

# St Mary's Lanark

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**6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**16th February 2025**

## Comboni Missionary Sisters

The Comboni Missionaries were born from the heart of St Daniel Comboni. He was born in Italy in 1831. At an early age he felt a strong call to the priesthood and to take the Gospel to Africa. Africa was a continent not yet fully explored in those days, and a place where Christianity was not well known. St Daniel led priests and lay people from different European countries to areas of Africa yet to be mapped. He founded two Institutes of men and women to attend to the needs of the Africans of his time. But, above all, he dreamed of Africans being missionaries of their own people.

His motto was "to save Africa with Africa". Now, more than 150 years later, the Comboni Missionaries with Members drawn from forty-four nationalities are present in fifty countries worldwide.

We go to places of 'First Evangelisation' – to people who have never heard about Jesus Christ and His teachings – to establish Christian communities so they can pray, learn, and practice the Word of God together. Our commitment is to people who are deprived of their basic human rights to freedom, faith, health, education, a way to earn a living, and the opportunity to create a better life for themselves and the people they love. Comboni Missionary priests, brothers and religious sisters believe God's call to Mission is as strong today as it was 2,000 years ago when Jesus told His apostles, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mark 16:15).

We live a vowed life and dedicate ourselves to taking the Gospel to the poorest and most abandoned wherever they are, no matter how dire their circumstances. Jesus advocated for the poor, blessed them, listened to them, and loved them "even unto death". We, as Comboni Missionaries, strive to do the same. We learn from the people we serve and act as a bridge between the mission church and our own churches at home, sharing our experiences of other cultures, languages, traditions, and the situations that are encountered by the poor in developing countries.

Our focus is pastoral work among Africans, people of African descent and Indigenous Peoples, creating and sustaining 'Basic Christian Communities' that can evangelise and live out a new way of being 'Church'. Together with the Sisters, Lay Missionaries, supporters, and collaborators we form the 'Comboni Family'. Our gifts and talents – and limitations – vary greatly, but we remain united in the common goal to bring compassion and love to God's people.

St Daniel's Plan, laid out in 1864, is still working. Today, African priests and sisters serve in African parishes. So successful was St Daniel's Plan that priests and sisters born and bred in Africa are now Missionaries in other continents – Europe, the Americas and Asia.

*St David Comboni  
Pray for us*



## Weekly Parish Schedule

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

**Sunday 16th 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 17th February** *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
9.30am Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Maureen Lynch

**Tuesday 18th 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 19th February**

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
9.30am Holy Mass  
**7.00pm** **Online Zoom Rosary (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)**

**Thursday 20th February**

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
9.30am Holy Mass  
**7.30pm** **The Choir of St Mary's Weekly Rehearsal (Clubrooms)**

**Friday 21st February**

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

**Saturday 22nd February** *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

- 9.00am Confessions until 9.25am  
9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
9.30am Holy Mass  
4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm  
4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
**5.00pm** **Holy Mass for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)**

**Sunday 23rd February** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)  
**12noon** Holy Mass for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)  
**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



## Liturgical Calendar

**Monday 17th February, Seven Founders of the Order of Servites, Religious** - In 1233 these prominent businessmen from Florence (Italy) withdrew to a life of solitude, prayer, and penance. They developed into an order of mendicant friars (Servants of Mary). Noted for their radical response to the demands of the gospel.

**Friday 21st February, St Peter Damian, Bishop, Doctor of the Church** - Born in Ravenna (Italy) in 1007; died on 22 February 1072. Became a hermit monk after a career as a professor. Ardent, energetic, and strict, an outspoken reformer of Church life and discipline. Appointed cardinal-bishop of Ostia, he became a diplomat and ecclesiastical statesman, a scholarly reformer devoted to Christ.

**Saturday 22nd February, Chair of Peter** - The chair (cathedra) of a bishop is a pre-eminent sign of his teaching authority and pastoral oversight of a local Church. This feast, observed in Rome since the fourth century, celebrates Peter, first among the apostles, as founder of the See of Rome and the focus of unity in the communion of one faith.

## Project Wellspring Deanery Coordinator

As Project Wellspring – our Diocesan Renewal Programme – enters its second year, the Bishop has made some significant changes to how the programme runs. One of the most exciting changes is that it is now time for the Diocese to ask volunteers to come forward to help parishes get the most out of Wellspring Spiritually, Pastorally and Operationally.



The intention is that we try to secure the help of 6 individuals who will support the parishes in each of our 6 Deaneries (which are geographical groupings of 6 – 12 parishes). If you have a passion for supporting the clergy and their parishes and experience of managing change (ideally with facilitation skills) could you approach your parish priest to find out more?

Typical activities include co-ordinating, facilitating and leading meetings / discussions and sharing practices and outcomes with teams across the Diocese.

This role is expected to require say 7 hours a week and you would be part of a team from across the Diocese; full support and training will be given.

### HCPT Group 138 Coffee Morning St Brigid's Newmains

As part of being a volunteer for HCPT you are tasked with fundraising to pay the children's fares (each child costs £1,200). This year Group 138 hope to take 12 children to Lourdes at Easter as part of the HCPT Pilgrimage.

In order to help with fundraising, a Coffee Morning is being held in St Brigid's Parish Centre Newmains on Sunday 9th March 2025 - tickets cost £10 and are available from Mary: 07903251723.

### Choir of St Mary's Donation

Thank you very much to the Choir of St Mary's who very kindly donated £550 to help with the repair costs to the stained glass window caused by the recent storms.

We are hopeful that the stained glass will be repaired in the coming weeks. We have appointed Rainbow Glass to carry out the repairs.



### Theology on Tap - Our Lady & St John's Blackwood (ML11 9RZ)

The next Theology on Tap will take place in the Parish Hall of **Our Lady & St John's Blackwood on Monday 17th February gathering at 6.30pm with the talk beginning at 7.00pm.** This talk will be given by Professor Dr Valerie Fleming, a globally renowned clinician and researcher, who is also a Dr of Canon Law and judge on the Marriage Tribunal, on the Annulment Process and the work done by the Scottish Marriage Tribunal.

### Parish Disco - 22nd March

The next social event for St Mary's Parish is a Disco on Saturday 22nd March. Tickets are only £7, which includes entry and nibbles. The bar will be opened from 7.30 til late. For tickets, please contact any of the girls on the social committee.



### New Readers Required

We have so many dedicated readers in the parish, but as a growing parish we are always looking to encourage others to join the team. If you are someone who used to be a reader at Mass and would like to go back on the rota, or if you have never read at Mass before but would like to, please email Fr John-Paul.

NO experience is needed and training will be given.

### Deanery Appeal Second Collection

At all Masses on **Sat 15th/Sun 16th February** there will be a second collection after Holy Communion to support the work of the Comboni Missionary Sisters. The Comboni Missionaries are an international Catholic religious and missionary Order founded by Bishop Daniel Comboni in Verona (Italy) in 1867, serving those in poorer and less fortunate parts of the world.

Thank you, in advance, for your generosity to this collection.  
Please remember to pray for the work of the Comboni Missionary Sisters.



## Please Pray For The Following



**Recently Dead:** Maureen Lynch      Stewart Drive  
Charlie McShane (Carfin); Mary McFarlane (Cleland); Thomas Bailkoski (Bellshill); Vena Kelly;

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** Ron Meldrum; Janette Irvine; Eileen Prior; Ellen McPartlan; James Callaghan; Estelle Higgins; Mary Kennedy;

**Funeral Arrangements:** Maureen Lynch      Requiem Mass: Monday 17th February, 9.30am

*lux perpetua luceat eis*

## 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 unbearable feelings or grief and loneliness.

**The Beginning Experience, Scotland Team would like to help.**

**A weekend away for a lifetime of change to be held at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge, 4th-6th April 2025.**

A time of heal by experiencing God's love through others. An opportunity to begin again. For further details phone Louise on 07926571004 or email [louise398@gmail.com](mailto:louise398@gmail.com)

## Alpha Course Update

It has been really encouraging to see the level of interest and engagement with our Alpha Course. It provides an important opportunity to deepen our individual faith, to grow spiritually as a parish and will provide an enriching Lenten journey. Everyone who has already signed up will receive an email with all the details. What happens? You are among friends. We have some hot drinks and a snack and then watch a short video on an aspect of the Christian faith. There are some discussion points from the video and we can share our views. Who? The course is open to all parishioners, and some parishioners who have already completed the course will be on hand to support and look after you. Why? We have a strong community at St Mary's expressed at Mass, at our social events and through the many parishioners who volunteer every week to keep our parish running. Our lives are so busy that we rarely have the opportunity to take an hour out to sit back, reflect and join with others to find out more about and grow in our faith. Alpha gives us the chance to do this and we hope that you will make the most of this opportunity. **DATES TO FOLLOW**



## Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:    £ 1,510.00  
Standing Orders:                        £    358.00  
Votives:                                     £    235.00  
Stall:                                         £     50.00

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Thank you *for your*  
*continued generosity*

## St Mary's Ministry Rota

### Readers:

#### 15th/16th February

**5.00pm**    G. Abernethy  
**10.30am**    M. McCusker  
**5.00pm**    N. Donnelly

#### 22nd/23rd February

**5.00pm**    R. McConnell  
**10.30am**    R. Colpitts  
**5.00pm**    S. Casserly

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

#### 15th/16th February

**5.00pm**    A. Dempsey  
                  J. McBride  
**10.30am**    J. Littlejohn  
                  A. O'Neill  
                  N. Keenan

#### 22nd/23rd February

**5.00pm**    C. Scott  
                  S. Callaghan  
**10.30am**    V. Hilland  
                  M. Thompson  
                  B. Farrell