

St Mary's Lanark

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27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

5th October 2025

The Sacraments: The Holy Eucharist

The Holy Eucharist is the sacrament in which Jesus Christ gives his Body and Blood - himself - for us, so that we too might give ourselves to him in love and be united with him in Holy Communion. In this way we are joined with the one Body of Christ, the Church. The celebration of the Holy Eucharist is the "source and summit of the Christian life". Jesus himself celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples and therein anticipated his death; he gave himself to his disciples under the signs of bread and wine and commanded them from then on, even after his death, to celebrate the Eucharist. "Do this in memory of me" (1 Corinthians 11:24).



The different names given to the celebration of the Holy Eucharist indicate the great richness of this mystery: the Holy Sacrifice, Holy Mass, the Sacrifice of the Mass, the Lord's Supper, the Breaking of Bread, the Eucharistic Assembly, the Memorial of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection, the Holy and Divine Liturgy, the Sacred Mysteries, Holy Communion.

It is a sacrifice because the one sacrifice of Christ, which completes and surpasses all sacrifices, is made present in the celebration of the Eucharist. Every Holy Mass unfolds in two main parts, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. In the Liturgy of the Word we hear readings from the Old and New Testament and also the Gospel, then there is an opportunity for preaching and praying for the Church and the world. In the subsequent Liturgy of the Eucharist, bread and wine are offered, consecrated, and distributed to the faithful at Communion.

In the celebration of the Eucharist it is actually Christ himself who acts in every celebration, the bishop or the priest represents him. The celebrant of the Holy Eucharist stands at the altar in persona Christi (Latin = in the person of Christ). This means that priests do not merely act in Christ's place or at his command; rather, on the basis of their ordination, Christ himself, as Head of the Church, acts through them. Christ is mysteriously but really present in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

As often as the Church fulfils Jesus' command, "Do this in memory of me", breaks the bread and offers the chalice, the same thing takes place today that happened then: Christ truly gives himself for us, and we truly gain a share in him. The unique and unrepeatable sacrifice of Christ on the Cross is made present on the altar; the work of our redemption is accomplished. Because God is truly present in the consecrated species of bread and wine, we must preserve the sacred gifts with the greatest reverence and worship our Lord and Redeemer, in the Holy Eucharist.

Holy Communion is the expression of the unity of the Body of Christ. To belong to the Catholic Church, one must be baptised in her, share her faith, and live in union with her. It would be a contradiction if the Church were to invite to Communion people who do not share the faith and life of the Church. It would damage the credibility of the Eucharist, the Sacrament of unity.

Weekly Parish Schedule

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

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

10.30am Holy Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

11.15am Coffee Morning (St Mary's Clubrooms)

12noon Holy Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

12.35pm Light Bite (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Monday 6th 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 7th October

10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon Angelus & Holy Mass

Wednesday 8th October

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Betty Woods

Thursday 9th October

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

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

Friday 10th October

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 11th October *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 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Sunday 12th October *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



St Mary's Heating

As the weather becomes noticeably colder, heading into the winter, Fr John-Paul encourages all parishioners to wrap up appropriately when attending weekday and weekend Mass; maybe an extra layer to keep you warm. The heating has been off for many months now as we strive to keep our utility bills down; however, with the winter approaching the boilers (3 domestic and 2 commercial) will be fully serviced in the coming weeks.

The heating will be turned on in the next few weeks at a steady heat, enough to take the chill out of the air, and will be adjusted accordingly during the winter months. We understand it will not be as warm as people would like, but when the heating is on during winter our gas bill can average £1,100 per week—and this could rise. This year, to date, we have paid £26,168.05 in gas and electricity bills.

Holy Trinity Light Bite Charities

We are delighted to announce that August Light Bite raised £120 for local charity Healthy Valleys. September Light Bite also raised £120 for Prostate Cancer Uk, and today's Light Bite charity is Dementia Uk. Thank you for your continued generosity, and thank you to all those who provide food/drink on the day!

St Mary's Parish Disco

Look out your dancing shoes, the girls have booked another parish disco: **Saturday 18th October 7.30pm.**

Parish discos are always filled with fun and laughter, and you won't want to miss it!! Ticket priced at £7, which includes entry and nibbles—for tickets contact the Social Committee.



Parish Novenas

Our parish novenas to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, St Anthony of Padua, St Therese of Lisieux and St Joseph have now concluded for this cycle. Our next novena will be in preparation for Christmas to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. This novena will be prayed every Monday during 9.30am Mass (27th October to 22nd December). This is a great way to prepare our hearts and minds for Our Lord's birth at Christmas.

Missio Sunday - 19th October

Mission and evangelisation are at the very heart of the Church's identity and purpose. The month of October is dedicated in a special way to promoting and supporting the Church's missionary work. This emphasis is particularly close to the heart of Pope Leo, who himself served as a missionary in Peru.

To support the work of Missio Scotland, a second collection will be taken up at all Masses on weekend 18th/19th October.



Month of the Holy Rosary

Wednesday begins the month of October, traditionally dedicated to praying the rosary. Please set aside some time each day to pray the rosary either as an individual, by joining us at St Mary's each morning, or as a family. Pope Leo asks all Catholics to pray the rosary daily during October for peace in our world.

The Scottish Bishops are making Tuesday 7th October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, a Day of Prayer for Peace. All parishes, schools, and groups are encouraged to mark this Day of Prayer both at Mass and in Public Devotions and Private Prayer.

Liturgical Calendar

Monday 6th October, St Bruno - Born in Cologne (Germany) about 1032; died in Calabria (Italy) on this day in 1101. Professor at the cathedral school of Rheims, appointed chancellor of the diocese who helped to reform the clergy. Founded the Carthusian order of hermits at Chartreuse near Grenoble. Called by his former pupil Urban II to assist in Rome for a time, he subsequently established a second Charterhouse in Calabria, noted for poverty, solitude, and penance.

Tuesday 7th October, Our Lady of the Rosary - This commemoration was established in 1573 in thanksgiving for a Christian victory over the Ottoman forces at Lepanto. It entered the general calendar in the eighteenth century. It is a memorial of the Virgin Mary as honoured in the rosary, a form of prayer combining the salutation of the angel (Luke 1:28) with meditation on the saving mysteries of Christ. Originally the rosary was the laity's "psalter" with the Hail Marys replacing the 150 psalms.

Thursday 9th October, St John Henry Newman CO - Born on 21 February 1801 in London, England. As an Anglican clergyman for over twenty years he won renown as a preacher and theologian. A Fellow of Oriel College, Oxford, he became one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement and a prominent figure in the Church of England. On 9 October 1845 he was received into full communion with the Catholic Church by Blessed Dominic Barberi of the Passionist Congregation. After a period of study in Rome he was ordained priest on 30 May 1847. Returning to England he established the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri in Birmingham. He was an influential writer on many subjects, most notably the development of Christian doctrine, the true understanding of conscience, faith and reason, the role of the laity, and university education. In 1879 he was created Cardinal by Pope Leo XIII and given the title of San Giorgio in Velabro. He died in the Birmingham Oratory on 11 August 1890. He was beatified by Pope Benedict XVI on 19 September 2010 and canonised by Pope Francis on 13 October 2019.

Saturday 11th October, Pope St John XXIII - Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli (1881-1963), born in Sotto il Monte in Lombardy, was ordained priest in 1904 and served (among other places) as nuncio in France, before becoming Patriarch of Venice. He served as pope from 1958 to 1963 and in his final year issued an urgent call for international peace with his encyclical "Pacem in Terris" (1963). He surprised many by calling the Second Vatican Council (1962-1965) but did not live to see it to completion. His passion for equality is summed up in his famous statement, "We were all made in God's image, and we are all Godly alike." John XXIII was canonized on 3 June 2000.



Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Betty Woods Hope Street
Teresa Coyle (Mother of Fr Charles Coyle); Ian Brown Snr (Carstairs); Mick Galvin;

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Fr Joseph Brannigan; Monteith Family; Thomas Bowie; Jim McShane; Teresa Galvin; James Keenan Jnr; Therese Kennedy;

Funeral Arrangements: Betty Woods Requiem Mass: Wednesday 8th October 9.30am.

*Blessed are those who have died in the Lord
Let them rest from their labours.*

St Mary's Afternoon Tea

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting an Afternoon Tea on **Sunday 9th November at 1.30pm for 2pm** in the Clubrooms. Tickets are priced £10 and this includes afternoon tea with Prosecco. Please see any of the Social Committee girls if you would like a ticket.

This is a social highlight of the year and tickets sell FAST, and once they are gone...they are gone...



St Mary's Clubrooms

As we approach the last few months of 2025 it is important to note the growth in the use of the Clubrooms! A huge thank you to the Clubrooms Manager Katie, along with John and all his volunteers who work the bar. for enabling the parish to benefit financially from the Clubrooms. Without the support of many this would not be possible!!!

If you would like to volunteer some time to help in the Clubrooms please contact Katie on 07300857616 we are always welcoming new volunteers.

St Mary's 300 Club Subscription

Thank you to all those who have taken out new subscriptions for the 300 Club, and to all those who have now set up a Standing Order through the bank. Once again, thank you for your continued financial support to our parish, it is very much appreciated!

For those still interested in setting up a Standing Order bank details are as follows:

St Mary's Lanark 80-12-97 10246763

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,445.00
Standing Orders:	£ 365.50
Votives:	£ 196.00
Stall:	£ 100.00

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continued generosity

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

4th/5th October	18th/19th October
5.00pm F. Chung	5.00pm A. Haetzman
10.30am A. Servers	10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm M. Davis	5.00pm S. Casserly
11th/12th October	25th/26th October
5.00pm G. Abernethy	5.00pm J. McBride
10.30am E. McCabe	10.30am P. Roberts
5.00pm N. Donnelly	5.00pm M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

4th/5th October	18th/19th October
5.00pm K. Bryce	5.00pm J. McBride
A. McGowan	R. Sinton
10.30am C. Duddy	10.30am G. Duddy
I. Maxfield	A. Gillespie
J. Russell	M. Keenan
11th/12th October	25th/26th October
5.00pm M. Keenan	5.00pm A. Dempsey
C. Callaghan	F. McBride
10.30am K. Lawrence	10.30am J. Littlejohn
J. McFarlane	A. O'Neill
M. Russell	N. Keenan