



Saint Mary's Parish Lanark

**Easter Sunday
5th April 2026**



Easter Blessings

As we gather to celebrate this most joyful and sacred day, we rejoice in the glorious truth of the Resurrection. Easter Sunday proclaims to us that life has triumphed over death, light has overcome darkness, and hope has been renewed for all creation. The empty tomb stands as a powerful and enduring sign that Christ is risen, and through Him we are offered new life, new purpose, and a peace that the world cannot give. This is the foundation of our faith and the source of our joy today.



In a world often marked by uncertainty and worry, the message of Easter speaks clearly and confidently: love is stronger than death, and God's mercy is without end. The Resurrection assures us that no matter the burdens we carry or the challenges we face, we are never alone. Christ walks with us, bringing light into even the darkest moments, and calling us to share that light with others.

This day is also one of deep joy because it brings us together as a parish family. It is a blessing to witness our churches filled with so many gathered in prayer, united in song, and lifted in thanksgiving. Your presence here today, and over the Triduum, is a beautiful witness to a living and active faith, and it strengthens the bonds of our community.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have given their time and talents in preparing our churches for this great feast. To those who cleaned and decorated the church, arranged the flowers, and ensured that everything was ready for our celebrations, we are deeply grateful. Your quiet dedication often goes unseen, but it plays such an important role in creating a welcoming and prayerful space for all.

I also wish to thank everyone who has taken part in our liturgies throughout Holy Week and Easter. To our readers, musicians, choir members, altar servers, extraordinary ministers, and all who assisted behind the scenes, your service has truly enriched our worship. Through your efforts, the beauty and dignity of the liturgy have helped us to enter more deeply into the mystery we celebrate.

Finally, I offer my sincere thanks to each and every one of you who has come to celebrate Easter. Whether you are a regular member of our parish or visiting for this special occasion, your presence is a gift. Together, we form a community of faith, hope, and love, strengthened by our shared belief in the Risen Lord.

May the joy of the Resurrection remain with you long after this day has passed. May it fill your hearts, your homes, and your lives with peace, hope, and renewed faith.

Wishing all our parishioners a truly blessed and happy Easter. Alleluia!

Fr John-Paul

Holy Week Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 5th April

- 10.30am Holy Mass for Easter Sunday (St Mary's)
11.20am **Easter Coffee Morning & Raffle (St Mary's Clubrooms)**
12noon Holy Mass for Easter Sunday (Holy Trinity)

Monday 6th April *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 7th April

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

Wednesday 8th April

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

Thursday 9th April

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

Friday 10th April

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

Saturday 11th April

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
9.30am Holy Mass
4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary
5.00pm **Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (St Mary's)**

Sunday 12th April

- 10.30am **Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (St Mary's)**
12noon **Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (Holy Trinity)**

Bishop Toal's Easter Message

I wish everyone a very Happy Easter, and hope you have benefitted from your participation in the liturgical celebration of the Lord's Paschal Mystery through Holy Week and at Easter.

I trust the Easter Vigil will be a particularly joyful event for all who have been baptised, confirmed, and have received the Eucharist at the Vigils in parishes across the Diocese. I offer my own congratulations and blessing to you all, and hope that the grace of the sacraments will enlighten and sustain you throughout your lives. I thank all who have organised and participated in the Parish RCIA sessions, recognising your generous commitment in sharing your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith with our catechumens and candidates.

It is always special for the Bishop to concelebrate the Mass of Chrism on Holy Thursday with his priests, in the presence of the deacons, religious, and lay faithful, and this year again we were again united as the Body of Christ here in Motherwell Diocese, acknowledging the gift of the sacraments and praying for the priests, ordained to celebrate and administer them.

I thank you all for your generous response to the Lenten Appeals, particularly for your support for SCIAF through the Collection and the Wee Boxes. The Good Friday Collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land is also vitally important and your contributions are much appreciated. The Universal Prayers at the Commemoration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday strongly remind us of the Church's responsibility for praying for the whole world and people of all faiths and none. Fulfilling this mission, we must continue to pray for peace and an end to all war. Pope Leo has spoken strongly in recent times calling for an end to war in the Middle East:

On behalf of the Christians of the Middle East and of all women and men of good will, I appeal to those responsible for this conflict: cease fire! May paths of dialogue be reopened! Violence can never lead to the justice, stability and peace for which the peoples are waiting.

May the peace of the Risen Christ reign in our hearts and in our troubled world.

+ Joseph Toal





Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Sr Anna McBride DC St Catherine's

Margaret Moore; Jacky Dethier; Rena McPhee (St Columbkille's); Robert Thomson (Forth); Nick Hagan (Billericay); Karen Gomes;

Months Minds & Anniversaries: William Campbell; Emilio Coia; Tony Murphy; Mary McCabe; Jessica & John Christie; Mary & Jim McLaughlan; Anne Boyle; Josephine Hannan;

Easter Remembrances

Bishop Frank Thomson; Bishop Joseph Devine; Father Joseph Brannigan; Father Paddy Hughes; All Deceased Members of The Vincentian Fathers; All Deceased Members of The Daughter's of Charity; Canon Willie Dunnachie; Father Damien Gilhooley; Fr John Breslin; Canon Giles Goward; Father David Mellor; Jim McShane; John & Mary McShane; Rosemary McShane MacIntyre; Charlie McShane; John McShane; Frank McMahan; Annie & Arthur Lenagh; Hughie & Mary McShane; McShane Family; McGuire Family; Lenagh Family; McMahan Family; Kate & William Campbell; Bernie & Jim McEwan; Campbell Family; McCafferty Family; McEwan Family; James E. Reid; Gerry Wyllie; Wyllie Family; Deerin Family; Mary McFarlane; Therese Martin; John Skeffington; Joe & Betty McLeish; Peter Brannan; Edgar Family; Peter Skelly; Grace McGregor; Thomas & Helen Lamb; Thomas Lamb Jnr; Lamb Family; McGuigan Family; William & Sarah Dunnachie; Dunnachie Family; Michael Pavilonis; Cathy Gallagher; Tony Murphy; Lisa Katherine McAlavey; John McAlavey; Blanche McAlavey; Gerard Mays Snr; Gerard Mays Jnr; Brian Mays; Susan Mays; John O'Neill; Agnes Foley (McKendrick); John (Johnny) Foley; Joseph foley; Agnes Foley (McGuinness); Emilio & Cesarina Coia; Coia Family; Ungaretti Family; Giuseppe Molinaro; Owen, Margaret & John Dempsey; John & Marion Renton; Betty & Joe Woods; James, Clare & Evelyn O'Leary; Jimmy & Saddle Littlejohn; Frances, Monica & Anthony Cassidy; Lisa Geddes; Vera & Johnny Livingstone; Peter & Eleonore De-Schuster; Marion & Dan O'Donnell; Matt & Peggy Reilly; Betty, Wullie & John Thomson; Ann & Alasdair MacDonald; Teresa & Bill McArdle; Matt & Betty Reilly; Marjory Reilly; Jim Anderson; Bill & Annie Gebbie; Martha & Tam Smith; Sarah & Jimmy McEwan; Paisley Family; John, Mary & James Donnelly; Mary & Tommy Cavanagh; James & Rose Kelly; Pat & Joe McGarrigle; Gerry McGarrigle; McGarrigle Family; Dean Family; Margaret, John & Bobby Dykes; Ron Meldrum; Eileen Prior; Janette Irvine; May Quinn; David Tinto; Catherine & Daniel Stewart; Jean & Jimmy Meldrum; McConville Family (Shotts); Deceased members of the Choir of St Mary's; Mary, Jim & Michael McLaughan; Mary, Bill & Stephen Murray; Anne & John Boyle; Lizanne Inglis; Edward Hanlon; Kate Hanlon; Anne Lindsay; Archie Lindsay; Mary Sheely; Michael Sheely; Kate Nevin & Brothers; Rodger McConnell; Bernard & Rose Scott; Beverley & Alan Milliken; John, Annie, Liam & Janes McConnell; Noone Family; Dowds Family; Farrell Family; David Tinto; Rosemary McManus; Francis & Grace McManus; Francis McManus Jnr; Willie Connor; Iain Connor; Mark Stewart; Thomas Cloonan; Cecilia Cloonan; Mark Cloonan; Cloonan Family; Rotherham Family; Jim Callaghan; Anna Marshall; Agnes and Alice Bamford; Callaghan Family (Sligo); Karen Reilly; John Reilly Jnr; Betty Hutchison; Thomas McNulty; Christina McNulty; Nora Byers; John Byers; Rosina Baird; Babay Luca Gunning; James Tait; Mary Tait; Eileen McLeod; Nicholas Lambert; Rose Lambert; Bridget Lambert; Sandy McLean; Mary McLean; Catherine McLean; Jessie Clark; Frank Mackie; Susan Mackie; Graham Munro; Leah Welsh; Albert Welsh; Morton Family; Peter & Susan Mulligan; Joe McAllister; Bridget Donnelly; Fox Family; Harvey Family; Thomas, Molly & James McKeown; Paul Halloran; Halloran Family; Helen, Robert, Dennis, May & Veronica Quinn; Mr & Mrs Brady; John & Bridget Callaghan; John Doolan; Henry Doolan; Jane Doolan; Oliver Family; Small Family; Liz Rae; Eleanor Douglas; James McCardie; Arthur Christie; Jessica & John Christie; Rina & Jimmy Travers; Mary & John Christie; Evelyn Grant Quinn; Lilly Grant; Blanche McCabe;

May they rest in peace, and rise in glory!

No Sunday Evening Mass

Easter Sunday or Divine Mercy Sunday

Due to Easter Holidays there will be **NO** Sunday 5pm Mass on Sunday 5th or Sunday 12th April.

Sunday 5pm Evening Mass will **resume** on Sunday 19th April.

Building Fund Collection

As agreed, we will take up four building fund collections per year to help finance future repairs and ongoing maintenance within St Mary's campus.

**The first Building Fund Collection
will be taken up 18th/19th April.**



Holy Trinity Chapel

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St Vincent de Paul Helpline: 07565396878

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 marked 'FOODBANK'.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to the foodbank. Over 50% of what is donated to Clydesdale Foodbank is used in Lanark.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to the Choir of St Mary's for leading us in our Sacred Triduum, and to the florists, sacristans, passkeepers, church cleaners and those who helped prepare our church for the Triduum.

A special thank you to St Mary's Social Committee for their continued efforts organising the Easter Coffee Morning and other social events.

Good Friday Collection

Many thanks to all parishioners who so kindly contributed to the Holy Places collection on Good Friday. The situation in the Holy Land is so precarious just now and the **£710** donated will go to safeguarding these holy places and help the small Christian community resident there.

SCIAF WEE BOX Appeal

Thank you to all those who returned SCIAF WEE BOXES. A total of **£684** was donated.

If you still have your WEE BOX and wish to donate the contents to SCIAF, please transfer the money direct to SCIAF **83-21-08 16021287**

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,346.00
Standing Orders: £ 285.50
Votives: £ 130.00
Stall: £ 160.00

St Marys Mission RCDM
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Thank you *for your*
continued generosity.

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

4th/5th April

See Triduum Rota

18th/19th April

5.00pm R. McConnell
10.30am E. McCabe
5.00pm S. Casserly

11th/12th April

5.00pm F. Chung
10.30am P. Roberts

25th/26th April

5.00pm T. Coia
10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm N. Donnelly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

4th/5th April

8.00pm J. Russell
10.30am K. Lawrence
J. McFarlane
M. Russell

18th/19th April

5.00pm C. Scott
S. Callaghan
10.30am J. Littlejohn
A. O'Neill
N. Keenan

11th/12th April

5.00pm A. Dempsey
J. McBride
10.30am G. Duddy
A. Gillespie
M. Keenan

25th/26th April

5.00pm K. Bryce
A. McGowan
10.30am V. Hilland
M. Thompson
B. Farrell