

St Mary's Lanark

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18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd August 2025

No Time for Caution

About a year ago, I had the joy of attending an organ recital by the remarkable Anna Lapwood—then Director of Music at Pembroke College, Cambridge, and now the official organist of the Royal Albert Hall. The concert took place in the awe-inspiring setting of Glasgow Cathedral, with its intricate Gothic architecture and radiant stained glass windows forming the perfect backdrop for an evening of musical brilliance.

Anna's repertoire spans a wide range of genres, but she is especially known for her breathtaking transcriptions of film scores for the organ—a delightful treat for film lovers like myself. One such piece was No Time for Caution by Hans Zimmer, composed for Christopher Nolan's 2014 science fiction epic, Interstellar.



The music underscores a pivotal scene in the film, where two astronauts must attempt an impossible docking with a space station that's spinning out of control. Failure means the end of humanity. Zimmer's spiralling theme builds with tension and urgency, perfectly echoing the high-stakes moment on screen. It's a piece that grips you—especially when performed live by someone as gifted as Anna.

As I sat in the Cathedral, utterly absorbed in her performance, I glanced up at a window depicting the four Evangelists. It struck me how fitting the title No Time for Caution felt in that sacred space. The Gospels are filled with moments of bold, immediate action: Jesus calling Matthew, "Come, follow me"; the Gospel of Mark's characteristic urgency, with its frequent refrain "At once..."; and, of course, the dramatic events of Pentecost. Caution, it seems, is often set aside when it comes to following Christ.

Twelve months later, that phrase returns to me as I read some of Pope Leo XIV's first words: "Do not wait, but respond enthusiastically to the Lord." His words echo those of Popes throughout the ages, encouraging Catholics around the world to listen for their calling and respond with urgency. For a Christian, the fundamental vocation is the adventure of following Jesus Christ in faith. It is a call to grow in love and holiness. Our ultimate vocation is to share God's life in the glory of heaven—to see Him face to face. This is what we are made for.

Following Christ isn't safe. In contrast to a culture that prizes comfort, security, and the freedom to "be ourselves," our faith calls us to take risks—to surrender our ego-dramas, where we write, direct, and star in our own lives—and instead enter into God's grand theo-drama: a story written, produced, and directed by the Lord Himself.

There's no time for caution. But there is time—always—for faith, for courage, and for stepping boldly into the life God is calling us to live.

Ian Maxfield

Weekly Parish Schedule

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

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

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 18th Sunday in ordinary Time (St Mary's)
- 11.15am** Coffee Morning (St Mary's Clubrooms)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)
- 12.35pm** Light Bite (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Monday 4th August *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

Tuesday 5th August

- 10.00am** Holy Mass (St Catherine's)
- 11.30am** Confessions until 11.55am
- 11.40am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 12noon** Angelus, Holy Mass & Novena to St Anthony of Padua

Wednesday 6th August

- 9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am** Holy Mass & Novena to St Therese of Lisieux

Thursday 7th August

- 9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am** Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph

Friday 8th August

- 9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am** Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Ronnie Reilly

Saturday 9th August *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 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Sunday 10th August *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 19th Sunday in ordinary Time (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



St Mary's Parish BBQ

St Mary's Annual BBQ will take place on **Sunday 17th August 2025** after 10.30 Mass. The day will be packed with Children's entertainment, fire engine, balloon modelling, face-painting and lots more activities. Stalls include Children's Tombola, Bottle Tombola and Make and Bake stall. The Raffle will be drawn at the BBQ. Tea and Coffee will be served. Bar will also be open for refreshments.

The BBQ is always a packed day of fun and excitement for all the family and we really hope to see you all there!! Any donations for raffle and tombola stalls will be gratefully received.

Gift Aid Claim

As you know, Gift Aid is a scheme that allows the parish to claim back 25p in every £1 donated by a UK Taxpayer, at no cost to the donor. This money is transformational for our parish's growth and future. Without the generosity of our parishioners St Mary's would not be the great parish it is today! This year we have received **£22,233.63** from our Gift Aid claim, and we take this opportunity to thank all those who are part of the Gift Aid Scheme. If you are a UK Taxpayer and not part of the Scheme, please consider joining; forms can be found in the stall and can be returned to the sacristy or put in the offertory collection with your next offering.

Liturgical Calendar

Monday 4th August, St John Marie Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests - Born near Lyons (France) in 1786; died at Ars on this day in 1859. Overcame various obstacles, including little education and lack of means, to be ordained a priest. Served in a remote parish as the Curé of Ars, where his sanctity attracted thousands of visitors. Noted for his preaching and confessional counsel and is honoured as a model for parish clergy.

Tuesday 5th August, Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major - This major stational church of the ancient Roman liturgy, erected in the fourth century, was rebuilt and dedicated by Sixtus III following the proclamation at the Council of Ephesus (431) of the doctrine of Mary, Mother of God. It is considered the oldest church dedicated to our Lady in the Western world.

Wednesday 6th August, The Transfiguration of the Lord Jesus - This feast had its origin in the East in the fourth century as the commemoration of the dedication of the church of the Transfiguration on Mount Tabor. It was observed in the West from the eighth century and extended to the entire Western Church in the fifteenth century. The feast celebrates the divine radiance shining in Christ's human flesh and God's glory shining forth in the lives of Christians.

Thursday 7th August, Pope St Sixtus & Companions, Martyrs - They died on 6 August 258, martyred the year after his election as bishop of Rome during the persecution of the emperor Valerian. According to his contemporary, Saint Cyprian, he was "not so much killed as crowned, " along with four deacons, while addressing a congregation. Honoured as one of the most popular Roman martyrs, and mentioned in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon).

Friday 8th August, St Dominic, Priest - Born in Castile (part of modern Spain) and became a canon of the cathedral of Osma. He accompanied his bishop in a mission of preaching against the Albigensian heresy, which was then strong in southern France, living in extreme poverty. In 1216 he founded the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), dedicated to saving souls by preaching, persuasion and a life of poverty. He died at Bologna on 6th August 1221.

Saturday 9th August, St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin & Martyr - Born on 12 October 1891 in Wroclaw (Poland); died on this day in 1942 at Auschwitz/Oswiecim. Edith Stein, born of Jewish parents, became an outstanding philosopher, author and teacher, then discovered Christianity and Teresa of Avila, and so was baptised in 1922. Became a Discalced Carmelite, taking the name Teresa Benedicta of the Cross. When the Dutch bishops protested the Nazi persecution of the Jews, she was deported to Auschwitz along with all Dutch Catholics of Jewish extraction. Honoured as a victim of anti-Semitism, a scholar, contemplative and martyr for whom the cross is the key to spiritual understanding.

St Mary's Lost property

Many visitors to St Mary's comment on how lovely and welcoming our church is, and we thank our dedicated Cleaning Team, and all who keep our church clean, tidy and presentable.

Over the last few months, however, there seems to be water bottles and glasses and umbrellas left at the back of the church, and this becomes the first thing that visitors see when they walk through the door.

We kindly ask that you take all your belongings with you. If anything is accidentally left in the church it will be stored under the stall waiting to be claimed. If not claimed in 2 weeks it will be donated to charity.

Passkeepers & Welcome Team

In recent years St Mary's has welcomed many new parishioners and visitors to Saturday/Sunday Mass, and many have commented on the lovely, warm and kindly welcome they have received.

We thank our Passkeepers and Welcome Team for all they do for us, and for carrying out their duties with such care and attention. It makes an incredible difference to feel welcomed to Mass by someone, and this welcome builds community and encourages fellowship.

We should never underestimate the simple kindness of those who greet us when we arrive at St Mary's and the welcome we can all offer each other.

Scotland—Walk the Cross 2025

Calling the four nations, Ireland, Scotland, England & Wales, united under the Cross of Christ, to witness the Gospel by walking 33 miles, 1 mile for each year of Jesus' life, between Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th September 2025. Register interest by emailing walkthecross33@gmail.com

www.walkthecross.ie

Deanery Mass

Bishop Toal will celebrate a Deanery Mass in the Wishaw Deanery as part of the Jubilee Year celebrations. The Mass will be in St Thomas' Church, Pather (ML2 0JH) on Thursday 11th September at 7pm. Everyone from across the Deanery is invited to attend this special celebration.





Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Ronnie Reilly Glebe Avenue, Douglas

Fr Tommy Toal (Resident in Coatbridge); Elizabeth –Ann Wilson; Frank Gunning; Ruby Monteith; Kate McCrossan; Clare McCourt (East Kilbride); Fr Marcel; Irene Smith (Craigneuk); Elizabeth Dailey; Ian McCulloch; John Clark (Chapelhall); John Fallon (Blantyre); Frank Cassidy (Uddingston); Elizabeth Murphy (Motherwell); Pamela Morrison; Wullie Thomson; Guerrino Franchetti; Dave Briggs; Alex Dunn;

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Father Joseph Brannigan; Monteith Family; Thomas Bowie; Jim McShane; Therese Kennedy; William Kennedy; Laura & Michael Treanor; Bernie McEwan; James E. Reid; Frances Cassidy; Liz Rae; John Quinn; Vera Hynds; Jannette Monacham; Martin McPhail; Jim Oliver; John Meahan; James McCardie; Gerry Haetzman; Rosina Baird; Pat McGarrigle; Andrew Spence; Manio Loia; Mary Elizabeth Fox;

Funeral Arrangements: Ronnie Reilly Requiem Mass: Friday 8th August, 9.30am

National Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto 2025

This year's National Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto will be on Sunday 7th September, with the Pilgrimage Mass at 3pm. In this Jubilee Year we will gather as "Pilgrims of Hope", with Archbishop Leo Cushley as main celebrant and preacher as he celebrated 40 years of priesthood. Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati will be canonised in Rome by the Holy Father on that same day. All are encouraged and welcome to attend Mass at Carfin.

Burgess of the Royal Burgh of Lanark - Mary Margaret Meldrum

It is with great pride that we congratulate Mary Margaret Meldrum on receiving the Burgess Ticket for her exceptional work within the town. Mary Margaret has been leading the choir since 1992, when she was asked by Fr Doyle to help with the music ministry. The first rehearsal was a roaring success, with some of the original members still singing in the choir today! Her musical talent and dynamic personality brought out the best in everyone and the choir went from strength to strength. Thanks to Mary Margaret the choir includes many members from different faith traditions, and has a real ecumenical element to it. The liturgy was Mary Margaret's biggest passion, and still is today. She saw the importance of the choir being involved in the Mass, but also too the many concerts performed over the years, raising thousands of pounds for many different charities, not to mention our parish. The choir sings regularly with the United Churches Choir. The choir also provides a great opportunity to socialise, and Mary Margaret has hosted many legendary parties over the years. The Choir of St Mary's, and St Mary's Parish, are delighted that Mary Margaret's talents and commitment have been recognised and honoured by the Royal Burgh of Lanark!

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,435.00
Standing Orders:	£ 485.50
Votives:	£ 170.00
Stall:	£ 90.00

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Thank you for your
continued generosity

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

2nd/3rd August

5.00pm J. McBride
10.30am J. Russell
5.00pm M. Davis

16th/17th August

5.00pm F. Chung
10.30am E. McCabe
5.00pm S. Casserly

9th/10th August

5.00pm C. Jackson
10.30am M. McCusker
5.00pm N. Donnelly

23rd/24th August

5.00pm R. McConnell
10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

2nd/3rd August

5.00pm M. Keenan
C. Callaghan
10.30am K. Lawrence
J. McFarlane
M. Russell

16th/17th August

5.00pm A. Dempsey
J. McBride
10.30am J. Littlejohn
A. O'Neill
N. Keenan

9th/10th August

5.00pm F. McBride
R. Sinton
10.30am G. Duddy
A. Gillespie
M. Keenan

23rd/24th August

5.00pm C. Scott
S. Callaghan
10.30am V. Hilland
M. Thompson
B. Farrell