

# St Mary's Lanark

*A Parish of the Diocese of Motherwell (founded 1859) Charity No - SC011041*

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**20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**17th August 2025**

## You Are Invited!

Our parish is more than a place of worship—it is a spiritual home. Just as a family gathers around the table to share meals and stories, we too are invited to gather as a parish family beyond our liturgical celebrations. These social gatherings, are not merely “extras.” They are vital opportunities for us to grow in friendship, deepen trust, and build the bonds that strengthen the Body of Christ.

It is easy in today's busy world to feel isolated or overwhelmed, even within a church community. But we are not meant to walk alone. Our Lord Himself surrounded His ministry with meals, celebrations, and meaningful moments of shared life. From the wedding at Cana to the Last Supper, Jesus revealed the sacredness of fellowship and hospitality.

I want to warmly encourage each of you—whether you've been part of this parish for decades or have only just joined us—to make time for our parish social events. Come as you are. Bring your family, invite a friend or neighbour, and allow yourself to be blessed by the presence of others. Even a simple conversation over coffee can be the beginning of new friendships, healing, or hope.

let's  
get  
social.



St Mary's Annual BBQ is more than just a time to enjoy good food (though there will be plenty of that!); it's an opportunity to strengthen the bonds of our parish family. In a world that often pulls us in different directions, this gathering offers a space to reconnect, meet new faces, and celebrate the gift of community.

Social events like this are an essential part of our parish life. While the Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith, fellowship helps us live that faith more fully. When we laugh together, share a meal, or lend a hand in setting up a table, we are building the kind of relationships that make our parish not just a place we attend—but a true spiritual home.

So whether you're a regular at parish events or haven't been to one in a while, I warmly encourage you to come along to our Annual Parish BBQ. Bring your children, bring a friend, bring your appetite—and come ready for a good time!

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.

Let's come together as one body, united in faith and friendship, and make this year's BBQ a celebration to remember.

**Fr John-Paul**

## Weekly Parish Schedule

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

**Sunday 17th August** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

**10.30am** Holy Mass for the 20th Sunday in ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**11.15am** **St Mary's Annual BBQ**

**12noon** Holy Mass for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**Monday 18th 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 19th 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 20th August**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**9.30am** **Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Peter Harrower**

**Thursday 21st August**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**9.30am** Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph

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

**Friday 22nd August**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**9.30am** Holy Mass & Novena to St Therese of Lisieux

**Saturday 23rd 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 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**Sunday 24th August** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

**10.30am** Holy Mass for the 21st Sunday in ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



### St Mary's Quiz Night

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting a Quiz Night on **Friday 12th September 2025**. The 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. The Bar will be open for refreshments.

### The Choir of St Mary's

We are delighted to announce that The Choir of St Mary's will start back their weekly rehearsal this Thursday in The Clubrooms, starting at 7.30pm.

The Choir are always looking for new members, and always encouraging others to get involved, so if you are interested why not turn up on Thursday evening or speak to Mary Margaret. All welcome!



### Bulletin - Front Cover

Thank you to all those who have previously composed, or selected articles for inclusion on the front cover of the weekly bulletin.



If you have a topic you would like to see on the front cover of the bulletin, or indeed if you would like to write your own article (500 words), please send an email to Fr John-Paul.

### Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy will recommence this weekend at Sunday 10.30am Mass. Children's Liturgy gives our young parishioners the opportunity to listen and respond to the Sunday Gospel at an age-appropriate level. The children who attend enjoy Children's Liturgy and it helps form them as disciples of Jesus.

We thank Anne, Kirtin, Shannon, Jennifer and Brigid for helping our children follow Jesus more closely.

### St Mary's 300 Club Subscription

As our parish continues to constantly grow and incorporate more people, we are always looking for ways to lighten the administration burden. One easy way to do this is for all payments to be digital. We are asking for all subscriptions of 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 understanding.

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### Beginning Experience

The loss of a loved one through separation, divorce or death, is one of life's most traumatic experience. It can result in unbearable feelings or grief or loneliness. The Beginning Experience, Scotland Team would like to help.

***A Weekend Away For A Lifetime Of Change***

***26th-28th September 2025***

***Conforti Centre, Coatbridge***

A time to heal by experiencing God's love through others. An opportunity to begin again. For further information contact Maggie: 01389751677.

### Liturgical Calendar

**Tuesday 19th August, St John Eudes, Priest** - Born in Normandy (France) in 1601; died at Caen on this day in 1680. Originally an Oratorian, he was active in preaching missions and in caring for the sick. Founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudists) which is dedicated to the formation of presbyters, and helped to begin a community of women religious (now known as the Sisters of the Good Shepherd) to care for wayward women. Noted also for his promotion of devotion to the Sacred Heart.

**Wednesday 20th August, St Bernard of Clairvaux, Abbot, Doctor of the Church** - Born near Dijon (France) in 1090; died at Clairvaux on this day in 1153. Joined the impoverished, reformed abbey of Citeaux at the age of 21. Soon became the founder and abbot of Clairvaux and pioneered the reform and expansion of the Cistercian Order. A prolific writer on theology and spirituality, an eloquent preacher, and an adviser of popes and kings. Honoured as the most influential churchman of his age, for his inspirational leadership, and for his devotion to the humanity of Christ and to the Blessed Virgin.

**Thursday 21st August, St Pius X, Pope** - Born Giuseppe Sarto at Riese (Italy) in 1835; died at Rome on 20 August 1914. Elected pope in 1903, after being bishop of Mantua and patriarch of Venice. In pursuit of his motto, "to renew all things in Christ", he initiated reforms of the liturgy and of canon law and took stern measures against "modernist" trends in theology. His efforts to avert world war were frustrated. Noted for his poverty and for his promotion of liturgical participation, especially of frequent communion, to which he admitted young children.

**Friday 22nd August, The Queenship of Mary** - This feast was established by Pius XII in 1955 and was celebrated on 31 May. Since 1969 it has been observed on 22 August to stress its relationship to the Assumption. Taken up into glory, Mary became queen of heaven and earth.

**Saturday 23rd August, St Rose of Lima, Virgin** - Born at Lima (Peru) in 1586; died there on 24 August 1617. Chose not to marry, joined the Dominican Third Order and modelled herself on Saint Catherine of Siena. A recluse and mystic. Noted for her radiant love of God and for the severe penance and hardships she endured during serious illness. The first saint of the Americas to be canonised (1671).

### Sunday 5pm Mass

All those who attend Sunday 5pm Mass are encouraged to offer feedback on the sheets provided regarding the liturgy and ways to engage the congregation. The feedback is short and comes in the form of a questionnaire.



## Please Pray For The Following



**Recently Dead:** Peter Harrower Cleghorn

John McShane (Carfin); James Donnelly (Bothwell); Ronnie Reilly; Julie Semple; Gordon Allan; David Fahy (Co Clare); Pat Woods;

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** Gorgia Murray; Anna Marchall (Callaghan); Mary Jane Brennan; Emanuella James; Evelyn O'Leary; Lizanne Inglis; Kathleen Grieve; Lawrence Hynds;

**Funeral Arrangements:** Peter Harrower Requiem Mass: Wednesday 20th August, 9.30am.

### Stop Assisted Suicide - Action Needed

The Leadbeater assisted suicide Bill is expected to have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on Friday 12 September.

Right To Life UK has launched an Easy Action tool to help you write to a few Peers with a tailored message to highlight key concerns with the Bill.

Please take action now and visit  
[www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/aspeers)  
 to ask Peers to oppose assisted suicide -  
 it takes just 30 seconds!

### 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.

### 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](mailto:walkthecross33@gmail.com)

[www.walkthecross.ie](http://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.



### Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,525.00
Standing Orders:	£ 142.50
Votives:	£ 190.00
Stall:	£ 60.00

**St Marys Mission RCDM**  
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*continued generosity*

### St Mary's Ministry Rota

#### Readers:

#### 16th/17th August

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

#### 30th/31st August

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

#### 23rd/24th August

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

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

#### 16th/17th August

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

#### 30th/31st August

5.00pm	K. Bryce
	A. McGowan
10.30am	C. Duddy
	D. McFarlane
	I. Maxfield

#### 23rd/24th August

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