



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



The Solemnity of Christ the King Sunday 26th November 2023

Is Christ Your King?

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognised that attempting to "thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law" out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful but civilisation itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ "is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind" (*Quas primas*, 7).

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. "From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognise his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures" (*Quas primas*, 13).

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.' -*Quas primas*, 33

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public. "Thus by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King" (*Quas primas*, 26).

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalised in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 26th November *St Mary's Church will close after 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Christ the King (St Mary's)

Monday 27th November *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 4pm*

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

9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal (St Mary's)

Tuesday 28th November

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 Angelus, Holy Mass & Novena to St Anthony (St Mary's)

7.00pm **RCIA (St Mary's)**

Wednesday 29th November

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 30th November

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

9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph (St Mary's)

7.00pm **Annual Requiem Mass (St Mary's)**

Friday 1st December

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

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Saturday 2nd December *St Mary's Church will close after 5pm Mass*

9.00am Confessions until 9.25am (St Mary's)

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

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm (St Mary's)

4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Advent (St Mary's)

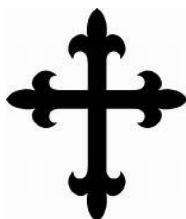
Sunday 3rd December *St Mary's Church will close after 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Advent (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Advent (Holy Trinity)

12.40pm **Tea/Coffee, Home Baking & Parish Meeting (Holy Trinity)**

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Advent (St Mary's)



Bishop Toal Parish Visit

We are delighted to announce that Bishop Toal will be visiting our parishes on Sunday 3rd December to formally discuss the amalgamation of St Isidore's, Biggar, and St Mary's, Lanark.

Bishop Toal will celebrate Mass in Lanark at 10.30am, and will bless our new statues of St Isidore and St Mary Magdalene, which will be enshrined in the porch of St Mary's, with plaques, to remember the history of both churches and the people from our parish who once worshipped there.

Bishop Toal will also celebrate Mass in Holy Trinity Chapel at 12noon, and present the Benemerenti Medal to Andrew. After Mass in Lamington, around 12.40pm, Bishop Toal will hold a meeting to discuss the amalgamation of both parishes and confirm our future as one parish with two churches, St Mary's and Holy Trinity Chapel. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the meeting, including parishioners from St Mary's.

Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 1,085.00
Standing Orders: £ 325.50

St Marys Mission RCDM
80-17-02 00265809

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 124.00
Standing Orders: £ 45.00

Parish of St Isidore's
83-16-11 00235026

Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Our Monthly Foodbank Collection will take place **next 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 marked 'FOODBANK'.



St Mary's St Vincent de Paul Society

If you know of someone who is lonely or maybe a family struggling and would benefit from help from the Society then please put their name and address on a piece of paper and put it into the box which is held every Saturday and Sunday at the back of the church. We will endeavour to help them. No need for your details as strict confidentiality will be observed.

Christmas Coffee Morning & Raffle

The Christmas Coffee Morning will take place on **Sunday 17th December after 10.30 am Mass**. The Christmas Raffle Draw will also take place at this event.

The girls will start selling raffle tickets for this event at Masses from 2nd/3rd December.

Donations for raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Thank you for your continued support.

Choir of St Mary's Concert

The Choir of St Mary's invite you to join in their "Christmas Joy" on Sunday 10th December at 3pm.

This is a **TICKET ONLY** event and there are only a few tickets left, priced at £7 each.

All proceeds go to support the great work of the Wayside Club in Glasgow.



Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lisbon 2nd-9th July 2024

All completed booking forms, along with deposits, should be returned to Fr John-Paul on/before Sunday 26th November. Deposits (£400) can be paid in cash or cheque made payable to: **Alba Tours Ltd**. Once numbers are confirmed we will have a meeting to discuss final arrangements.

The 8 day/ 7 nights pilgrimage to Fatima & Lisbon will take place from Tuesday 2nd July until Tuesday 9th July 2024. The price of the pilgrimage is around £699 excluding flights; this includes return transfers here in Scotland, transfers from Lisbon to Fatima, half day visit to Valinhos and Aljustrel, day visit to Batalha Monastery and the fishing town of Escorial, and for the four star hotel in Fatima. The deposit of £400 will be required with the booking form, with another £100 10 weeks after the first deposit, with the final balance due to be paid 12 weeks prior to departure. The flights will be priced once released, in January, and will be around £400 in total. If you do not want to share a room, a single room supplement is required.



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Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Jackie Lynch; James McClafferty; Alison Filmer; Silvia Garfagnini (Carluke); Ciaran Crawford.

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Jack Oliver; Fred Colpitts; Rosina Baird; All Names Contained in our November Lists.

*There Is One Thing I Ask Of The Lord;
That He Grant Me My Heartfelt Desire.
To Dwell In The Courts Of Our God
Every Day Of My Life In His Presence.*

Annual Requiem Mass - Thursday 30th November 7pm

Please join us on Thursday 30th November at 7pm as we gather to celebrate our Annual Requiem Mass; remembering all those who have died in our parish over the past twelve months. This is an important event in the life of our parish, please come along and pray for all our departed loved ones. In a special way we remember this year:

Bill Quinn
Marion Doyle
Margaret McGinnis
Rosina Baird
Jack Lavery
Teresa McArdle
Ena McGurk

Annette Wells
Margaret Duncan
Sandy Abernethy
John Murray
Jim Beveridge
Kathleen Caulfield
Jean McGuinness

Arthur Kane
Pat Kelly
Grace Ritchie
Jim White
Tommy Boyle
Jackie Lynch

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

25th/26th November
5.00pm R. McConnell
10.30am P. Roberts
5.00pm S. Casserly

9th/10th December
5.00pm A. Haetzman
10.30am M. McCusker
5.00pm N. Donnelly

2nd/3rd December
5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am J. Russell
5.00pm M. Davis

16th/17th December
5.00pm R. Kane
10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

25th/26th November
5.00pm T. Mullen
C. McClafferty
10.30am C. Duddy
V. Hilland

9th/10th December
5.00pm A. Dempsey
C. Scott
10.30am G. Duddy
T. Mullen

2nd/3rd December
5.00pm J. McClafferty
J. McAlavey
10.30am J. Wilson
A. O'Neil

16th/17th December
5.00pm M. Keenan
P. Stewart
10.30am P. Cunningham
A. Cruikshank