



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

**Corpus Christi
2nd June 2024**



Jesus's Blood Never Failed Me Yet

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, also known as the Feast of Corpus Christi. The feast was proposed by Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church, to Pope Urban IV, in order to create a feast focused solely on the Holy Eucharist, emphasizing the joy of the Eucharist being the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ. The proposal followed the recognition in 1264 of the authenticity of the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, Italy, when a consecrated host began to bleed.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (1324), quoting from *Lumen Gentium* para 11, states that, "The Eucharist is 'the source and summit' of the Christian life. But all too often, I take the Eucharist, its reality and significance, for granted.

I was reminded of my faults toward the Eucharist by a surprising source, a radio show about music in comedy and the music comedians love. Simon Day, best known for his characters in the TV series "The Fast Show", described how his musical tastes have mellowed in old age: rock is not so much his thing today, instead classical, meditative and sombre musical styles inform his playlists.

One piece of music he recommended was "Jesus' Blood Never Failed Me Yet" by Gavin Bryars, of a homeless man singing an improvised gospel-style lyric. The story of how the track came to be made is fascinating, as Bryars described in an interview:

"In 1971, when I lived in London, I was working with a friend, Alan Power, on a film about people living rough in the area around Elephant and Castle and Waterloo Station. In the course of being filmed, some people broke into drunken song – sometimes bits of opera, sometimes sentimental ballads – and one, who in fact did not drink, sang a religious song "Jesus' Blood Never Failed Me Yet". This was not ultimately used in the film and I was given all the unused sections of tape, including this one. When I played it at home, I found that his singing was in tune with my piano, and I improvised a simple accompaniment."

The resulting track, at about 26 minutes long, is a haunting sound of resilience and hope, a beautiful testimony to this beggar's belief in Jesus. His repeated lyric, "Jesus' Blood never failed me yet, never failed me yet, Jesus' blood never failed me yet, there's one thing I know, for he loves me so..." acknowledges our deepest human need for God and to grow in that longing and that dependence on a daily basis.

According to the Church's liturgical calendar, we are not long the other side of the Passion of our Lord, which culminated in Good Friday with the spilling of Jesus' blood. And yet, here I am again, not to mention every Mass in between, at risk of taking the greatest sacrifice for granted. I pray that meditating on this beggar's heartfelt lyric, giving thanks for Jesus unfailing love for me, will lift me closer to the source and summit of the life He has called me to.

Ian Maxfield



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 2nd June *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for Corpus Christi Sunday (St Mary's)

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

5.00pm Holy Mass for Corpus Christi Sunday (St Mary's)

Monday 3rd June *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 5pm*

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

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Tuesday 4th June

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 (St Mary's)

Wednesday 5th June

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

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

10.00am Church Cleaning (St Mary's)

7.00pm Online Zoom Rosary (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)

Thursday 6th June

Lanimer Day

St Mary's Closed

Friday 7th

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

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Saturday 8th June *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

9.00am Confession 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 Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

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

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Sunday 9th June *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Liturgical Calendar

Monday 3rd June, St Charles Lwanga and companions, 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.

Wednesday 5th June, St Boniface, Bishop, 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).

Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Our Monthly Foodbank Collection will take place **this weekend**. Bags of groceries or essentials can be handed to a Passkeeper or into the sacristy. Any monetary donations can be handed into the sacristy or placed into the collection bag with your weekly offering, clearly marked **FOODBANK**.



Thank you for your continued generosity

Wellspring Deanery Questionnaire

Thank you to those who completed a Wellspring Deanery Questionnaire, we received around 40 completed forms. It would be great if more people would give us some feedback, so to make it easier, please scan the QR Code and answer the questions. It will take less than 5 mins, and is important.



St Mary's Clubrooms Bookings

If you would like to book the Clubrooms for a function or are interested in using it on a regular basis, please contact Heather for more details:

07300857616 or theclubrooms@outlook.com

Lanark St Vincent de Paul

If you are requiring some assistance, please contact our SSVP on their new dedicated number: **07565396878**. The aim of the SSVP is to offer help and support to any families who are struggling within the geographical remit of our conference.

Increased Giving

Over the last two months some parishioners have increased their Standing Orders to St Mary's. Fr John-Paul would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who contribute to St Mary's and St Isidore's. Thank you for your continued generosity.

St Mary's Memorial Plaques

Thank you to those who ordered memorial plaques for your patience. It has taken longer than anticipated for the plaques to arrive, however, we hope they will arrive in June and will be erected as soon as they are here. The supplier apologises for the delay, but the marble is getting more difficult to source - this will affect the order of future plaques.

St Mary's Gardeners Required

We are very blessed to have such beautiful grounds surrounding our church; and more blessed to have so many dedicated volunteers looking after the gardens and making the grounds look so magnificent. If you are able to spare some time each week to help in the church gardens please contact Siobhan Gainford.

Amalgamation of St Isidore's and St Mary's

24th May 2024

Dear Parishioners of St Mary's, Lanark, and St Isidore's, Biggar,

Re: The Amalgamation of the Parish of St Isidore's, Biggar, into the Parish of St Mary's, Lanark:

I am writing to let you know that the proposed Amalgamation of the Parishes of St Mary's, Lanark, and St Isidore's, Biggar, will go ahead. The Amalgamation has been presented and consulted upon in the parishes, and the Council of Priests was consulted at the meeting on 18th April 2024. The Amalgamation will come into effect on Sunday 9th June 2024.

On 9th June the Parish of St Isidore's will be amalgamated into the Parish of St Mary's, Lanark. There will be one Parish, St Mary's, with the worshipping group of St Isidore's as part of St Mary's. I will now draw up the canonical decree putting the Amalgamation into effect and promulgating for your information and keeping it as a record of what is taking place.

My thoughts are with you, and I pray for you all as we look to the future as one parish covering Lanark and Biggar and the surrounding areas.

Yours in Christ,

+ Joseph Toal

Bishop Joseph A. Toal





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Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Margaret Maxfield Biggar
William Smith Rhyber Avenue
Corrine Walkinshaw Braxfield Terrace
Marion Wright Wallace Court
Brian McCardie; Thomas O'Donnell (Prestwich).

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Father Joseph Brannigan; Monteith Family; Thomas Bowie; Jim McShane; Theresa O'Connor; James McCrossan; William McPhail; Jimmy McClafferty; Christopher Campbell; Danielle Rose Weir (Carluke); Thomas McCallum; John Seeley; Jim Snow; Agnes Snow; Jessie McKeown; Alasdair MacDonald; Cesarina Coia; Jim Welsh.

Funeral Arrangements: Margaret Maxfield Requiem Mass: Monday 10th June, 9.30am, St Mary's
William Smith Rite of Committal: Tuesday 11th June, 2pm, St Mary's Cemetery
Corrine Walkinshaw Requiem Mass: Wednesday 12th June, 9.30am, St Mary's
Marion Wright Requiem Mass: Thursday 13th June, 9.30am, St Mary's

Parish Finances

St Mary's
Offertory Collection: £ 1,094.00

St Isidore's
Offertory Collection: £ 79.00

St Marys Mission RCDM
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Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

1st/2nd June

5.00pm C. Jackson
10.30am J. Russell
5.00pm M. Davis

15th/16th June

5.00pm J. McBride
10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm N. Donnelly

8th/9th June

5.00pm R. Kane
10.30am M. McCusker
5.00pm S. Casserly

22nd/23rd June

5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am P. Roberts
5.00pm M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

1st/2nd June

5.00pm A. Dempsey
C. Scott
10.30am J. McAlavey
V. Hilland
D. McFarlane

15th/16th June

5.00pm M. Keenan
P. Stewart
10.30am J. McAlavey
J. Littlejohn
M. Keenan

8th/9th June

5.00pm P. Freel
R. Sinton
10.30am J. McAlavey
M. Davis
C. O'Brien

22nd/23rd June

5.00pm J. McEwan
C. McClafferty
10.30am J. McAlavey
T. Mullen
B. Farrell