



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



**Pentecost Sunday  
19th May 2024**

## **No Pentecost No Church**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Fifty days after Easter we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, in which we recall the manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit, who as wind and as fire descended upon the Apostles gathered together in the Upper Room, and enabled them to preach the Gospel to all nations with courage.

The mystery of Pentecost, which we rightly identify with the event of the Church's true "baptism", is not, however, exhausted by this. The Church in fact lives constantly from the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, without which she would exhaust her own strength, like a sailboat without the wind. Pentecost is renewed in a special way in certain powerful moments, whether this be at the local or the universal level, whether it be in small assemblies or in large ones. The Councils, for example, had sessions graced by special outpourings of the Holy Spirit, and among these is certainly the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council.



The Church knows countless "pentecosts" that vivify the local communities. Let us think of the liturgies, particularly those experienced in special moments of the community's life, in which the power of God is perceived in an evident way, infusing joy and enthusiasm in hearts. We may think of many other prayer gatherings in which young people clearly feel the call of God to root their lives in his love, even consecrating themselves entirely to him.

Thus there is no Church without Pentecost. And I would like to add that there is no Pentecost without the Virgin Mary. This is how it was at the beginning, in the Upper Room, where the disciples "with one accord devoted themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the Mother of Jesus, and with his brethren", as the Acts of the Apostles says. And this is how it always is, in every place and in every time. I witnessed it a short time ago at Fatima. What did that great multitude on the square in front of the Shrine experience, where we were truly all of one heart and one soul? It was a renewed Pentecost. In our midst was Mary, the Mother of Jesus. This is the typical experience at the great Marian sanctuaries Lourdes, Guadalupe, Pompeii, Loreto or even in the smaller ones. Wherever Christians gather in prayer with Mary, the Lord grants his Spirit.

Dear friends, on this Feast of Pentecost, we too would like to be spiritually united with the Mother of Christ and of the Church, faithfully invoking a renewed outpouring of the Paraclete. We invoke this for the whole Church, in particular, for all the ministers of the Gospel, that the message of salvation be proclaimed to all the nations.

*Pope Benedict XVI  
Regina Caeli  
St Peter's Square  
23rd May 2010*

# Weekly Parish Schedule

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

**Sunday 19th May** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

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

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

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

**Monday 20th May** *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 21st May**

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 22nd May**

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 23rd May**

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

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

**11.30am Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Brian McCardie (St Mary's)**

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

**Friday 24th May**

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

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

**Saturday 25th May** *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

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

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

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 Trinity Sunday (St Mary's)**

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

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

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

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

*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths."*

*Proverbs 3:5-6*

## Bar Volunteers Urgently Required

Already this year we are seeing an increased use of the Clubrooms with various bar functions and regular bookings confirmed; however, we are in urgent need of more bar volunteers to help at functions. We have a great group of volunteers already giving of their time, and with the Clubrooms getting busier we now need more volunteers to help share the load.



**As yet no one new has offered to volunteer and we are now looking to CANCEL booked events as we are unable to staff them. There is no doubt this will be detrimental to our parish and future events in the Clubrooms as the Clubrooms is a great source of financial income for the parish.**

If you can help in any way please contact Heather on: [07300857616](tel:07300857616) or [theclubrooms@outlook.com](mailto:theclubrooms@outlook.com)

### Monday Club

The Monday Club celebrates its 30th anniversary this year; catering for retired women from within and out with the parish, offering an opportunity for women to gather every two weeks in the Clubrooms to enjoy some friendship and light entertainment.

Over the past few years the Monday Club numbers have diminished, and if they do not increase, the Monday Club will no longer be viable.

The Committee would like to welcome new members to join, the next meeting is on Monday 27th May in St Mary's Clubrooms at 12noon.

### Deanery Questionnaire

Thank you to those who took the time to complete a Deanery Questionnaire and return it.

We will now spend some time collating and analysing the information and will be able to gauge where we are as a parish and how we can build for the future.

The clergy of the Deanery will meet this week to discuss the various parishes within the Deanery along with good practices and ideas will be shared.



### 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. Visitors always comment on how beautiful our church and grounds are, and that is due to the great volunteers!

At present, some of our volunteers have other commitments and we are looking for some help. If you are able to spare some time each week to help in the church gardens please contact Siobhan Gainford.

### St Mary's Security Fencing

Over the past few months we have been experiencing some antisocial behaviour at the rear of St Mary's Church - groups of young people have been gathering and causing a disturbance. Police Scotland are aware of the situation and are carrying out routine patrols.

As a preventative measure, a new 6ft security fence has been installed at the side of the church to block public access. Thank you to those who previously made donations, the money has helped cover some of the costs of the security fence.

### St Mary's Bell Tower

As scheduled, the structural inspection of St Mary's bell tower was carried out last week. Initial reports looked positive, and the steel beam and concrete, although rusted and delaminating, looked relatively healthy. The structural engineer asked for some of the plaster to be removed from the internal wall of the bell tower, as there was evidence of water ingress at that particular area. We can now confirm that some major work is required on the bell tower. The structural engineer is currently working on plans to reinforce and support the current steel beams and concrete platform directly below the bell. The affected area, along with the steel beams, is around 15 metres above the porch ceiling, and the entire internal section of the bell tower will have to be scaffolded to ensure a safe working zone. We anticipate this will be a costly repair, and we hope to give more details next weekend of the plan ahead.

### Box Planters

There are 8 wooden box planters outside the Flower Rooms door looking for a new home. If you would like to take one, please help yourself. Any donations received for the box planters will go to the Garden Fund for buying new plants for this summer. If you take a planter, a donation can be placed through the letter box or handed to Fr John-Paul clearly marked 'Planter'.



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## Please Pray For The Following:



**Recently Dead:** Brain McCardie      Pettinain  
Mary Tilford      Braxfield Terrace  
Margaret Maxfield      Biggar  
William Smith      Rhyber Avenue  
Evelyn Quinn; Gerry Brka; William (Billy) Bain; Joseph O'Toole; Tony O'Hara.

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** Jim McShane; Frank McMahan; Sandy Abernethy; Peter De-Schuster; Joseph McAreavy; John Murray; Marys Dowds.

**Funeral Arrangements:** Brian McCardie      Requiem Mass: Thursday 23rd May, 11.30am, St Mary's  
Mary Tilford      Requiem Mass: Wednesday 29th May, 9.30am, St Mary's  
William Smith      Rite of Committal: Tuesday 11th June, 2pm, St Mary's Cemetery

### Parish Finances

**St Mary's**  
Offertory Collection:      £ 1,194.00

**St Isidore's**  
Offertory Collection:      £ 95.00



*Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish*

**St Marys Mission RCDM**  
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### Bulletin - Front Cover

Thank you to all those who have composed, or selected articles for inclusion on the front cover of the weekly bulletin. Many parishioners have enjoyed reading them. If you have a topic you would like to see on the front cover of the bulletin, or indeed if you would like to write your own article (500 words), please email Fr John-Paul.



## St Mary's Ministry Rota

### Readers:

<b><u>18th/19th May</u></b>	<b><u>1st/2nd June</u></b>
5.00pm A. Haetzman	5.00pm C. Jackson
10.30am R. Colpitts	10.30am J. Russell
5.00pm S. Casserly	5.00pm M. Davis
<b><u>25th/26th May</u></b>	<b><u>8th/9th June</u></b>
5.00pm G. Abernethy	5.00pm R. Kane
10.30am P. Roberts	10.30am M. McCusker
5.00pm N. Donnelly	5.00pm S. Casserly

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<b><u>18th/19th May</u></b>	<b><u>1st/2nd June</u></b>
5.00pm J. McEwan	5.00pm A. Dempsey
C. McClafferty	C. Scott
10.30am J. Wilson	10.30am J. McAlavey
T. Mullen	V. Hilland
B. Farrell	D. McFarlane
<b><u>25th/26th May</u></b>	<b><u>8th/9th June</u></b>
5.00pm J. McClafferty	5.00pm P. Freel
K. Bryce	R. Sinton
10.30am P. Cunningham	10.30am J. McAlavey
A. Cruikshank	M. Davis
J. McAlavey	C. O'Brien