

St Mary's Lanark

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th October 2024

Weekly Parish Schedule

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

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

10.30am Holy Mass for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Monday 14th October *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 5pm*

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Tuesday 15th October

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon Angelus & Holy Mass

Wednesday 16th October

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

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

Thursday 17th October

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 18th October

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 12th October *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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

7.00pm *Parish Disco (St Mary's Clubrooms)*

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

10.30am Holy Mass for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)





Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Susan Campbell Glebe Court
Sr Coyle D.C.; John W. Gillespie.

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Mary Murray; Ann MacDonald; Lynn Woods; Lisa M. Geddes; Susan Mulligan. Mary Tait.

Funeral Arrangements: Susan Campbell Committal Service: Thursday 17th October, 1pm, West Lothian Crem

*May their souls, and all the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*

Safeguarding

As part of the Diocese of Motherwell, St Mary's parish strives to follow all safeguarding protocols and procedures, especially when it comes to the protection of young people and vulnerable adults. All our volunteers undergo safeguarding training and, when appropriate, are enrolled on the PVG scheme. We are very lucky that we have good parish coordinators and safeguarding leaders who keep our training and risk assessments up to date. For any more safeguarding information, or if you have any areas of concern or would like to seek support or report abuse, please contact Veronica McKenna Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor veronicamckenna@rcdom.org.uk, or alternatively contact our parish Safeguarding Coordinators: Joan Highton joanhighton@btinternet.com or Anne Hilland anne.hilland@me.com We are extremely grateful to Anne and Joan, along with other safeguarding leaders, who dedicate so much time to keeping us all safe.



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Thank you for your support

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,235.00
Standing Orders: £ 445.00
Votives: £ 205.00
Stall: £ 150.00

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continued generosity



St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

<u>12th/13th October</u>		<u>26th/27th October</u>	
5.00pm	G. Abernethy	5.00pm	F. Chung
10.30am	E. McCabe	10.30am	P. Roberts
5.00pm	S. Casserly	5.00pm	S. Casserly
<u>19th/20th October</u>		<u>2nd/3rd November</u>	
5.00pm	R. McConnell	5.00pm	
10.30am	M. McCusker	10.30am	Children
5.00pm	M. Davis	5.00pm	M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>12th/13th October</u>		<u>26th/27th October</u>	
5.00pm	J. McEwan	5.00pm	A. Dempsey
	C. McClafferty		C. Scott
10.30am	C. Duddy	10.30am	J. Littlejohn
	V. Hilland		M. Keenan
	D. McFarlane		N. Keenan
<u>19th/20th October</u>		<u>2nd/3rd November</u>	
5.00pm	J. McClafferty	5.00pm	A. Dempsey
	K. Bryce		J. McBride
10.30am	J. McAlavey	10.30am	J. Littlejohn
	M. Davis		M. Keenan
	C. O'Brien		N. Keenan

New Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Thank you to those who have accepted the invitation to become Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion in our parish.

There will be a short training session (10mins) after all Masses this weekend, please wait behind.

Memorial Plaques

We have now received enough requests to place another order of Memorial Plaques. It is best that the orders are in bulk and not individual. If you would like to order a Plaque please hand a completed form, with payment, directly to Fr John-Paul, no later than **Sunday 27th October**.

St Mary's Afternoon Tea

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting an Afternoon Tea on **Sunday 10th November** at 1.30pm for 2pm in the Clubrooms. Tickets are priced £10 and this includes afternoon tea with Prosecco.

Tickets will be on sale at Masses on 5th and 6th October or alternatively please see any of the girls on social committee if you want to a ticket.



Missio Collection Next Weekend

Next weekend we celebrate World Mission Sunday, and at all Masses there will be a second collection to support the great work of Missio.

World Mission Sunday is one of the three annual papal collections when the global Church comes together to support our Catholic brothers and sisters who are in need of our help. Every collection and donation on this day supports churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor.

Daughters of Charity Provincial

After 9 years as Provincial of the Daughters of Charity of St Vincent de Paul, Sister Ellen Flynn has reached the end of her term. Sister Ellen is very well known to us in Lanark and is a frequent visitor to St Catherine's. We wish Sister Ellen well, and we assure her of our prayers as she takes a well earned rest. We also pray for Sister Theresa Tighe who has been selected as the new Provincial of the Province of Rosalie Rendu.

St Vincent de Paul pray for them

Insurance Premium

It is that dreaded time of the year again and we have received our annual insurance premium **£18,392.18**.

Our insurance is high due to the sheer beauty of the church buildings and covers the whole campus (3 grade A listed building). Some ask why we do not "shop around" for our insurance, and the answer is simple: we are insured by Catholic Insurance Service Ltd, owned by the mutuels (Bishops' Conference).

As many of you know, the 300 Club was founded to help cover the cost of our annual insurance premium. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who currently subscribe to the 300 Club, new members and those who have supported it faithfully since it was formed, because without your support we would not financially be able to meet the rising costs associated with insuring our beautiful church.

With the ever rising running costs of our church buildings, we are extremely grateful to everyone who contributes in any way, small or great; without your continued support and generosity St Mary's would not survive. Thank You *Fr John-Paul*

Some Good Tips for Readers & Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Readers:

1. Please continue to speak clearly whilst projecting your voice directly into the microphone. If you whisper in, then a whisper comes out. If you need to, adjust the microphone before Mass to make sure it is in the correct position.
2. For the Universal Prayers of Intercession (Bidding Prayers) please make your way to the ambo during the final few lines of the Creed. The reader should be at the ambo and ready before the priest begins the Opening Prayer.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

1. For Communion, can the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion make their way to the sanctuary as soon as the "Lamb of God" begins. Extraordinary Ministers should be in place on the sanctuary for this prayer finishing and facing the altar for the priest saying: "Behold the Lamb of God".

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

Synod on Synodality - October 2024

Currently 368 bishops, clergy, religious and laypeople from around the world are gathered in Rome for the Oct. 2-27 closing session of the Synod of Bishops on Synodality, a multi-year process of consultation aimed at making the Church a more collaborative and welcoming place for its members. So far the role of women in the Church, specifically the call for them to occupy more meaningful positions of leadership and authority, has been a primary talking point throughout the 3-year consultation, with hot-button issues such as the women's diaconate and women's priestly ordination being among the most contested.



With the question of women's ordination removed from this year's synod discussion, participants were asked on Monday what other possibilities they saw for women assuming leadership and governance roles that did not involve Holy Orders. Sister Mary Teresa Barron, president of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG), a global leadership body of women religious, told journalists that "there are many good practices from all around the world" who are already in leadership roles. To this end, she noted that one of her small group members this week was a woman who served as chancellor for her local diocese. "We're actually quite ignorant of what's possible at the moment. There's a list of the possibilities that exist, and we should share that good practice and learn from each other," she said.

Sister Barron noted that discussion on the issue is often pigeonholed into "can women or can they not be ordained," but voiced her belief that the question must be approached in terms of, "is the spirit calling women?" "Some women do sense a call to the priesthood or the diaconate," Barron said, voicing her belief that discussion must focus on "the spirit calling to ministry today and in terms of the needs of mission today, are those calls there, and can we continue the discussion?"

Sheila Leocádia Pires, who serves as Communications Officer for the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference and secretary of the synod's information commission, said she also believes the discussion should be broader, focusing on laypeople generally, and not just women. "If you look at our discussions today, it has to do with relations, how we look at the different charisms, for example, how do we use our charisms not for my own personal gain, for the unity of the Church," she said. What participants are looking into, Pires said, are "the different gifts that laypeople have, not necessarily just women, but laypeople."

"There's a lot more to be addressed instead of just looking at the diaconate of women or the ordination of women. All of that is being discussed under the title of the laity, what sort of ministries can the Church offer to the laity," she said. Likewise, Archbishop Gintaras Grušas of Vilnius, Lithuania and president of the Council of European Episcopal Conferences (CCEE), warned that "there's a danger of focusing on one section or a lot of topics." "The role of women is important, and we have to be careful that it doesn't shut out a lot of other important topics and charisms and ministries," he said, noting that at one point in the synod's official working document, a section dedicated to women ends saying, "basically this all applies to laymen as well." There have been comments within the synod assembly on the role of laypeople generally, including laymen, as well as comments on how the work of laypeople generally in families and in whatever jobs they hold "must be correctly valued."

"One or another part of the discourse should not skew that vocational call," Grušas said. On the issue of the women's diaconate, Gracias noted that two previous commissions established to study the issue, the first of which was formed in response to a request from the UISG in 2016, "weren't able to arrive at a very clear conclusion." Now, he said, the issue has been given to a study group, meaning that "it's been taken off and now it's part of a study group studying theological questions, so it will not be discussed in the synod." Gracias noted that during the last three meetings of the Council of Cardinals, there has been a session "devoted entirely to role of women in the Church," evaluating the issue from a theological, pastoral, and canonical perspective. "So, it's a matter of great importance, of great concern, and the Holy Father has personally taken an interest," he said.