

St Mary's Lanark

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3rd Sunday of Easter

4th May 2025

Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 4th May St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass

10.30am Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

11.15am Monthly Coffee Morning (St Mary's Clubrooms)

12noon Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)

12.35pm Light Bite (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

Monday 5th May 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 6th May

10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon Regina Caeli & Holy Mass

Wednesday 7th May

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

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

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

Thursday 8th May

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Friday 9th May

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 10th May 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

11.00am First Holy Communion for the Children of St Mary's Primary School

4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm

4.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

Sunday 11th May St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass

10.30am Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)



The Papal Conclave

The reign of Pope Francis is over, and as the Catholic Church mourns his death, it is also looking to the future. Soon, a papal conclave must be held to choose his successor, and the question now turns to who will emerge and step onto the balcony in papal regalia to greet the crowds massed in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican.

The papal conclave is the closely-guarded gathering of the cardinal electors — all serving cardinals under the age of 80 — to elect the next pope. The exact number varies, but there are currently about 135 cardinal electors who will convene at the Vatican from around the world to choose the successor to Pope Francis. Of those eligible this time around, a large majority — 108 of them — were appointed by Pope Francis during his 12-year papacy. They come from 71 different countries: 4 from Oceania; 4 from Central America; 10 from U.S.; 16 from North America; 17 from South America; 17 from Italy; 18 from Africa; 23 from Asia; 53 from Europe.



How this assembly proceeds to choose the next pope is a process that dates back hundreds of years — an intricate, choreographed procession of rituals and ballots.

On the first day of the papal conclave, the cardinal electors will shut themselves off from the outside world and begin the momentous task of choosing — likely from among their own ranks — the man who will become the 267th Bishop of Rome, better known as the pope. On Day One, the cardinals celebrate a morning Mass in St. Peter's Basilica. In the afternoon, they walk in a solemn procession into the Sistine Chapel, which will have undergone a security sweep to check for any illicit recording devices before their arrival. Once the cardinals have all filed into the chapel, its great bronze doors are dramatically closed and sealed, and the first day's voting begins.

For centuries, the cardinal electors were physically locked inside the Sistine Chapel until they elected a new pontiff, left to eat and sleep beneath Michelangelo's vivid Renaissance masterpiece. These days, they do leave to rest and share meals at Santa Marta House — a hotel-like residence inside Vatican City where Francis had his own personal apartment during his pontificate — for however many days it takes them to come to a decision.

The cardinals will have already discussed the merits of each papal prospect during days of "general congregations" at the Vatican before the conclave, but now the voting begins. Choosing the new pope requires not just a majority, but a two-thirds plus-one vote among the cardinal electors for a candidate to win. Each cardinal must swear an oath of absolute secrecy before they vote. If they disclose any information from within the conclave they will be excommunicated by the church. To vote, each cardinal writes their chosen candidate's name on a ballot, disguising his handwriting, then walks to an altar at the front of the chapel and deposits the paper onto a ceremonial plate. He then tips the ballot from the plate into a chalice-urn. As they are counted and the handwritten entries recorded by three cardinals at the altar, known as scrutineers, the ballots are deposited into another urn. A third urn, made of gilded bronze and silver and adorned with Christian imagery, is used to ferry ballots from any cardinals too ill to leave their sleeping quarters to the chapel for counting.

After the first vote is held on the first afternoon, the cardinals' ballots are placed into one of two small ovens inside the Sistine Chapel and burned. A plume of smoke flows up a chimney and into the air over St. Peter's Square, watched for eagerly by the faithful, and the world's media. If that round of voting yields no winner, the smoke will be black — a sign to the world that the Holy See remains vacant. The voting process will repeat itself the following day, with the cardinals holding two ballots in the morning and two in the afternoon. If the morning sessions are inconclusive, black smoke will be seen again around lunchtime.

Recent conclaves, however, have lasted just days. Pope John Paul II needed eight ballots, over two days, to become the pontiff in 1978. His successor, Benedict XVI, was chosen on the fourth ballot, after two days, in 2005. Francis, in 2013, needed a mere five ballots, with the voting taking just 24 hours.

When enough cardinals agree on a candidate and the vote reaches the two-thirds-plus-one threshold, the chosen man is asked if he accepts the role. He will acknowledge by simply saying the word for "I accept" in Latin: "Accepto." At that point, he becomes the new pope and will state his chosen pontifical name before the assembled cardinals. The most common papal name has been John, used 21 times. Others, including Simplicius, Hilarius and Zosimus, have only ever been used once. Pope Francis was also the first to choose his papal name.

The ballots are then burned in the stove, but this time, a chemical additive is left out to create the much-anticipated plume of "fumata bianca," white smoke. There has been confusion during some past conclaves over the colour of the smoke rising over the chapel, so two conclaves ago, in 2005, a new tradition began. In addition to the white smoke, bells now chime, heralding the news that the Roman Catholic Church has a new leader. The new pope then immediately goes into a chamber adjoining the Sistine Chapel to be clad in the papal robes. As the faithful and the curious crowd into St. Peter's Square below, the cardinal deacon steps out onto the central balcony of St. Peter's Basilica to introduce the new pontiff with the famous phrase, "Habemus papa" — We have a pope. Finally, the new leader of the Catholic Church emerges into the spotlight to deliver his first blessing.

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,386.00
Standing Orders:	£ 453.50
Votives:	£ 170.00
Stall:	£ 45.00

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*Thank you for your
continued generosity.*

St Mary's Quiz Night

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting a Quiz Night on **Friday 16th May 2025**. Clubrooms will open at 7pm with Quiz starting at 7.30pm.

If you are planning to enter a team, please can you let a member of the social committee know. Entry price is £2.00 per person. Maximum number in team is 6 people.



The Bar will be open for refreshments.

Bulletin - Front Cover

Thank you to all those who have previously composed, or selected articles for inclusion on the front cover of the weekly bulletin.

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 send an email to Fr John-Paul.

SCIAF Wee Box Appeal

Thank you to all those who returned SCIAF WEE BOXES to the parish. As per previous years, the WEE BOX return has been minimal with less than 50% of WEE BOXES distributed being returned.

If you still have your WEE BOX and wish to donate the contents to SCIAF, please transfer the money direct to SCIAF

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Volunteer Drivers Required

To meet with demand in the Lanark and Biggar areas, Lanarkshire Cancer Care Trust are actively seeking more Volunteer Drivers to join our charity. We are a small local charity. We provide Volunteer Drivers to take Lanarkshire Cancer Patients to and from their much-needed hospital treatments and clinical appointments.

Our free service is primarily for people who have no other means of getting to their appointments and who couldn't cope with hospital transport. Our drivers give their time and vehicles free of charge, with many driving for as little as one-day-per-week. We repay them 45p in fuel costs for every mile they travel on behalf of those who most need our help.

More information is available on the leaflet at the back of the church or www.lcctdrivers.com

Parish Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto

This year our parish pilgrimage to Carfin, organised by our wonderful SSVP, will take place on Monday 12th May. There is no charge for attending and there is a sheet at the stall for those who wish to attend.

Coach leaves St Mary's 11am, Angelus & Rosary at the Lourdes Shrine 12noon, Holy Mass 1pm, Afternoon Tea 2pm, Stations of the Cross 3pm, coach departs Carfin 4pm.

Memorial Plaques

Many people have asked about ordering a memorial plaque for a loved one. The Memorial Wall still has limited space and will be first come first serve basis. Forms are now available in the stall and can be completed and returned direct to Fr John-Paul. The order will be submitted to Paterson's Memorials on Friday 30th May.



Motherwell Diocese Justice & Peace Relaunch - 22nd May

Motherwell Diocese has a history of active support for Justice & Peace and we are seeking to revive this as part of the Wellspring Project at the invitation of Bishop Toal. All who are interested in working and praying for a just and peaceful world is warmly invited to attend a relaunch event on Thursday, 22nd May. Mass in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral at 7pm celebrated by Bishop Toal followed by gathering at 7.30pm in the Diocesan Centre. Contact paulfoley@rcdom.org.uk for questions or more info.

***Justice & Peace is always a cause worth praying for and supporting at parish level.
If you would be interested in being part of a parish justice & Peace commission
please speak to Fr John-Paul.***



Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: His Holiness Pope Francis, Monsignor Charlie Cavanagh (Paisley Diocese); Martha Whip;

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Father Joseph Brannigan; Canon Willie Dunnachie; Monteith Family; Thomas Bowie; Jim McShane; Michael McLaughlan; May Welsh; Mary & Charlie Binnie; William & Elaine Wilson;

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; 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 Brannen; Edgar Family; Peter Skelly; Grace McGregor; Thomas & Helen Lamb; Thomas Lamb Jnr; Lamb Family; McGuigan Family; William & Sarah Dunnachie; Dunnachie Family; Michael Pavilonis; Paul & Cathie Millar; Paul & Nee Millar; Janice Millar; Cathy Gallagher; Emilio & Cesarina Coia; Guiseppe Molinaro; Hynds Family; Graham Family; Joe McAllister; Peter & Susan Mulligan; Annie Duffy; Briget Donnelly; Jack McGowan; Frank & Bridget Brady; Fr MacMorrow; Arthur Christie; John & Jessica Christie; Rena & Jimmy Travers; Mary & John Christie; Sarah & Joseph Quinn; Owen, Margaret & John Dempsey; Lisa Katherine McAlavey; John McAlavey; Blanche McAlavey; Gerard Mays Snr; Gerard Mays Jnr; Brian Mays; Susan Mays; John O'Neill; John Donnelly; Kate Hanlon; Edward Hanlon; Anne Lindsay; Archie Lindsay; Mary Sheely; Micheal Sheely; Kate Nevin & Brothers; Margaret & Denis Docherty; Annie & Archie McMillan; Margaret, John & Bobby Dykes; Rosina Baird; Baby Luca Gunning; Peter & Eleonora De-Shuster; Sarah Quinn; Jessica Christie; Arthur Kane; Mary & Jim McLaughlan; Mary, Bill & Stephen Murray; Anne & John Boyle; Michael McLaughlan; Lizanne Inglis; Marion & Dan O'Donnell; Mary & Charlie Binnie; Bette & Dave Haggerty; Helen & James Donnachie; Paul Donnachie; Donnachie Family; Alex & Sandy McLellan; Graham Munro; Leah & Albert Welsh; Vincent Morton; Morton Family; Sandy McLean; Mary McLean; Catherine McLean; Jessie Clark; Frank & Susan Mackie; Alys Scott; John Scott; Maisie Conlon; Veronica McKenna; Charles McKenna; Anne Power; Joanne Strain; Donald Liddell; Marion Doyle; John & Marion Renton; Hugh & Jean McNamara; Tony & Alison Filmer; Oliver Jones; Mary Jane & Jim Brennan; Agnes Jack; Anne Elder; Agnes & John Kennedy; Evelyn Grant Quinn; Thomas Cloonan; Cecelia Cloonan; Mark Cloonan; Cloonan Family (Liverpool); Rotherham Family; James Callaghan; Anna Marshall; Agnes & Alice Bamford; Callaghan Family (Sligo); Stephen Crawley; Thomas, Molly & James McKeown (Shotts); Barbara Gaffney; James McCardie; Sarah & Jimmy McEwan; Anne Pasiley; Andrew Sharkey; Paul Halloran; Halloran Families; Robert & Helen Dennis; Mayes Families; McMorran families; May & Veronica Quinn; Maureen Mathers; Patricia McGarrigle; Joe McGarrigle; Gerry McGarrigle; McGarrigle Family; Dean Family; Dowds Family; Noone Family; Farrell Family; Tadzick & Mary Elizabeth Fox; John Kerr; David Tinto; Cammie Murray; Ron Meldrum; Eileen Prior; Janette Irvine; Deceased Members of the Choir of St Mary's; Daniel & Catherine Stewart; McConville Family; Geoff Coyle; May Quinn; Rosemary McManus; Francis & Grace McManus; Francis McManus Jnr; Willie Connor; Ian Connor; Mark Stewart;

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

3rd/4th May

5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am A. Servers
5.00pm T. Coia

17th/18th May

5.00pm R. McConnell
10.30am E. McCabe
5.00pm N. Donnelly

10th/11th May

5.00pm F. Chung
10.30am M. McCusker
5.00pm M. Davis

24th/25th May

5.00pm J. McBride
10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

3rd/4th May

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

17th/18th May

5.00pm M. Keenan
C. Callaghan
10.30am C. Duddy
D. McFarlane
I. Maxfield

10th/11th May

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

24th/25th May

5.00pm F. McBride
R. Sinton
10.30am K. Lawrence
J. McFarlane
M. Russell