

# St Mary's Lanark

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**Palm Sunday**

**13th April 2025**

## The Sacred Triduum

What Happened on Maundy Thursday? On Holy or Maundy, Thursday, in an upper room, Jesus and His disciples shared the Last Supper. On this day, Jesus washed the feet of His disciples and broke bread with them for the last time. Still celebrated today as a part of many congregational traditions, the bread broken and the wine shared represented the body and blood of Christ, to be broken and shed for the disciples, and all of us. During the meal, Jesus predicted His betrayal by one of them and Peter's denial.



What Happened on Good Friday? Good Friday was the last day of Jesus' life on earth before His resurrection. He was betrayed by Judas, as predicted, and denied by Peter, as predicted. His disciples scattered. He was arrested and was placed on trial falsely. He was condemned, beaten, mocked, and required to carry His own cross to the place where He was crucified and died. "The soldiers twisted together a crown of thorns and put it on his head." Though he was offered something to dull the physical pain, Jesus refused. He chose to face the pain of death head on. They stripped Him of His clothes and cast lots for them, fulfilling another prophecy.

Why Is it Called Good Friday? "It's called Good Friday because, by Jesus' death, he became the final, complete sacrifice for our sins. We couldn't have erased our sins. Our hands would have been forever stained with every single sin for a lifetime. But Jesus broke the bonds of death and sin!"

What Happened on Black (or Holy) Saturday? Jesus' body rested in the tomb on Holy Saturday; it was a rich man's tomb, fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah 53:9. Preparations were made for Jesus' body and placement in the tomb until 6pm, when preparations for the Sabbath began. There are varying theories as to where Jesus' soul was in between His death on the cross and His resurrection. The Bible doesn't really say too much about where He is at. From His statement to the criminal on the cross, "you will be with me today in paradise," we can only assume that He was in the presence of His Father in heaven on Holy Saturday.



What Happened on Easter Sunday (Resurrection Day)? On Easter Sunday, Jesus rose from the dead, fulfilling the prophecy. Early in the morning, the women who had prepared the spices before the Sabbath returned to Jesus' tomb to find it empty. Mary Magdalene arrived first.

## Weekly Parish Schedule

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

**Sunday 13th April** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

**10.00am** Confessions until 10.20am

**10.30am** Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (Holy Trinity)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (St Mary's)

**5.30pm** Confessions until 6pm

**Monday 14th April** *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

**9.00am** Confessions until 9.25am

**9.10am** Stations of the Cross

**9.30am** Holy Mass

**Tuesday 15th April**

**11.25am** Confessions until 11.50am

**11.40am** Stations of the Cross

**12noon** Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul if Sr Joan DC

**Wednesday 16th April**

**9.00am** Confessions until 9.25am

**9.10am** Stations of the Cross

**9.30am** Holy Mass

**10.00am** Prayer Group (St Catherine's)

**7.00pm** [Online Zoom Rosary \(Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256\)](#)

**7.00pm** [The Choir of St Mary's Presents With Mary to Calvary \(St Mary's Church\)](#)

# The Sacred Triduum

**Thursday 17th April - Maundy Thursday**

**7.30pm** Mass of the Lord's Supper (St Mary's)

**9.30pm** Night Prayer at the Altar of Repose (St Mary's)

**Friday 18th April - Good Friday**

**12noon** Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)

**3.00pm** The Solemn Passion of Our Lord (St Mary's)

**6.00pm** Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)

**Saturday 19th April - Holy Saturday**

**8.30pm** The Easter Vigil (St Mary's)

**Sunday 20th April - Easter Day**

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

**11.15am** Easter Coffee Morning & Raffle (St Mary's Clubrooms)

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

### St Mary's Easter Raffle/Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will take place on **Sunday 20th April** after 10.30am Mass. The Easter Raffle Draw will also take place at this event. The girls will start selling raffle tickets at Masses this weekend.

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

### St Mary's Readers

Just a gentle reminder for ALL parish readers in St Mary's to fill out a Readers Form, found in the stall, and return to the sacristy at your earliest convenience.

New readers are also welcome and asked to fill out the same form and return in the same way.

### Confession in St Mary's

As we prepare for Easter it is important to prepare spiritually, and this includes attending the Sacrament of Confession.

There will be additional times for Confession to allow parishioners to avail themselves of the Sacrament and receive God's love and mercy.

### Good Friday Collection

Once again this year we are asked to take up a second collection on Good Friday to support the Holy Places. Cardinal Gugerotti, Prefect of the Dicastery of the Eastern Churches, has written to all Bishops of the world, imploring their help for Christians living in the Holy Land. He said, "This year the Collection becomes an essential resource: after the recent war...Christians have been forced into exile. If we want to strengthen the Holy Land, and ensure living contact with the Holy Places, we must sustain Christian communities." It is imperative then, that we do all we can to support the small defenceless Christian communities living in the lands that we hear of so often in the Scriptures.

### Mass of Chrism - Motherwell Cathedral (ML1 1PP)

Bishop Toal extends an invitation to all the faithful of the Diocese to attend the Mass of Chrism which will be celebrated on Holy Thursday, in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral at 11am. At this Solemn Mass the Bishop will bless and consecrate the Holy Oils that are used in the parishes in the year ahead, and the priests will renew the promises made at ordination.

*"I see this year's Mass of Chrism as an important occasion in the Diocese's celebration of the Jubilee Year and I encourage you to come in parish groups as Pilgrims of Hope, united with me as Bishop in the Communion of the Holy Catholic Church, led by Our Holy Father, Pope Francis. We continue to pray that his recovery will continue."*

### St Mary's Big Tidy - Saturday 12th April

Thank you to the small army of volunteers who came along on Saturday morning to help with the grounds in St Mary's.

It was wonderful to see so many parishioners, young and old, take the time to care for our church and grounds. Your help was very much appreciated!!

### Assisted Suicide Vote

The UK Parliament will soon be voting on assisted suicide. Please scan the QR code or visit [www.carenotkilling.uk/petition](http://www.carenotkilling.uk/petition) to sign the petition and email your MP in a few easy clicks!



### The Choir of St Mary's Show

The Choir of St Mary's will present, *With Mary to Calvary* in St Mary's Church, on Wednesday evening at 7pm.

This is a wonderful way to start our preparation for The Triduum, and enter the Church's most sacred days with deep contemplation.

***It would be wonderful to see you all there!***

### SCIAF Wee Box Appeal

We kindly ask that any SCIAF WEE BOXES are returned no later than **Easter Sunday**.

If you are unable to return your WEE BOX before Easter Sunday, please count it yourself and make the donation to SCIAF online.

**£18 = Blankets     £40 = Warm Shelter  
£85 = Safety & Education of Children**



## Please Pray For The Following



**Recently Dead:** Sr Joan Conroy DC      St Catherine's  
                                  Tony Murphy      Hospitland Drive  
 Wendy Kennedy;

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** William Campbell; Frances Kelly; Thomas McCallum; John Fisher (Shotts); Eleonor Douglas; Anne Boyle; Mary & Jim McLaughlan; James Tait; Robert Kennedy; Gordon James;

**Funeral Arrangements:** Sr Joan Conroy Dc      Requiem Mass: Tuesday 15th April, 12noon  
                                  Tony Murphy      Requiem Mass: Monday 21st April, 11am

**Easter Remembrances:** If you would like Mass offered for your departed loves one, or indeed someone who is alive, over the Easter Octave, please put their names on an envelope and hand into the sacristy, or place in the collection bag with your weekly donation, before GOOD FRIDAY. Please ensure all names are printed and mark clearly EASTER REMEMBRANCE if they are deceased and EASTER MASS if alive. Thank you.

## St Mary's Stall

St Mary's Stall has a variety of Easter Mass Bouquets Cards, Eater General Cards and many lovely gifts on offer. Please support the stall if you can, the girls do a wonderful job keeping it stocked and well presented for parishioners and visitors alike.

## Readers for Palm Sunday & The Sacred Triduum in St Mary's

<u>Palm Sunday</u>		<u>Lord's Supper Thursday 7.30pm</u>		<u>Holy Saturday 8.30pm</u>	
5.00pm	<b>Reader</b> J. McBride	<b>Reader One</b>	E. O'Brien	<b>Reader One</b>	R. Colpitts
	<b>Narrator</b> G. Abernethy	<b>Reader Two</b>	S. O'Brien	<b>Reader Two</b>	F. Chung
	<b>Other</b> F. Chung	<b>Intercession</b>	M. Mouat	<b>Reader Three</b>	A. Haetzman
10.30am	<b>Reader</b> M. McCusker	<u>Good Friday 3pm Solemn Passion</u>		<b>Reader Four</b>	R. McConnell
	<b>Narrator</b> Patricia Roberts	<b>1st &amp; 2nd Reader</b>	C. Jackson	<b>Reader Five</b>	P. Roberts
	<b>Other</b> B. Farrell	<b>Narrator</b>	A. Haetzman		
		<b>Other Voices</b>	E. McCabe		
		<b>Intercessions</b>	R. Colpitts		

## Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,240.00
Standing Orders:	£ 356.00
Votives:	£ 180.00
Stall:	£ 95.00

## Donation

Thank you very much to the anonymous parishioner who donated £1,000 to St Mary's. The donation will be used to help cover the cost of a new sound system that will be installed in the choir loft in due course.

## St Mary's Ministry Rota

### Readers:

<u>12th/13th April</u>		<u>26th/27th April</u>	
5.00pm	J. McBride	5.00pm	A. Haetzman
10.30am	M. McCusker	10.30am	E. Crossan
5.00pm	S. Casserly	5.00pm	S. Casserly
<u>19th/20th April</u>			
See Separate rota			

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>12th/13th April</u>		<u>26th/27th April</u>	
5.00pm	M. Keenan	5.00pm	A. Dempsey
	C. Callaghan		J. McBride
10.30am	K. Lawrence	10.30am	J. Littlejohn
	J. McFarlane		A. O'Neill
	M. Russell		N. Keenan
<u>19th/20th April</u>			
8.30pm	F. McBride		
	R. Sinton		
10.30am	G. Duddy		
	A. Gillespie		
	M. Keenan		