



Saint Mary's Parish Lanark & Saint Isidore's Parish Biggar

1st Sunday Lent
18th February 2024



Virtues and Vices Part 1

Virtues are good habits, that is, they give us a disposition to perform good actions. Our actions as human beings are not simply a sequence of disconnected choices. We develop or acquire interior dispositions or habits, which *incline* us to perform particular kinds of actions. When these habits are good we call them virtues.

There are four principal natural human virtues which every good person needs. These are the cardinal virtues of *prudence* (also called practical Wisdom), *fortitude*, *temperance* and *justice*. All moral virtues are linked to the cardinal virtues, which are connected together, in the Christian life of grace, by charity.

In addition to the cardinal virtues, there are three virtues which are unique to the Christian life of grace after Baptism. These are the 'supernatural' (or 'theological') virtues of *faith*, *hope* and *charity* (*love*). Charity is lost if grace is lost through mortal sin; it is restored by means of Confession. Charity is the supernatural virtue of heaven, "*So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest is love*". 1 Corinthians 13:13.

To some extent, a person can acquire the natural virtues through the personal discipline of repeated good actions and a well-ordered life. In our fallen condition, however, it is not even possible to achieve complete human perfection by our own efforts. It is only the perfection given by grace, by means of the sacraments and prayer, which also enables us to achieve the cardinal virtues.



Prudence: *The virtue of deliberating well about what action we should do.*

Prudence or practical wisdom directs us about what we should do in particular situations. Since moral laws do not determine every possible action we might take, we also need prudence to direct our choice of actions well.

Fortitude: *The virtue of constancy in holding fast to good actions even when they are difficult.*

Fortitude strengthens us against withdrawing from the good we should be doing. Since it is not enough just to know what is right; we also need fortitude to carry out our good actions.



Justice: *The virtue of rendering to each and all what belongs to them.*

Justice enables us to act justly in accordance with what practical reason directs us to do. Since we are social by nature, we should seek the perfection of the societies in which we live. For this we need the virtue of Justice.

Temperance: *The virtue of curbing the passions that incite us to do evil.*

Temperance prevents us from yielding to our disordered desires and therefore perusing what is evil. Since our disordered desires lead to temptations, we need temperance to avoid evil in these situations.



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

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

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Lent (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 6.00pm** Evening Prayer of the Church & Benediction (St Mary's)

Monday 19th February *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 4pm*

- 9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am** Holy Mass & Novena to Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal (St Mary's)
- 10.00am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12noon (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Angelus & Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)

Tuesday 20th February

- 8.25am** Holy Mass (St Mary's primary School)
- 10.00am** Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

ST MARY'S CLOSED TODAY FOR RSNO CONCERT

Wednesday 21st February -

- 9.10am** Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)
- 9.30am** Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 10.00am** Lenten Prayer Group (St Catherine's)
- 6.00pm** Angelus & Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 7.00pm** *Online Zoom Rosary (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)*

Thursday 22nd February

- 8.25am** Holy Mass (St Mary's Primary School)
- 9.10am** Morning Prayer of the Church (St Mary's)
- 9.30am** Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Helen Anderson (St Mary's)
- 7.30pm** The Choir of St Mary's Rehearsal (St Mary's Clubrooms)

Friday 23rd February

- 9.00am** Confessions until 9.25am (St Mary's)
- 9.10am** Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)
- 9.30am** Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Saturday 24th February *St Mary's Church will close after 5pm Mass*

- 9.00am** Confessions until 9.25am (St Mary's)
- 9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am** Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 4.30pm** Confessions until 4.50pm (St Mary's)
- 4.30pm** Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)

Sunday 25th February *St Mary's Church will close after 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 2nd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 6.00pm** Evening Prayer of the Church & Benediction (St Mary's)

St Mary's Memorial Plaques

Memorial Plaque forms are available from the stall. We are aiming to send all completed forms to the engraver at the end of February. If you would like a plaque for a loved one please fill in a form and return it to Fr John-Paul. This is perhaps the last bulk order of plaques that we will be able to make, and depending of space and availability of materials, more plaques will be ordered on an individual basis.

Wellspring - A Common Vision, Renewed Mission & Parish Renewal

Will you join us? – is the last line of the Wellspring Vision. The success of Wellspring will depend on the generous response of each one of us and our prayer that God will bless and multiply our endeavours. Each of our parishes will respond in a different way, guided by the Spirit, to promote the vision of Church that is inclusive and outward looking, renewing our missions to foster deeper faith and witness and renewing our parishes as thriving communities where all are invited to contribute and serve.

The Parish needs your help to respond. What can you contribute? Can you help develop this vision of Church? The Wellspring Vision for the Diocese invites you to 'Imagine a church...' you are invited to help make that vision a reality.



Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 1,290.00

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 86.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish

St Marys Mission RCDM

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SCIAF Wee Boxes

For years, the Scottish Catholic Church has reached out in generosity to those in some of the world's poorest places. We are able to do so through the great work of SCIAF, particularly through the WEE BOX appeal.

As we get set for Lent, please find SCIAF WEE BOXES at the back of the church for those who wish to take one home.



Can You Help? Readers Required

We are in urgent need of readers for the Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass. If you are interested in being a reader, if you have read in the past, or have never read before in church, but would like to volunteer, please speak to Fr John -Paul to add your details to the rota. The more readers we have the fewer times people are needed each month.

Special Collection 25th February

This year, as in previous years, Bishop Toal asks that the Diocesan Lenten Collection to support Sick and Retired Priests to be taken up on the Second Sunday of Lent, **25th February 2024.**

Thank you in advance for your generosity to this Special Collection, and please pray for those priests who are no longer in active ministry and have offered their life in service to God and his people.

Altar Servers - St Mary's

We are urgently needing some Altar Servers in St Mary's for weekend Masses. If your child would like to serve please stay on for a short meeting after Mass on **17th/18th February**. Children primary 5 and older are encouraged to serve.

The meeting will take 10 mins, and even if your child can't commit to serve Mass every week, that is ok; we are flexible and happy to involve the children.

Parish Disco 23rd March

The Social Committee are hosting a Parish Disco Night on Saturday 23rd March. Tickets are £7, which includes entry and nibbles. The bar will be opened from 7.30pm til late. For tickets, please contact any of the girls on the social committee.

The Disco Nights are a great evening of fun and entertainment, if you have not been before why not give it ago.....



St Mary's Crucifix Update

The new wood for the Crucifix has arrived along with the new custom foot plate. Work is well underway to assembling the new Crucifix, and repairing the Corpus. We hope that it will be erected within the next few weeks. Thank you to the donors who have contributed towards the costs of replacing the Crucifix.



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Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Kathleen Macmillan Kirkfieldbank
Helen Josephine Anderson Douglas
John Skeffington (Carfin); Margaret McCann (Overtown); Elizabeth Ralston (Balloch); Katerine McGuire (Glasgow).

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Helen Beveridge; Patrick Grant; Beverly Milliken; Ron Meldrum; Mary Kennedy; Marion Renton; Bill Dowds; John Francis Feenan; Declan Roche (Ireland); Nova O'Callaghan (Ireland).

Funeral Arrangements: Helen Anderson Requiem Mass: Thursday 22nd February, 9.30am St Mary's
Kathleen Macmillan Requiem Mass: Tuesday 27th February, 12noon St Mary's

RSNO Plays Mozart

We are delighted to announce that Scotland's National Orchestra are hosting a concert in St Mary's Church on Tuesday afternoon at 1pm.

Join the Royal Scottish National Orchestra for a spectacular
lunchtime concert packed full of glorious melodies.

JS Bach Suite No1
In C major BWV 1066

Mozart Adagio and Fugue
in C minor K546

Mozart Horn Concerto No4
in E flat major K495

John Butt Conductor
Felix Klierer Horn
Gillian Moore Presenter

Tickets: £16, Under 26's £6, Under 18's free,
Available online at rsno.org.uk or pay at the door



St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

17th/18th February

5.00pm A. Haetzman
10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm S. Casserly

24th/25th February

5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am P. Roberts
5.00pm N. Donnelly

2nd/3rd March

5.00pm R. McConnell
10.30am E. McCabe
5.00pm M. Davis

9th/10th March

5.00pm R. Kane
10.30am M. McCusker
5.00pm S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

17th/18th February

5.00pm J. McEwan
C. McClafferty
10.30am J. Littlejohn
M. Keenan
M. Kennan

24th/25th February

5.00pm P. Freel
R. Sinton
10.30am J. Wilson
A. O'Neill
N. Kennan

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P. Stewart
10.30am P. Cunningham
A. Cruikshank
J. McFarlane

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C. McClafferty
10.30am M. Davis
C. O'Brien
J. McAlavey