

St Mary's Lanark

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27th October 2024

Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 27th October *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Monday 28th October *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 29th October

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon Angelus & Holy Mass

Wednesday 30th 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 31st 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 1st November

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 2nd November *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 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Sunday 3rd November *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)





Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Francis Snow St Leonard Street
Valentino Molinaro; John Docherty (Erskine); Brian Mayes; Bert Graham; Ella O'Neill (Coatbridge).

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Rodger McConnell; Joseph McCabe.

Funeral Arrangements: Francis Snow Reception: Sunday 3rd November 4pm
Requiem Mass: Monday 4th November 9.30am

Blessed are those who have died in the Lord, let their good deeds go with them.

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.



We are committed to the
NATIONAL CATHOLIC
SAFEGUARDING STANDARDS

St Mary's 300 Club

Subscription to the 300 Club is available through cash payment - placing your subscription in an envelope clearly marked 300 CLUB along with YOUR NAME and handing it into the sacristy or placing in the offertory collection with your weekly offering, or by bank transfer
St Mary's Lanark 80-12-97 10246763

Holy Trinity Chapel Livestream

After discussions with the parishioners who attend Holy Trinity Chapel, Lamington, and receiving encouragement and support from the Biggar Museum Trust Trustees, we are delighted to announce that Holy Mass will be livestreamed from Holy Trinity Chapel on the second Sunday of each month on the parish Facebook page.

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 855.00
Standing Orders: £ 135.50
Votives: £ 160.00
Stall: £ 125.00

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



St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

26th/27th October		9th/10th November	
5.00pm	F. Chung	5.00pm	C. Jackson
10.30am	P. Roberts	10.30am	M. McCusker
5.00pm	S. Casserly	5.00pm	S. Casserly
2nd/3rd November		16th/17th November	
5.00pm	T. Coia	5.00pm	G. Abernethy
10.30am	A. Servers	10.30am	R. Colpitts
5.00pm	M. Davis	5.00pm	M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

26th/27th October		9th/10th November	
5.00pm	A. Dempsey	5.00pm	C. Scott
	C. Scott		S. Callaghan
10.30am	J. Littlejohn	10.30am	V. Hilland
	M. Keenan		M. Thompson
	N. Keenan		B. Farrell
2nd/3rd November		16th/17th November	
5.00pm	A. Dempsey	5.00pm	K. Bryce
	J. McBride		A. McGowan
10.30am	J. Littlejohn	10.30am	C. Duddy
	M. Keenan		D. McFarlane
	N. Keenan		I. Maxfield

Missio Sunday Collection Thank You

Thank you for 'going and inviting everyone to the banquet' on World Mission Sunday! Your generous donation of £830.00, to Missio Scotland, will help to support the missionary work of the Church and is a real blessing for missions! Please continue to pray for missionaries and for the people to whom they bring the Good News of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous missionary spirit!



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 on sale at all Masses or alternatively
please see any of the girls on Social Committee if you want a ticket.**

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**.

November - Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month traditionally dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls; those men, women and children who have gone before us in faith, helping them pass through purgatory and reach the eternal joys of heaven.

During November Holy Mass will be offered each day for all those names on our November Lists, which are placed before our altar. Lists are available at the back of the church, and completed lists can be handed into the sacristy, placed in the 'November List' box at the Lady Altar or placed in the collection basket with your weekly offering.

Parish Disco Thank You

Thanks to everyone who came along to the disco. Our DJ was brilliant as always, the mix of music was excellent, catering for all age groups. It was great to welcome a few new faces as well as our regular supporters. It was a fantastic night raising £420. A special thank you to John and Trisha our bar volunteers - we couldn't have done it without you.

Saint Mary's Social Committee

St Mary's Winter Opening Times

During the winter months less people visit our church in the early evening, therefore, our winter opening times will be Monday - Friday 8am until 3pm, Saturday and Sunday 8am until after 5pm Mass. These times will take immediate effect.

St Vincent de Paul Outreach

We are very lucky to have such an active and committed St Vincent de Paul Conference in our parish, who strive to seek new ways of reaching out to others.

Our St Vincent de Paul Conference needs your help!

If you are no longer able to get out much, or if you are looking for a regular visit or phone call, the St Vincent de Paul would like to help. Perhaps you know of someone who would benefit from a visit or phone call from St Vincent de Paul, then please seek their permission before contacting us.

The work of St Vincent de Paul is completely confidential and no one will know of their visit. It is important to remember that the St Vincent de Paul Society is not all about offering practical help, like money or food, but it is based on friendship and outreach.

If you would like a visit or phone call or if you know of someone else who would benefit, please contact our St Vincent de Paul Conference: 07565396878

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 in an enveloped cleared clearly marked 'FOODBANK'.

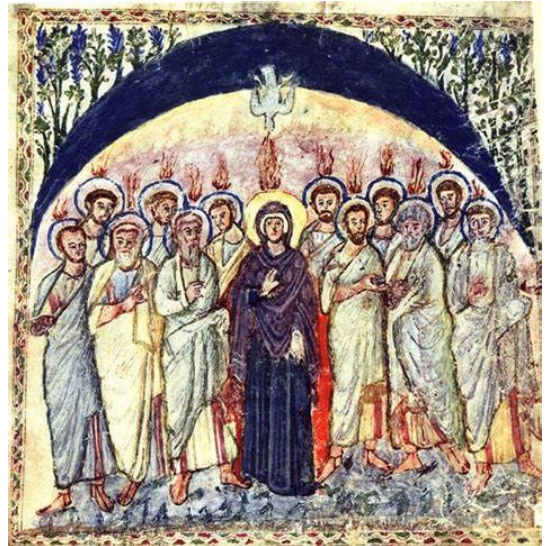


St Mary's Church Heating

With the constant rise in church heating it is important that we try and preserve as much heat as possible. One way to do this is by keeping the main doors of the church closed on cold mornings. As you enter or leave the church please close the door behind you.

Mary of the Holy Spirit

One thing the Catholic Church is not short of is titles for Our Lady. While the precedence of *Theotokos* ('God Bearer') and 'Mother of God' is undeniable, Mary's intercession is sought through a rich array of titles, including the events of her life, her virtues, ways in which she is understood to have been prefigured in the Old Testament, and an incalculable number of shrines and apparition sites. Probably the most well-known collection of Marian titles is the Litany of Loreto, often recited at the end of the rosary, where Mary is invoked both self-evidently as 'Mother of Christ' and 'Queen of all the saints' and in terms which many of those reciting the prayer would find difficult to explain, such as 'Tower of Ivory' and 'Singular Vessel of Devotion'. Both in this details litany and in much popular devotion, once the question 'where is the Spirit?' is raised, the absence of reference to Mary's relationship to the Holy Spirit is striking.



However, it is not just in relation to Mary that the Holy Spirit is often missing from Catholic prayer. For example, it was not until 1964 that 'Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete' was added to the Divine Praises, with Paul VI describing how he made this addition to fill a gap in popular piety of forgetfulness of the Holy Spirit. In post-conciliar years, and partially due to the influence of Catholic Charismatic Renewal, the Holy Spirit has come to have a more explicit role in Catholic spirituality.

In the fourteenth century, Theophanes of Nicaea acclaimed Mary as the 'image of the Spirit' by 'participation and grace', a depiction which would later be described as taking 'the step the Latins shrink from'. In recent decades, several Catholic theologians have taken up this way of portraying Mary, including Francois-Xavier Durrwell who explores what it means for Mary to be the 'icon of the Spirit'. He describes how, '...there was in history a moment when God gave his Spirit to a face: in a woman whom he took up into the mystery of the Spirit. More than any other creature she is marked with the "seal of the Spirit", she is the holy icon of the Spirit of God...'

What then, can we learn from this union of Mary and the Holy Spirit which is so close that Mary can be described as the visible face of the Spirit? How might it enhance our prayer life and theological understanding? From the first centuries of the Church, Christians have been encouraged to imitate Mary in her motherhood of Jesus by letting Christ be born in them through their receptivity to the gospel and the life of the Church, and by participating in the work of the Church in bringing people to a new life in baptism.

The connection between Mary's response to the Spirit and how Christians are called to respond to the Spirit is shown in the parallels between the accounts of the Annunciation (Lk 1.26-28) and Pentecost (Acts 2). Particularly the same words are used in Luke 1.35 ('the Holy Spirit will come upon you') and in Acts 1.8 ('you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you'). The effects of this coming of the Spirit is revealed in Mary's setting out to visit her cousin Elizabeth immediately after the angel left her, causing both Elizabeth and her unborn child to be filled with the Spirit, and the apostles to leave their confined upper room after the Spirit and boldly proclaim the gospel. In both cases, Mary and the apostles left the intimate spaces where they had received the Holy Spirit, and, in prayer and courage of the Spirit, became means of the Spirit working in the lives of others.

The innate connections between Mary and the Holy Spirit, deeply noted in both Scripture and Catholic consciousness, lead naturally to the simple suggestion to add the little used 'Mary of the Holy Spirit' to contemporary ways of addressing Our Lady, and to describe Christian imitation of Mary in terms of her openness to the Spirit. Mary as a model of the Church in her receptivity to the life-giving Spirit has much to offer Christians of all denominations, called to imitate Mary by living in union with the Spirit. Because Mary is so often a figure of division between Catholic and Protestant Christians, this designation also has the capacity to build bridges of understanding between Christians of different traditions, enabling Mary to be Mother of Unity rather than cause of division.