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The Easter Alleluia - By St Augustine

Our thoughts in this present life should turn on the praise of God, because it is in praising God that we shall rejoice for ever in the life to come; and no one can be ready for the next life unless he trains himself for it now. So we praise God during our earthly life, and at the same time we make our petitions to him. Our praise is expressed with joy, our petitions with yearning. We have been promised something we do not yet possess, and because the promise was made by one who keeps his word, we trust him and are glad; but insofar as possession is delayed, we can only long and yearn for it. It is good for us to persevere in longing until we receive what was promised, and yearning is over; then praise alone will remain.

Because there are these two periods of time – the one that now is, beset with the trials and troubles of this life, and the other yet to come, a life of everlasting serenity and joy – we are given two liturgical seasons, one before Easter and the other after. The season before Easter signifies the troubles in which we live here and now, while the time after Easter which we are celebrating at present signifies the happiness that will be ours in the future. What we commemorate before Easter is what we experience in this life; what we celebrate after Easter points to something we do not yet possess. This is why we keep the first season with fasting and prayer; but now the fast is over and we devote the present season to praise. Such is the meaning of the Alleluia we sing.

Both these periods are represented and demonstrated for us in Christ our head. The Lord's passion depicts for us our present life of trial – shows how we must suffer and be afflicted and finally die. The Lord's resurrection and glorification show us the life that will be given to us in the future.

Now therefore, brethren, we urge you to praise God. That is what we are all telling each other when we say Alleluia. You say to your neighbour, "Praise the Lord!" and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions.

We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go on our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, we shall always be praising God. You cease to praise God only when you swerve from justice and from what is pleasing to God. If you never turn aside from the good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each other's voices, so do God's ears hear our thoughts.



Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 1,080.00
Standing Orders: £ 547.00

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 111.30
Standing Orders: £ 142.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

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St Mary's Sound System

Over the last few months many people have observed that the church sound system is not always good, and at times doesn't work effectively. The sound system was installed as part of the church renovation, over ten years ago, and in many ways is starting to show its age. On Friday of last week, The Music Centre in Hamilton, inspected the system and will advise us on what we can do to improve the sound quality and volume. It is important that both those of us in the church, and those watching on livestream, are able to hear the Mass. We expect a full report with costings over the next few weeks.

Cargill Club Bingo

The Cargill Club are hosting a Bingo Night at 6pm for 6:30pm on Monday 23rd May in the Memorial Hall. Tickets are priced at £3 and include tea/coffee and biscuits. Tickets available on the door.

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

Clydesdale Foodbank

Next weekend will be our Monthly Foodbank Collection to help support Clydesdale Foodbank. Bags of shopping can be handed to any pass-keeper, or left in the sacristy. Monetary donations can be placed in the basket with your weekly offering. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the Foodbank.

St Isidore's Keyholders

If you are a keyholder for St Isidore's, with a key to enter either the house or the chapel, if you could speak to Fr John-Paul this weekend. Thank you.

St Isidore's BBQ

It was wonderful to be back in St Isidore's last weekend, and it was made even more special by the barbecue after Mass. A sincere thanks to those who organised the barbecue, to those who tidied the grounds, set up the gazebos, cooked and cleaned up, to those who brought home baking, and to those who attended in such great numbers. A great day was had by all!!

St Mary's Piety Stall

The Piety Stall stocks a variety of prayer cards, Mass cards and other religious artifacts, if however, we do not have what you are looking for, please speak to the stall assistant and we will endeavour to order your required purchase from our suppliers.

Can You Help?

It is wonderful to see so many young people attend Sunday Evening Mass. The numbers are really holding up well! With this in mind it would be good to form a music ministry to lead the singing. If you would be interested in starting the hymns at Mass, or if you play a musical instrument and would like to accompany the hymns, please speak to Fr John-Paul.

Quiz Night

A huge thank you to St Mary's Social Committee for organising the Quiz Night on Friday in the Clubrooms. I am sure all who attended will agree it was a great parish event. The Quiz Night enabled people to come together and socialise, which is an important aspect of parish life.

Thank you very much to the Social Committee who do an excellent job at organising, and managing, parish events. The time and dedication the girls volunteer to the parish is remarkable, and never taken for granted.



Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Elizabeth Scott Kildare Place
June Nixon (Carstairs); John Norman; Andrew Norton.

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Frank McMahon; Sandy McLean; James Brennan Jnr; Bobby Elder.

Funeral Arrangements: Elizabeth Scott Reception & Requiem Mass: Wednesday 25th May 9.30am

Prayers for the Dead: The Church has always urged the faithful to pray for those who have died, particularly by having Holy Mass offered for the repose of their soul. Pope Francis describes this as, 'the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly the most abandoned ones.' If you would like Mass offered for the repose of the soul of a loved one please write their name on an envelope with the Mass offering enclosed and give it to Fr John-Paul or hand it into the sacristy or post it through the chapel house letterbox.



Sale of Land

Several months ago we submitted a detailed Planning Application for three detached houses at St Mary's Cemetery, the land which is at present occupied by three metal containers.

We are delighted to announce that our Planning Application has been successful, and we are now taking further steps to sell the land.

Once again, the parish will use Whyte & Barrie to help us advertise and sell the site. The site will be valued by Whyte & Barrie, both as it stands just now with the planning permission, but also as serviced plots. Once Whyte & Barrie have carried out their valuations and assessments, the Diocese will decide whether we invest money in servicing the plots, or if we sell the land as is.

The Diocese has a duty to maximise the potential of the land, and will do whatever is best financially for the parish. This is great news, and we will keep you updated as things progress.

Vocations

It is very important that we continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, especially in our diocese. If you know of someone discerning their vocation to the priesthood, then please encourage them to contact Fr Charlie O'Farrell, Diocese of Motherwell Vocations Director:

01698 423044 or frofarrell@rcdom.org.uk

St Mary Magdalene's Building

At present we are in advanced talks with Forth Breast Cancer Charity Shop, for the sale of St Mary Magdalene's building. After an independent valuation, carried out by Whyte & Barrie, the Forth Cancer Charity Shop have agreed to pay the asking price of £55,000.00. We are hopeful the sale will be completed soon and the money deposited into St Isidore's account. A very special thank you to Councillor Catherine McClymont for all her help and support during the sale.

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

<u>21st/22nd May</u>		<u>4th/5th June</u>	
5.00pm	J. Moynagh	5.00pm	G. Abernethy
10.30am	S. Watson	10.30am	R. Colpitts
5.00pm	S. Casserly	5.00pm	S. Casserly
<u>28th/29th May</u>		<u>11th/12th June</u>	
5.00pm	R. McConnell	5.00pm	E. Haetzman
10.30am	J. Russell	10.30am	P. Roberts
5.00pm	M. Davis	5.00pm	M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>21st/22nd May</u>		<u>4th/5th June</u>	
5.00pm	J. McClafferty	5.00pm	A. Dempsey
	M. Davis		C. Scott
10.30am	J. Wilson	10.30am	P. Cunningham
	C. Duddy		A. Cruickshank
<u>28th/29th May</u>		<u>11th/12th June</u>	
5.00pm	P. Freel	5.00pm	P. Freel
	J. McEwan		J. McEwan
10.30am	G. Duddy	10.30am	J. McAlavey
	T. Mullen		M. Keenan

Weekly Parish Schedule

Sunday 22nd May *St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6pm*

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)
- 12noon Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Isidore's)
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

Monday 23rd May

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 11.40am Holy Rosary (St Isidore's)
- 12noon Regina Caeli & Holy Mass (St Isidore's)

Tuesday 24th May

- 10.10am Holy Rosary (St Isidore's)
- 10.30am Holy Mass (St Isidore's)
- 11.30am Confessions until 11.55am (St Mary's)
- 11.40am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 12noon Regina Caeli & Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Wednesday 25th May

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Reception and Requiem Mass for the repose of the soul of Elizabeth Scott
- 10.00am Church Cleaning (St Mary's)
- 7.00pm Weekly Rosary Group (Zoom: ID 828 0546 0960 Passcode 638016)

Thursday 26th May

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 10.00am Holy Mass St Catherine's (Sisters Only)
- 12noon Holy Mass (St Isidore's)
- 7.00pm Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 7.30pm Choir Rehearsal (St Mary's Clubrooms)

Ascension Thursday

Ascension Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation, and a day that Catholics are expected to attend Mass. Please see Mass times opposite and make every effort to attend Mass on Thursday.

Friday 27th May

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

Saturday 28th May *St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6pm*

- 9.00am Confessions until 9.25am (St Mary's)
- 9.10am 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 the 7th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

Sunday 29th May *St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6pm*

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

St Mary's Cemetery Lairs

With the rise in funeral costs, some parishioners have made enquiry about buying a lair at St Mary's Cemetery. As you may know, funeral costs continue to increase, and burial ground is becoming more expensive. At St Mary's we are advised by SL Council on the pricing of lairs, and at present a new lair is **£1,233.69**. Last year a letter was sent to all the undertakers in the Town to allow St Mary's Cemetery to be used by all people in the Town as a place of burial. The cemetery has many lairs left before we move to look sat extending the cemetery. If you would like to purchase a lair in St Mary's, at the current price, you can contact Fr John-Paul or email Kathleen at stmarycemetry@rcdom.org.uk