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