

St Mary's Lanark

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3rd Sunday of Lent

23rd March 2025

Gift Aid Scheme

Our parish is the core of our catholic life and the heart of our community. It would not be possible to do what we do at St Mary's without the generosity of parishioners who give their time and skills in service to parish ministry and through their weekly offertory donations. We are so blessed that so many people are motivated by the Holy Spirit to do this.

The fantastic fundraising efforts of the Social Committee, the income generated by the work of the staff and volunteers in the Clubrooms, Donations made (often for specific items) and especially our weekly collections are all critical. However, one of the most important elements of the financial life of the parish is Gift Aid.

Gift Aid is a fantastic way for any tax payer (including pensioners who pay tax) to support the parish. Gift Aid allows charities to reclaim tax on money given to them by a UK taxpayer. It's really simple: you complete just one form which is available at the back of the church and after that 25% of whatever you give is added to your donation. It's like free money from your taxes directly to the parish.

For example, if you give £10 per week, which is £520 each year you would have paid £130 income tax on this amount. By completing a Gift Aid form you give the church authority to reclaim this amount of tax from the Inland Revenue, making the total amount you have given to the parish £650.

There are three popular misconceptions about Gift Aid:

"I'm a pensioner Gift Aid doesn't apply to me"

If you pay tax on a pension or Capital Gains Tax on investments you can Gift Aid up to the amount of tax you have paid.

"I'm a higher rate tax payer, I'm not eligible"

If you fill in the Gift Aid form, the parish can claim an extra 25p for every £1.00 and you can reclaim the difference between the basic and higher rate tax for yourself when you complete your tax return.

"My tax will go up if I claim Gift Aid"

No, Gift Aid is retrospective. It has nothing to do with future taxes, it's about tax you've already paid.

So if you have income (salary, pensions or investment income) on which you pay UK income tax, you can boost the money you give to the parish by 25% without paying any extra.

If you haven't already, please complete one of the forms at the back of the church, and return it to the sacristy or pop it into the collection basket.



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 23rd March *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

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

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

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

Monday 24th March *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

10.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.55am

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

12noon Stations of the Cross

12.45pm Alpha Course until 2.30pm (St Mary's Clubrooms)

Tuesday 25th March

8.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's Primary School)

10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

11.40am Stations of the Cross

12noon Angelus, Holy Mass & Novena to St Anthony

Wednesday 26th March

9.10am Stations of the Cross

9.30am Holy Mass

10.00am Prayer Group (St Catherine's)

10.00am Church Cleaning

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

Thursday 27th March

8.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's Primary School)

9.10am Morning Prayer of the Church

9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph

12noon **Funeral Service for Jean Dow (South Lanarkshire Crematorium)**

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

Friday 28th March

9.10am Divine Mercy Chaplet

9.30am **Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Eleanor Douglas**

Saturday 29th March *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 **Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Johanna Bamford**

12noon Stations of the Cross

4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm

4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary

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

7.30pm **Parish Disco (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

Sunday 30th March *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

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

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

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



Wishaw Deanery Adoration & Stations

As we continue to celebrate this Jubilee Year, we are encouraged, as 'Pilgrims of Hope,' to visit a church outside of our own parish. To facilitate this endeavour, the Wishaw Deanery is offering opportunities for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Stations of the Cross during Lent.

Day	Location	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	Station of the Cross
Monday	St Mary's, Lanark	10.00am until 12noon	12noon
Monday	St Ignatius', Wishaw	6.00pm until 7.00pm	7.00pm
Tuesday	St Aidan's, Coltness	10.30am until 12noon	12noon
Tuesday	St Athanasius', Carluke	6.00pm until 7.00pm	7.00pm
Wednesday	St Ignatius', Wishaw	10.00am until 12noon	12noon
Thursday	St Patrick's, Craigneuk	6.00pm until 7.00pm	7.00pm
Friday	St Mary's, Lanark	9.00am until 9.25am	-----
Saturday	St Mary's, Lanark	10.00am until 12noon	12noon
Sunday	St Thomas', Wishaw	4.30pm until 5.00pm	4.00pm

St Mary's Big Tidy - Saturday 12th April

In preparation for summer Fr John-Paul is asking for volunteers to help tidy the grounds of St Mary's Church on **Saturday 12th April from 10am until 12noon**. We plan on carrying out the following tasks and we really need your help: cutting the grass; strimming the boarders; wedding Calvary Circle and boxes; house, church & clubrooms gutters; painting the main gates and railing; varnishing external doors.



All material and equipment will be provided, and hopefully we can also get some volunteers to make tea/coffee in the Clubrooms for those helping. Please consider coming along and giving a few hours to benefit the parish.

St Mary's Social Committee

The Social Committee would like to thank everyone who took the time to share their ideas using the suggestion box. All suggestions and ideas will be considered when planning future events. Thank you.

Holy Trinity Light Bite

Thank you to those who provide the food and drinks for the monthly light bite. It is such a great way to maintain the social aspect of our community and provide valuable funds for the chosen charities. God bless you.

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.

Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Our Monthly Foodbank Collection will take place **next weekend**. Bags of groceries can be handed in to the sacristy or to a Passkeeper, and any monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket clearly marked 'FOODBANK'.

Retired & Sick Priest Collection

Thank you for your generosity to last weekend's second collection for the sick and retired priests of the Diocese. The total raised was £835.00. God bless your generosity!

SCIAF Sunday Second Collection

Each year on the Fourth Sunday of Lent we offer up prayers and provide practical support for the work of SCIAF - Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund. A Second Collection will be taken up at all Masses on 29th/30th March.



Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Eleanor Douglas

Jean Dow

Johanna Bamford

Wallace Court

Woodburn Court, Hamilton

Kirkfield Lodge

Wendy Kennedy; Karen Anne Sweeney; Sean Groome;

Months Minds & Anniversaries: John Dempsey; Fie Duddy; June Hutton;

Funeral Arrangements: Jean Dow

Eleanor Douglas

Johanna Bamford

Funeral Service: Thursday 27th March, 12noon, SL Crematorium

Requiem Mass: Friday 28th March, 9.30am, St Mary's

Requiem Mass: Saturday 29th March, 9.30am, St Mary's

Mothers' Day Remembrance

Next Sunday is Mothering Sunday, if you would like Mass offered for your Mother on Sunday please put their name on an envelope and hand it into the sacristy or post through the chapel house letter box before Friday 5pm. If they are deceased please clearly mark DECEASED on the envelope and their names will be recorded in the bulletin.

We kindly ask that you print all names to save any mistakes.

300 Club: January & February Winners

Now that the Bank of Scotland no longer has a Lanark branch we are asking for **all subscriptions** for the 300 Club to be paid by Standing Order using the details below. Many people already pay through the bank weekly/monthly/annually and they will not need to change anything! But, for those who pay cash or cheque, we ask that you set up a standing order. We thank you very much for your assistance and understanding and it is hoped that by becoming cashless we will save countless trips to Bank of Scotland Larkhall branch.

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If you would like to join the 300 Club please you can set up a standing order using the details above and email Kathleen who will then supply you with a lucky number: stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk

Theology on Tap - Our Lady & St John's Blackwood ML11 9RZ

Fr Sean is hosting the next Theology on Tap in Our Lady & St John's Parish Hall on Monday 24th March beginning at 6.30pm with the talk beginning at 7.00pm. The speaker this month is Anne Marie Clements from Justice & Peace Scotland who will explore the Catholic Social Teaching of the Church. All welcome.

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,275.00

Standing Orders: £ 132.00

Votives: £ 230.00

Stall: £ 80.00

St Marys Mission RCDM

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Thank you *for your*

continued generosity

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

22nd/23rd March

5.00pm R. McConnell

10.30am R. Colpitts

5.00pm S. Casserly

5th/6th April

5.00pm C. Jakson

10.30am A. Servers

5.00pm N. Donnelly

29th/30th March

5.00pm A. Haetzman

10.30am P. Roberts

5.00pm M. Davis

12th/13th April

5.00pm J. McBride

10.30am M. McCusker

5.00pm S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

22nd/23rd March

5.00pm A. Dempsey

J. McBride

10.30am J. Littlejohn

A. O'Neill

N. Keenan

29th/30th March

5.00pm C. Scott

S. Callaghan

10.30am V. Hilland

M. Thomson

B. Farrell

5th/6th April

5.00pm K. Bryce

A. McGowan

10.30am C. Duddy

D. McFarlane

I. Maxfield

12th/13th April

5.00pm M. Keenan

C. Callaghan

10.30am K. Lawrence

J. McFarlane

M. Russell