

St Mary's Lanark

A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell (founded 1859) Charity No - SC011041

✉ 70 Bannatyne Street, Lanark, ML11 7JS

✉ stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk

☎ 01555 662234

🌐 www.stmaryslanark.org.uk



Parish Priest

Fr John-Paul McShane

frmcshane@rcdom.org.uk



St Mary's Clubrooms Bookings: 07300857616

Saint Vincent de Paul Helpline: 07565396878

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th February 2026

The Holy Season of Lent

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we stand at the threshold of Lent, the Church once again invites us into a sacred season of grace—a time set apart for renewal, repentance, and deeper communion with our Lord. These forty days are not merely a tradition we observe; they are a gift we receive.

Lent calls us to prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Through these practices, we open our hearts more fully to God's transforming love. We quiet the noise of daily life so that we may hear His voice more clearly. We simplify our lives so that we may cling more firmly to what truly matters. We give generously so that our hearts may become more like Christ's.

This year, our parish will be offering additional opportunities to help us walk this Lenten journey together. These will include expanded times for Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, novenas, and weekday Evening Prayer. These devotions are not obligations added to already busy schedules; they are invitations—gentle invitations from the Lord to come away with Him and rest awhile.

I warmly encourage each of you to consider how you might take fuller advantage of these offerings. Perhaps you might attend an extra Mass during the week, spend time in silent Adoration, participate in the Stations of the Cross as a family, or return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation with renewed trust in God's mercy. Even small steps taken with sincerity can bear abundant spiritual fruit.

Our presence at these services is also a powerful witness. When we gather in prayer, we strengthen one another. When we worship together, we proclaim to the world that Christ is at the centre of our lives. Your participation not only nourishes your own soul—it builds up the entire Body of Christ.

May this Lent be a season of true conversion for each of us. Let us not be content with a routine observance, but instead ask the Lord to do something new within us. May He soften what is hardened, heal what is wounded, and rekindle what has grown dim.

Be assured of my prayers for you and your families. I look forward to walking this holy season with you, step by step, toward the joy of Easter.

With every blessing in Christ,

Fr John-Paul

Lent



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 15th February *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Monday 16th February *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass

Tuesday 17th February

- 10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)
- 11.30am Confessions until 11.55am
- 11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 12noon Angelus & Holy Mass

Wednesday 18th February (Ash Wednesday)



- 8.00am** Brief Mass with Imposition of Ashes
- 9.10am** Stations of the Cross
- 9.30am** Holy Mass with Imposition of Ashes
- 10.15am** Lenten Prayer Circle (St Catherine's)
- 6.15pm** Holy Mass with Imposition of Ashes



7.00pm [Weekly Online Zoom Rosary \(Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256\)](#)

Thursday 19th February

- 9.10am Morning Prayer of the Church
- 9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph
- 7.30pm** [St Mary's Choir Weekly Rehearsal \(St Mary's Clubrooms\)](#)

Friday 20th February

- 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am
- 9.00am Confessions until 9.25am
- 9.10am Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Agatha
- 12noon** **Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Sr Paula Bradshaw DC**

Saturday 21st February *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 Confessions until 4.50pm
- 4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 5.00pm** **Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of lent (St Mary's)**

Sunday 22nd February *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Lent (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 5.30pm** Evening Prayer of the Church and Solemn Benediction (St Mary's)



Please Pray For The Following

Recently Dead: Mary Hughes

Sr Paula Bradshaw DC

Mamie McAvoy; Mary McAllister;

Albany Drive

St Catherine's

Requiem Mass: Saturday 28th Feb 9.30am

Requiem Mass: Friday 20th Feb 12noon

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Peggy Docherty; Ron Meldrum; Janette Irvine; Mary Kennedy; Helen Beveridge; Josephine Hannan; Mary & Bill Dowds;

Ash Wednesday Fasting and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday is a day of Fasting & Abstinence. This means that **all Catholics aged between 18 and 60** are required to have only one square meal that day and two snacks; **those aged between 14 and over are required to abstain from meat.**

Lent prepares us for Easter, for the Lenten liturgy disposes us to celebrate the Paschal mystery as the centre of the liturgical year and of the Christian life. Purple/ Violet is the colour of the season. Flowers are not used in the church and musical instruments are only used to support singing. The Sunday readings are dominated by truths of faith and Baptismal themes. The readings for the weekday Masses of Lent are all about changing our hearts and minds to respond to God in the way we live.

Lenten Scripture Reflections

This Lent, we are hoping to organise a Scripture Reflection session each week on zoom. It will take place on Wednesday evenings at 7pm and will focus on a piece of scripture. It will be a prayerful session lasting roughly 30 minutes and people will have the opportunity to share or just listen.

We hope this will be something people might enjoy, it is a new venture for us in St Mary's and will really build upon the great foundation already set by the Lenten Circle Prayer Group who meet every Wednesday morning in person.

If you would like to be involved in organising these weekly meets online, please speak to Fr John-Paul after Mass.

Preparing for Lent

On the table in the narthex you will find FREE material to help you journey through Lent. The material includes a Lenten schedule detailing all the Masses, novenas, devotions and liturgies that will take place in our parish during Lent and Holy Week. On the table you will also find the daily reflection resource, *Through Lent with St Matthew*, produced by the Ignatian Spirituality Centre in Glasgow, along with the SCIAF WEE BOX material.

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,300.00
Standing Orders:	£ 133.50
Votives:	£ 110.00
Stall:	£ 85.00

St Marys Mission RCDM
80-17-02 00265809

Thank you *for your*
continued generosity

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

14th/15th February		28th Feb/1st March	
5.00pm	F. Chung	5.00pm	A. Haetzman
10.30am	J. Angus	10.30am	A. Servers
5.00pm	M. Davis	5.00pm	S. Casserly
21st/22nd February		7th/8th March	
5.00pm	R. McConnell	5.00pm	J. McBride
10.30am	M. McCusker	10.30am	P. Roberts
5.00pm	N. Donnelly	5.00pm	N. Donnelly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

14th/15th February		28th Feb/1st March	
5.00pm	C. Scott	5.00pm	M. Kennan
	S. Callaghan		C. Callaghan
10.30am	V. Hilland	10.30am	K. Lawrence
	M. Thompson		J. McFarlane
	B. Farrell		M. Russell
21st/22nd February			
5.00pm	K. Bryce		
	A. McGowan		
10.30am	J. McAlavey		
	I. Maxfield		
	J. Russell		

300 Club: January Winners

Week 4th January: **188** Week 11th January: **53** Week 18th January: **66** Week 25th January: **109**

St Mary's Lanark 80-12-97 10246763

If you would like to join the 300 Club you can set up a Standing Order using the details above and email Kathleen who will then supply you with a lucky number: stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk

Volunteer Drivers Required

To meet with demand in the Lanark and Biggar areas, Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust are actively seeking more Volunteer Drivers to join our charity. We are a small local charity. We provide Volunteer Drivers to take Lanarkshire Cancer Patients to and from their much-needed hospital treatments and clinical appointments.

Our free service is primarily for people who have no other means of getting to their appointments and who couldn't cope with hospital transport. Our drivers give their time and vehicles free of charge, with many driving for as little as one-day-per-week. We repay them 45p in fuel costs for every mile they travel on behalf of those who most need our help.

More information is available on the leaflet at the back of the church or www.lcctdrivers.com

Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse

Each year on the Friday after Ash Wednesday, the Catholic Church in Scotland observes a special day of prayer for those who have suffered abuse, particularly those who suffered abuse from members of the Church. Mass that day will include special prayers for all innocent children and vulnerable adults who suffered any form of abuse.

Some Good Tips for Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Readers:

1. Please continue to speak clearly whilst projecting your voice directly into the microphone. If you whisper in, then a whisper comes out. If you need to, adjust the microphone before Mass to make sure it is in the correct position.
2. For the Universal Prayers of Intercession (Bidding Prayers) please make your way to the ambo during the final few lines of the Creed. The reader should be at the ambo and ready before the priest begins the Opening Prayer.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

1. For Communion, can the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion make their way to the sanctuary as soon as the "Lamb of God" begins. Extraordinary Ministers should be in place on the sanctuary for this prayer finishing and facing the altar for the priest saying: "Behold the Lamb of God".

If you have any questions please speak to Fr John-Paul.

Beginning Experience

The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death, is one of life's most traumatic experience. It can result in vulnerable feelings or grief and loneliness. The Beginning Experience, Scotland Team would like to help. A weekend away for a lifetime of change.

Conforti Centre, Coatbridge

27th-29th March 2026

A time to heal by experiencing God's love through others.

For further details contact Louise: 07786687631 or beginningexperiencescotland2@gmail.com

Deanery Appeal

Thank you for your wonderful generosity shown last week to our deanery appeal, to support the work of the Religious Society of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, who work in a number of countries including Zambia, Uganda, Philippines & El Salvador. **The total collected was £765.00**