

# St Mary's Lanark

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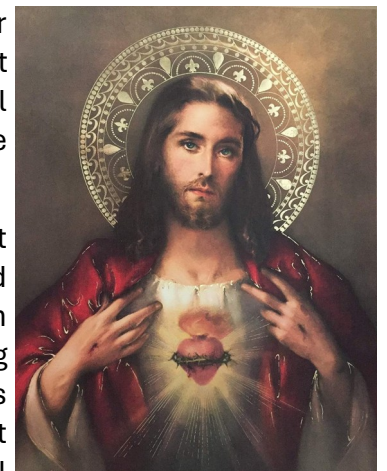
**7th Sunday of Easter**

**1st June 2025**

## Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

As we enter the month of June, a sacred time in our liturgical calendar, our hearts turn with renewed devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus - that most perfect symbol of divine love, mercy, and sacrifice. The Church, with maternal wisdom, dedicates this month to contemplating and responding to the infinite love that flows from the Heart of Christ, pierced for our salvation.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart is not merely an old tradition; it is a vibrant and living call to encounter the love of Jesus in a deeply personal and transformative way. His Heart, burning with compassion, is not distant from our own struggles, wounds, or fears. Rather, it is a refuge - a place of healing for the broken hearted and strength for the weary. Through the revelations given to St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Christ invited the world to see His Heart as a wellspring of love that grieves for indifference and longs for reciprocal love. In His own words, "Behold this Heart which has loved men so much, yet is so little loved in return."



In this month of June, the Lord invites us not only to gaze upon His Sacred Heart but also to console it. How do we do this? By offering acts of reparation, by receiving the Sacraments with reverence and frequency, and by living lives that reflect His mercy and truth, remembering, especially, the First Friday Devotion, as revealed to St Margaret Mary, and encourage one another to take up this spiritual practice, with its promises of grace and spiritual renewal.

The Sacred Heart of Jesus desires to reign not only in our churches but also in our homes and hearts. I encourage you to enthrone the image of the Sacred Heart in your homes - a beautiful tradition that places Christ at the centre of family life. In doing so, you proclaim your trust in His love and ask Him to sanctify your daily joys and trials.

In a time when many hearts are cold with indifference, hardened by division, or burdened by sorrow, the message of the Sacred Heart is a balm and a summons. It is a balm, because it reminds us that we are always loved and never forgotten. It is a summons, because we are called to become, in the words of St John Eudes, "hearts on fire with the love of Jesus." Let us therefore be ambassadors of this Heart - compassionate in action, faithful in prayer, and courageous in truth.

I invite you this June to renew your devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let it not be a mere sentiment, but a daily response to His love. Let His Heart shape our parishes, our families, and our personal lives. Let us give Him our hearts, so that He might transform them into instruments of His peace. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be your refuge, your strength, and your joy.

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, we place our trust in you!

## Weekly Parish Schedule

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

**Sunday 1st June** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

**10.30am** Holy Mass for the 7th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

**11.15am** Monthly Coffee Morning (St Mary's Clubrooms)

**12noon** Holy Mass for the 7th Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)

**12.35pm** Monthly Light Bite (Holy Trinity)

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

**Monday 2nd June** *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 3rd June**

**10.00am** Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

**11.30am** Confessions until 11.55am

**11.40am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**12noon** Regina Caeli & Holy Mass

**Wednesday 4th June**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**9.30am** Holy Mass

**10.00am** Church Cleaning

**Thursday 5th June**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**9.30am** Holy Mass

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

**Friday 6th June**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**9.30am** Holy Mass

**Saturday 7th June** *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

**4.30am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for Pentecost Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

**Sunday 8th June** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

**10.30am** Holy Mass for Pentecost Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for Pentecost Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for Pentecost Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)



## Liturgical Calendar

**Tuesday 3rd June, St Charles Lwanga and Companion, Martyrs** - They died on this day in 1886. Between 1885 and 1887, these twenty-two martyrs were among many newly baptised Catholics and Anglicans who were killed for their faith and virtue in Uganda by a debauched and brutal ruler. They included judges, catechists, soldiers, and teenage pages under the leadership of Charles Lwanga, who was burned alive. Noted for the heroic calm of their fidelity to Christ.

**Thursday 5th June, St Boniface, Martyr** - Born in Devon (England) about 675; died in the Netherlands on this day in 754. A monk and teacher who went to evangelise the Germanic peoples. Was ordained bishop and given wide-ranging papal commissions throughout Germany and Gaul. Founded monasteries and established dioceses, presided at synods, and maintained close associations with various emperors. Honoured as a determined missionary and as a Church organiser and reformer whose work shaped the future of Europe. He is buried at his abbey of Fulda (near Frankfurt).

### Children's Books

Thank you very much to the thoughtful parishioner who donated books for children to use during Mass.

The books are bible based and available in the stall for anyone who wishes their children to make use of them. You can either take them away or return them after Mass and take a different one the following week.

***If this idea works and parents find it helpful we can invest in some more books for children to enjoy during Mass.***

### Memorial Plaques

Many thanks to those who have requested Memorial Plaques in memory of a loved one.

The forms have now been sent to the sculptor and we hope to have the plaques within a few weeks.

Once the plaques are completed they will be erected at the earliest opportunity.



### Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? If so please contact Fr John-Paul to find out more.

We are hoping that our RCIA Program will begin very shortly. We already have 4 young people interested in the course this year.



### Easter Flowers

Fr John-Paul would like to thank the florists who have made our church look so beautiful for Easter and the Easter Season; for using their time, gifts and talents to benefit all of us! He also wishes to thank those who contribute to the Flower Fund each year, who make it possible for us to have flowers adorning our church all year round, and to those who manage the Flower Fund and deal with the admin. Your work is appreciated.

### Bar Volunteers

Fr John-Paul would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely those who give so generously of their time to volunteer in the bar for functions.

The money raised from bar sales is crucial in maintaining our buildings and growing our parish for the future. We are always on the look out for new volunteers, if you can help in any way please text Katie 07300857616.

*No experience required.*

### Altar Servers

In St Mary's we have a wonderful gang of Altar Servers who are very dedicated and very keen to learn and be involved during Mass, especially with serving and reading.

We are always looking for new servers to join the gang, and share in this wonderful ministry. If any of the young people would like to be an Altar Server, and have made their First Holy Communion, please speak to Fr John-Paul and this can be arranged.

### Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Our Monthly Foodbank Collection will take place **this weekend**. Bags of groceries can be handed in to the sacristy or to a passkeeper, and any monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket in an enveloped cleared clearly marked 'FOODBANK'.

### Prayer Cards & Sacred Heart Blessing

On Monday evening Bishop Toal celebrated Mass in Motherwell Cathedral for the new Holy Father, Pope Leo. Bishop Toal encouraged all of us to pray for Pope Leo regularly, and in order to help us do this, there is a prayer card at the back of the church for people to take home.

Being the month of June, the month of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, there is also a small blessing for you to take home. Jesus made several promises to St Margaret Mary Alacoque in the 17th century regarding those who honour His Sacred Heart. Among these promises, one stands out for its emphasis on peace and protection: "I will bless the homes in which the image of My Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honoured."

This promise signifies that any place where the Sacred Heart is venerated will become a sanctuary of divine peace and blessing. Such places are believed to be imbued with a unique spiritual presence, offering a refuge from the stresses and challenges of daily life. Here, individuals can find solace, comfort, and a sense of divine protection.





## Please Pray For The Following



**Recently Dead:** Kathleen McCrossan

Davie Flynn

Frank Gunning

Castlegate

Hardacres

Beechgrove

Requiem Mass: Saturday 21st June, 9.30am

Requiem Mass: Tuesday 10th June, 12noon

Requiem Mass: TBC

Jim Mallon; Brian Reilly; Sir Tom Farmer; Joan Hart (Hamilton); Doris Toner (Lesmahagow);

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** Fr Joseph Brannigan; Monteith Family; Thomas Bowie; Jim McShane; Jessie McKeown (Hamilton); Thomas McCallum; Alan Comrie, John Seeley; Theresa O'Connor; Roddy O'Connor; Betty & David Dunlop; Marion Wright; Jim Welsh; Alasdair MacDonald; Cesarina Coia;

### St Mary's 300 Club Subscription

As our parish continues to constantly grow and incorporate more people, we are always looking for ways to lighten the administration burden. One easy way to do this is for all payments to be digital. We are asking for all subscriptions of the 300 Club to be paid by Standing Order using the details below. Many people already pay through the bank weekly/monthly/annually and they will not need to change anything! But, for those who pay cash or cheque, we ask that you set up a standing order. We thank you very much for your understanding.

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### The Unique History of St Mary's Lanark

After years of dedication and hard work, we are delighted to have on sale *The Unique History of St Mary's Lanark*, by Siobhan Gainford.

This wonderfully produced book captures the rich history of our wonderful parish, and gives great hope for the future. The book is priced at £15 and copies are available to buy from the stall. Anyone who has preordered the book will receive it this weekend or next from Siobhan or her distribution volunteers. Once again, we thank Siobhan for this wonderful book, for all her hard work, and those who assisted her in any way.

## 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.

## St Mary's Ministry Rota

### Readers:

#### 31st May/1st June

**5.00pm** C. Jackson

**10.30am** A. Servers

**5.00pm** T. Coia

#### 14th/15th June

**5.00pm** G. Abernethy

**10.30am** P. Roberts

**5.00pm** N. Donnelly

#### 7th/8th June

**5.00pm** A. Haetzman

**10.30am** J. Russell

**5.00pm** M. Davis

#### 21st/22nd June

**5.00pm** F. Chung

**10.30am** E. Crossan

**5.00pm** S. Casserly

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

#### 31st May/1st June

**5.00pm** A. Dempsey

J. McBride

**10.30am** G. Duddy

A. Gillespie

M. Keenan

#### 14th/15th June

**5.00pm** C. Scott

S. Callaghan

**10.30am** C. Duddy

D. McFarlane

I. Maxfield

#### 7th/8th June

**5.00pm** A. Dempsey

J. McBride

**10.30am** J. Littlejohn

A. O'Neill

N. Keenan

#### 21st/22nd June

**5.00pm** K. Bryce

A. McGowan

**10.30am** V. Hilland

B. Farrell

M. Thomson