

# St Mary's Lanark

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

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**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**12th October 2025**

## The Sacraments: Confirmation

Confirmation is the sacrament that completes Baptism; in it the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us. Anyone who freely decides to live a life as God's child and asks for God's Holy Spirit under the signs of the imposition of hands and anointing with chrism receives the strength to witness to God's love and might in word and deed. They are now a fully fledged, responsible member of the Catholic Church.

In the Old Testament, the People of God expected the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Messiah. Jesus lived his life in a special Spirit of love and of perfect unity with his Father in heaven. This Spirit of Jesus was the "Holy Spirit" for whom the people of Israel longed; this was the same Spirit whom Jesus promised to his disciples, the same Spirit who descended upon the disciples fifty days after Easter, on the feast of Pentecost. And it is again this same Holy Spirit of Jesus who descends upon everyone who receives the sacrament of Confirmation.



In the Acts of the Apostles, which were written a few decades after the death of Jesus, we see Peter and John travelling about to confirm new Christians by imposing hands on those who previously "had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus", so that their hearts might be filled with the Holy Spirit. In Confirmation the soul of a baptised Christian is imprinted with a permanent seal that can be received only once and marks this individual forever as a Christian. The gift of the Holy Spirit is the strength from above in which this individual puts the grace of their Baptism into practice through their life and acts as a "witness" for Christ.

Any Catholic who has received the sacrament of Baptism and is in a "state of grace" can be admitted to Confirmation. To be in a state of grace means not to have committed any serious sin (mortal sin). By a serious sin a person separates themselves from God and can be reconciled with God only by making a good confession. The sacrament of Confirmation is normally administered by the bishop. For some reasons when necessary, the bishop can also delegate a priest to do it. In danger of death, any priest can administer Confirmation. The oil of Chrism is used at Confirmation.

The oil of Chrism is an ointment made out of a mixture of olive oil and balsam. On the morning of Holy Thursday, the bishop consecrates it at the Chrism Mass, so that it can be used in Baptism, Confirmation, priestly and episcopal (bishops) ordination, and also the consecration of altars, churches and bells. Oil is a symbol of joy, strength, and health. People anointed with chrism are to spread "the aroma of Christ", they have been anointed and set apart by God.

As the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples at Pentecost, so the Holy Spirit comes to every baptised person for whom the Church requests the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are: Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety & Fear of the Lord.

## Weekly Parish Schedule

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

**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)

**Monday 13th 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 14th 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 15th October**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**9.30am** Holy Mass

**Thursday 16th October**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**9.30am** Holy Mass

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

**Friday 17th October**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**9.30am** Holy Mass

**Saturday 18th 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 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**7.30pm** **Parish Disco (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

**Sunday 19th October** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

**10.30am** Holy Mass for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



### St Mary's Heating Update

St Mary's heating has now been turned on for weekend Masses. In order to preserve heat in the church **please keep all doors closed**, including the glass doors between the main body of the church and the narthex.

At present we are looking at options on how to retain heat whilst being cost effective and also remaining aesthetically pleasing on the eye.

One option is a blow heater above the entrance doors or an air curtain device—expert advice is being sought...we hope to report back soon with further information.

### 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.**

### 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.



### Month of the Holy Rosary

The month of October is 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.



### 300 Club: July, August & September Winners

Week 6th July: **283**

Week 13th July: **194**

Week 20th July: **267**

Week 27th July: **32**

Week 3rd August: **220**

Week 10th August: **166**

Week 17th August: **203**

Week 24th August: **39**

Week 31st August: **200**

Week 7th September: **24**

Week 14th September: **212**

Week 21st September: **68**

Week 28th September: **42**

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If you would like to join the 300 Club you can set up a Standing Order using the details above and email Kathleen who will then supply you with a lucky number: [stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:stmarylanark@rcdom.org.uk)

### Christmas Stock - St Mary's Stall

Over the last few years St Mary's Stall has provided a variety of Christmas items, including cards, statues and gifts. At present, we have a variety of cards and gifts for sale, including some homemade cards. Stock levels are good at present but there will be no more orders placed for Christmas stock once the current items are sold.

Please try to keep Christ in Christmas by purchasing religious Christmas cards and having Masses offered for your loved ones, and if you don't have one already, purchasing a crib for your home.

### Liturgical Calendar

**Tuesday 14th October, St Callistus I, Pope, Martyr** - He died in a civil disturbance in Rome about 222 and venerated as a martyr since the fourth century. Born a slave and served a sentence as a convict. Afterwards ordained a deacon and eventually elected bishop of Rome. Rigorist opponents accused him of misunderstanding the doctrine of the incarnation and of laxity in Church discipline. Noted for encouraging the reconciliation of sinners and for his pastoral solicitude for those preparing to marry.

**Wednesday 15th October, St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church** - Born at Avila (Spain) in 1515; died at Alba de Tormes in 1582. Left her aristocratic family for the Carmelite monastery in Avila at the age of twenty, but only after two decades of dryness in prayer felt an inner conversion to Christ. Honoured as a spiritual writer and mystic who experienced and comprehensively described the life of prayer. Honoured as a strong, practical reformer who restored the strict Carmelite observance of poverty, solitude, and prayer.

**Thursday 16th October, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin** - Born in Burgundy (France) in 1647; died on 17 October 1690 at Paray-le-Monial. After an unhappy childhood, entered a Visitation convent where she experienced several visions of Christ's love. Patiently she bore the rejection and contempt of her superiors and others, she is honoured for ardently promoting devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**Friday 17th October, St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr** - Born probably in Syria; died a martyr in Rome about 107. At Antioch, where he was bishop, his death has been commemorated on this day since the fourth century. Noted for seven letters written on his way to execution. They show him to be devoted to Christ and his resurrection; they urge Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop. Called himself the "God-bearer."

**Saturday 18th October, St Luke, Evangelist, Missionary** - By early Christian tradition, Luke is named as author of the Third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Almost certainly a Gentile and perhaps a companion of Saint Paul (29 June), he wrote to reassure those who had grown uncertain toward the end of the first century. In his gospel, the compassion of Christ is inclusive of all: Gentile and Jew, the poor and the rich, women and men, the outcast and the privileged.



## Please Pray For The Following



**Recently Dead:** Betty Woods; Ian Brown Snr (Carstairs); Angela McManus (Stewarton); Cameron Collins; Stephen McDonagh;

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** Francis Snow; Paul Halloran; Ann MacDonald; John Alcock; William John Kelly; Charles Hodgson (Carfin); Jimmy McClafferty; Mary Tait;

**Betty Woods:** Margaret and Stewart would like to thank everyone for their love and support during these last few weeks, and for the many Mass cards and prayers offered for Betty and their family. It has been a reminder to them of just how wonderful St Mary's parish and church are. In a special way they would like to thank Katie and the Choir of St Mary's, Mari and the team of florists, the church cleaners, sacristans and servers. Holy Mass will be offered for your intentions.

### St Mary's Clubrooms Hire

St Mary's Clubrooms is available for private functions, community events, regular lets and fundraising events. Please consider having your parties and functions in the Clubrooms to support the parish. If you would like to find out more information regarding St Mary's Clubrooms and bookings, please contact Katie on **07300857616** or [theclubrooms@outlook.com](mailto:theclubrooms@outlook.com)

**The diary for 2026 is already starting to take shape, so if you have a date in mind please contact Katie soon to save disappointment.**

### 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:

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### Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,335.00
Standing Orders:	£ 465.50
Votives:	£ 205.00
Stall:	£ 115.00

**St Marys Mission RCDM**  
**80-17-02 00265809**

Thank you *for your*  
*continued generosity*

### St Mary's Ministry Rota

#### Readers:

<u>11th/12th October</u>	<u>25th/26th October</u>
<b>5.00pm</b> G. Abernethy	<b>5.00pm</b> J. McBride
<b>10.30am</b> E. McCabe	<b>10.30am</b> P. Roberts
<b>5.00pm</b> N. Donnelly	<b>5.00pm</b> M. Davis
 <u>18th/19th October</u>	
<b>5.00pm</b> A. Haetzman	
<b>10.30am</b> R. Colpitts	
<b>5.00pm</b> S. Casserly	

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>11th/12th October</u>	<u>25th/26th October</u>
<b>5.00pm</b> M. Keenan	<b>5.00pm</b> A. Dempsey
C. Callaghan	F. McBride
<b>10.30am</b> K. Lawrence	<b>10.30am</b> J. Littlejohn
J. McFarlane	A. O'Neill
M. Russell	N. Keenan
 <u>18th/19th October</u>	
<b>5.00pm</b> J. McBride	
R. Sinton	
<b>10.30am</b> G. Duddy	
A. Gillespie	
M. Keenan	