

St Mary's Lanark

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

15th September 2024

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

Sunday 15th September *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Monday 16th September *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 5pm*

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

1.00pm Parish Pilgrimage Mass at Carfin Grotto

Tuesday 17th September

10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon Angelus & Holy Mass

Wednesday 18th September

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

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

Thursday 19th September

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

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

Friday 20th September

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 21st September *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

9.00am Confessions until 9.25am

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary

4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Sunday 22nd September *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)





Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Norrie Innes; Therese Martin (Carfin); Peter Green (Aylesbury); Peter McCallum; Chrissie Anderson.

Months Minds & Anniversaries: John & Margaret Maxfield; Frank & Iza Devitt; Cecilia Cloonan (Liverpool); Anna & Gerry McDermott.

Prayers for the Dead: The Church has always urged the faithful to pray for those who have died, particularly by having Holy Mass offered for the repose of their soul. Pope Francis describes this as, 'the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly the most abandoned ones.' If you would like Mass offered for the repose of the soul of a loved one please write their name on an envelope with the Mass offering enclosed and give it to Fr John-Paul or hand it into the sacristy or post it through the chapel house letterbox.

Second Collection 7th/8th September

Thank you very much for your generosity to last weekend's second collection for Ecclesiastical Students - to help support the Diocese in covering the costs of those training for the priesthood.



The total raised was £975.00

300 Club: Winners

Week 7th July: **171**

Week 14th July: **290**

Week 21st July: **295**

Week 28th July: **25**

Week 4th August: **91**

Week 11th August: **121**

Week 18th August: **263**

Week 25th August: **120**

Just a reminder that monies can be placed in the offertory basket, along with your offertory collection, clearly marked with your name and 300 Club. Monies can also be handed into the sacristy or chapel house or paid standing order:

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As our 300 Club year draws to an end at the end of September, we take this opportunity to give everyone a gentle reminder to make sure all payments are up to date. We also ask that you let us know of any recent changes to address or telephone number as we use these to contact winners. We thank everyone for the continued support to the 300 Club as the funds from this help us cover essential costs for the parish.

If you wish to check where you are paid up to, inform us of a change of details, wish to join or have any other questions please leave a message on 01555 662234 or email stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,156.00
Standing Orders: £ 325.00
Votives: £ 216.00
Stall: £ 45.00

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



St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

14th/15th September

5.00pm T. Coia
10.30am E. McCabe
5.00pm M. Davis

28th/29th September

5.00pm C. Jackson
10.30am J. Russell
5.00pm N. Donnelly

21st/22nd September

5.00pm A. Haetzman
10.30am P. Roberts
5.00pm C. Casserly

5th/6th October

5.00pm J. McAlpine
10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

14th/15 September

5.00pm J. McEwan
C. McClafferty
10.30am J. Littlejohn
M. Keenan
N. Keenan

28th/29th September

5.00pm P. Freel
P. Stewart
10.30am G. Duddy
T. Mullen
B. Farrell

21st/22nd September

5.00pm J. McClafferty
K. Bryce
10.30am J. Wilson
A. O'Neil
N. Keenan

5th/6th October

5.00pm M. Keenan
P. Stewart
10.30am P. Cunningham
A. Cruikshank
J. McFarlane

Thinking of Becoming A Catholic?

If you are interesting in finding out more about becoming a Catholic please speak to Fr John-Paul. We have two young men who have already indicated that they would like to join the Church, and we will be starting to plan for the months ahead. The RCIA Program will run in St Mary's from October 2024 until March 2025. Please pray for those who are contemplating joining the Church.



St Andrew's Hospice Lanark Afternoon Tea

Last year it cost £9.7 million to run St Andrew's Hospice, of which £3.4 million was government funded and £6.3 million required through fundraising. The Hospice is so essential in today's world, especially when politicians are promoting assisted dying. The Hospice offers free palliative care to adults with life-limiting illnesses and their families.



In order to support the Hospice in their Fundraising the Lanark Hospice Shop is hosting an Afternoon Tea in St Mary's Clubrooms on Sunday 15th September between 11am - 3pm. Tickets cost £5 and can be purchased from St Andrew's Hospice Shop or you can pay at the door. Please join us if you can to support this great cause!!

Interactive Screen

We are delighted to launch the new Interactive Screen at the back of St Mary's church. The device is touchscreen and easy to use. It contains loads of history and other relevant information about our parish. We hope to add more information over time and the device can be updated on a regular basis. Please have a look at the machine, and if you would like to be involved with the project and gathering information please speak direct to Fr John-Paul.

Praying for Vocations

As part of St Mary's Parish ongoing efforts to pray for vocations to the priesthood in our diocese, we will recite the Vocations Prayer, issued by the Diocese for Vocations Awareness Week, at the end of the Holy Rosary every day.

It is important we pray for vocations in our parish, school and families, and the prayer card provides us with the perfect way to do that.

The Beginning Experience

The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood. The weekend will take place on 4th-6th October at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge.

For more information and bookings please contact Louise on 07926571004 or louisep398@gmail.com

Parish Disco - Saturday 19th October

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting a disco on Saturday 19th October. Tickets are £7, which includes entry and nibbles. The bar will be opened from 7.30pm till late.



For tickets, please contact any of the girls on the social committee.

Parish Day at Carfin Grotto

We are delighted to announce that our annual pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto will be on **Monday 16th September**. Mass will be celebrated in the Glass Chapel at 1pm, followed by High Tea in the Xavier Centre. The St Vincent de Paul society are organising the pilgrimage and have hired a bus which will leave St Mary's at 12noon and return around 4.45pm. There is a sheet in the stall for names.

Special Collection - St Mary's Gardening Fund

We are so blessed to have such beautiful grounds around our church, and more blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers take care of the grounds!! This year the circle has been beautiful with an array of new flowers and colours, and many people have commented how spectacular the colours are. We are always looking for more people to join our Gardening Team, to help with watering, planting and maintaining the circle and pots. We are also open to families "adopting" a pot or planter and taking care of it. For more information please contact Siobhan Gainford: siobhan.gainford@gmail.com

To help support the wonderful work of the gardeners a retiral collection will be taken up on 21st/22nd September.

“He summonsed his disciples”

If faith in dogma can be described as one way in which the mind can participate in the love of God, prayer may be described as another way.

Many people question whether prayer is meaningful at all. “If God knows everything, why tell him?” Asking such a question presupposes that the main purpose of prayer is to inform God of something. But prayer is really another form of communication altogether. It is a sort of loving dialogue in which one raises all one’s thoughts to God.



To refer to the analogy of romantic love, do the words “I love you,” or “Come to me, I need you,” ever become superfluous? What would you think of a boy who, when his girlfriend said, “I love you”, or “I need you”, would reply, “I already know that, so stop boring me”? It would sound very unloving. Or course, he knows hat she needs him and she knows that he knows; but it is part of the pleasure and security of love to feel free to express one’s thoughts and feelings without proudly waiting for the lover to elicit them.

This is true not only in romantic love, but in all profound relationships. It seems strange that often the same person who devotes himself so passionately to openness in relationship to friends and even acquaintances is so blind to the value of total sharing with God. When we love someone we feel free to say anything.

Evidently some think of God more as an object of admiration than of love, and so they speak to him exclusively in set terms which they are sure will be right and only about the most important topics. Or, if this seems artificial to them, they do not speak to him at all. The result is that their souls are full of dark corners into which God’s light cannot enter because they never bring these feelings to him in prayer... Prayer, clearly, has a different value from that of simply informing God about our needs. It is part of a love-dialogue in which our minds are continually opening themselves to him.

Ronda Chervin
Magnificat September edition

Readers Guidelines

Through the Liturgy of the Word, God speaks to his people, and therefore, it is important that His Word is proclaimed in a dignified manner, and that people are ready to listen. Below are a few guidelines in order to allow the readings to penetrate the hearts and minds of those who are listening.

When to move: The Reader should start to move forward when the congregation respond “Amen” to the Opening Prayer. This will give the congregation enough time to be seated and settled for the beginning of the Liturgy of the Word.

Announcing the Readings: We do not need to say “The First Reading” or “The Second Reading” we simply proclaim, “A reading from...” and continue the reading; reading slowly and clearly in order for people to listen to God speak through you.

Responsorial Psalm: Again we do not need to say phrases such as, “The Responsorial Psalm” or “The Response is”, simply read the Response at the beginning and look up for the congregation to repeat. At the end of each verse again simply look up to indicate to the congregation to respond.

Gospel Acclamation: The Gospel Acclamation will be sung by the choir/priest or omitted, therefore, after the Psalm or the Second Reading, please return to your place.

If you have any questions please speak to Fr John-Paul