

St Mary's Lanark

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4th Sunday of Easter

Good Shepherd Sunday

11th May 2025

Habemus Papam! Pope Leo XIV

The first Augustinian Pope, Robert Prevost - now Leo XIV - is the second Roman Pontiff from the Americas after Pope Francis. He is from the northern part of the American continent, born in Chicago, though he spent many years as a missionary in Peru.

The new Bishop of Rome was born on 14th September 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. He spent his childhood and adolescence with his family and studied first at the Minor Seminary of the Augustinian Fathers and then at Villanova University in Pennsylvania, where in 1977 he earned a Degree in Mathematics and also studied Philosophy.

In Rome, he was ordained a priest on 19th June 1982, at the Augustinian College of Saint Monica. Prevost obtained his licentiate in 1984; and the following year, while preparing his doctoral thesis, was sent to the Augustinian mission in Chulucanas, Piura, Peru (1985-1986). In 1987, he defended his doctoral thesis.

In 1999, he was elected Provincial Prior of the Augustinian Province of "Mother of Good Counsel" in Chicago, and two and a half years later, the Ordinary General Chapter of the Order of Saint Augustine, elected him as Prior General, confirming him in 2007 for a second term. Pope Francis appointed him on 3rd November 2014, as Apostolic Administrator of the Peruvian Diocese of Chiclayo, elevating him to the episcopal dignity as Titular Bishop of the Diocese Sufar. He entered the Diocese on 7th November and was ordained a Bishop just over a month later, then he became the Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru, from 2015 to 2023.

His episcopal motto is "*In illo uno unum*" - words pronounced by Saint Augustine in a sermon on Psalm 127 to explain that "although we Christians are many, in the one Christ we are one."

On 30th January 2023, the Pope called him to Rome as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America, promoting him to the rank of Archbishop. Pope Francis created him Cardinal in the Consistory of September 30th of that year and assigned him the Diaconate of Saint Monica. He officially took possession of his Titular church on January 28th, 2024. Then, on 4th October 2023, Pope Francis appointed him as a member of the Dicasteries for Evangelisation, for the Doctrine of the Faith, for the Eastern Churches, for the Clergy, for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, for Culture and Education, for Legislative Texts, and of the Pontifical Commission for Vatican City.

The College of Cardinals elected him as the 267th Pope on the evening of 8th May 2025, and he took the Papal name Leo XIV (fourteenth), his first words to the crowds were 'Peace be with you... I too would like this greeting to enter your hearts, reach your families, to all people everywhere, to the earth', and then asked us all to walk together in faith. God bless our Pope!



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

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)
- 6.00pm **VE Day Commemoration Service (St Nicholas Parish Church)**

Monday 12th 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
- 11.00am **Parish Pilgrimage to Carfin Lourdes Grotto until 4pm**

Tuesday 13th 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 14th May

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass
- 10.00am **Church Cleaning**
- 7.00pm **Online Zoom Rosary (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)**

Thursday 15th May

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass
- 7.00pm **Sacrament of Confirmation for the Children of St Mary's Primary School**
- 7.30pm **The Choir of St Mary's Weekly Rehearsal (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

Friday 16th May

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass
- 7.00pm **Parish Quiz Night (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

Saturday 17th 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
- 4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm
- 4.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 5.00pm **Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)**

Sunday 18th May *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)
- 12noon Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)



Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,568.00
Standing Orders:	£ 356.50
Votives:	£ 150.00
Stall:	£ 40.00

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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.



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.***

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.



VE Day Commemoration Service

On Sunday 11th May Lanark Churches will unite with the Community Council to commemorate VE Day - commemorating the surrender of German forces to the Allied powers at the end of World War II.

The Commemoration Service will be held in St Nicholas Parish Church at 6pm, and all are invited to attend.



Praying for Vocations

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

If you feel called to the priesthood, or would like to find out more, please contact Fr Sean Wyllie, Diocesan Vocation Promoter: frwyllie@rcdom.org.uk

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? If so please contact Fr John-Paul to find out more. We are hoping that our RCIA Program will begin very shortly. We already have 4 young people signed up to the course this year.

A survey by the Bible Society and YouGov finds those aged 18-34, which includes Gen Z and Millennials, are newly drawn to Christian beliefs, with renewed interest not only in being part of a church but also in prayer, reading the Bible and social activism based on faith.

Congratulations

We offer a huge congratulations to the 10 boys and girls from St Mary's Primary School who received their First Holy Communion yesterday, Saturday 10th May.

We also offer our prayerful support to the 5 boys and girls from St Mary's Primary School who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, 15th May, when Bishop Toal will visit the parish.

We thank Mrs Allen and her Staff for preparing the children for the Sacraments and encouraging them in their faith.



Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: His Holiness Pope Francis; Elizabeth Quinn (Hamilton); Walter Stewart (Hamilton);

Months Minds & Anniversaries: All Victims of War, especially of World War II; Joseph Michael Kelly; Jim Beveridge; Pat McTaggart; Michael McLaughlan; Hugh Starrs;

We honour the lives lost, the sacrifices made, and the unity that brought an end to tyranny. May their legacy inspire us to stand for justice, to seek peace with humility, and to cherish the freedoms we now enjoy.

Guide us to be peacemakers in our own time, with hearts full of gratitude and hope.

Amen.



300 Club

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

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.

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

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

17th/18th May

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

31st May/1st June

5.00pm C. Jackson
10.30am A. Servers
5.00pm T. Coia

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

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

17th/18th May

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

31st May/1st June

5.00pm A. Dempsey
J. McBride
10.30am G. Duddy
A. Gillespie
M. Keenan