



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

2nd Sunday Lent
25th February 2024



Virtues and Vices Part 2

Vices are evil habits; that is, they give us a disposition to perform evil actions. We sometimes develop vices which incline us to perform evil (bad) actions. These normally involve excess or deficiency in perusing what is good.

The most well-known and traditional list of vices is called the seven deadly sins or vices. These vices are called deadly because of their poisonous effects on the human soul, the difficulty that is often experienced in eradicating them, and the ease with which they lead to mortal sin. They are also called *capital sins*, because they give rise to many other kinds of sins by those who commit them.

Each of the seven deadly sins has, as a remedy, a contrary virtue linked in the cardinal virtues. The vices may promise an easier life but they ensnare and enslave us. The virtues may seem difficult, but they lead to our true freedom and happiness as human beings.

The vices and their remedies:

<p>PRIDE</p> <p>Ascribing an excellence to oneself that one does not possess, or believing one is the cause of one's own excellence, or a desire to be singularly and conspicuously great, despising everyone else.</p>	<p>HUMILITY</p> <p>A recognition that we are created by God and in need of his love and help; it helps us form a true opinion of ourselves, to disregard shallow popularity and to free us from self-obsession.</p>
<p>ENVY</p> <p>A grieving of sorrow for the goods or blessings given to others; insofar as their gifts differ from or surpass our own.</p>	<p>FRATERNAL CHARITY</p> <p>A gratitude for the gifts and talents of others and a desire that each and every person reaches their full potential.</p>
<p>ANGER</p> <p>A violent passion to inflict revenge on others, to the point of clouding one's reason and usurping God's judgement.</p>	<p>MEEKNESS</p> <p>A self-control inspired by God's clemency, which allows us to master our emotions when attacked or wronged.</p>
<p>SLOTH</p> <p>A laziness, spiritual torpor or oppressive sorrow that prevents us from doing what we can achieve and should do.</p>	<p>DILIGENCE</p> <p>An eagerness to do what is needed inspired by the zeal of divine love, making even difficult tasks achievable.</p>
<p>AVARICE</p> <p>A disordered desire for riches and possessions, to the point of acting contrary to the love of God and neighbour.</p>	<p>LIBERALITY</p> <p>A generosity towards others in sharing God's gifts; it brings personal contentment with whatever we possess.</p>
<p>GLUTTONY</p> <p>A disordered desire to consume food and drink too sumptuously, too much, too hastily, greedily or daintily.</p>	<p>TEMPERANCE</p> <p>A good order in desiring the pleasures of taste and touch, inspired by respect for oneself as a temple of the Holy Spirit.</p>
<p>LUST</p> <p>A craving for sexual pleasure leading to abuses of body and mind, addictions and destructive effects on families and society.</p>	<p>CHASTITY</p> <p>A proper use of our sexuality; guarding our hearts and minds from evil influences, gives us freedom and allows us to love God and others purely.</p>

Weekly Parish Schedule

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

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)
- 5.45pm** Evening Prayer of the Church & Benediction (St Mary's)

Monday 26th 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 11.55am (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Angelus & Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)

Tuesday 27th February

- 8.25am** Holy Mass (St Mary's primary School)
- 10.00am** Holy Mass (St Catherine's)
- 11.30am** Confessions until 11.55am (St Mary's)
- 11.40am** Morning Prayer of the Church (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Kathleen Macmillan (St Mary's)
- 5.30pm** Confessions until 5.55pm (St Mary's)
- 6.00pm** Angelus & Stations of the Cross with Distribution of Holy Communion (St Mary's)

Wednesday 28th 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 29th February

- 8.25am** Holy Mass (St Mary's Primary School)
- 9.10am** Morning Prayer of the Church (St Mary's)
- 9.30am** Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph (St Mary's)
- 7.30pm** The Choir of St Mary's Rehearsal (St Mary's Clubrooms)

Friday 1st March

- 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)
- 10.30am** World Day of Prayer Service (St Mary's)

Saturday 2nd March *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 3rd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)

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

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 11.15am** Coffee Morning (St Mary's Clubrooms)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Lent (Holy Trinity)
- 12.30pm** Tea, Coffee & Home Baking (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
- 5.45pm** Evening Prayer of the Church & Benediction (St Mary's)

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.....



Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 1,263.00

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £123.00

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.

Please return any WEE BOXES before
Easter Sunday.

Thank you



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 email 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.

SCIAF Collection 10th March

Each year we are asked to take up a Second Collection for SCIAF Sunday, which falls on 10th March this year. A Second Collection will be taken up at all Masses on weekend 9th/10th March.

SCIAF is the official relief and development agency of the Catholic Church in Scotland, putting faith into action on our behalf.

Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Our Monthly Foodbank Collection will take place **next weekend**.

Bags of groceries can be handed in to the sacristy or to a Passkeeper, and any monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket in an enveloped cleared marked 'FOODBANK'.



New Crucifix Erected

Ahead of schedule, the new Crucifix was erected on Friday 23rd February. The original Crucifix suffered storm damage at the beginning of February. The new wood is a lot lighter in colour, but will weather over time.

Thank you to Robert and Danny for making the new Crucifix and to John Gunning and his team for erecting it.

St Mary's Memorial Plaques Last Orders

The **LAST ORDER** for Memorial Plaques will be **next week**. If you would like a plaque, please complete a form and return it to Fr John-Paul before **Thursday 29th February**. After this order plaques will not be ordered until after the summer (space permitting).





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Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Kathleen Macmillan

Susan Gibb

Estelle Higgins

Kirkfieldbank

Overtown (Formerly Rigside)

Armada Road

Helen Anderson; John Skeffington (Carfin); Margaret McCann; Sandra McMonagle (Cumbernauld); Norman Sandeman (Glasgow & Skye).

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Father Joseph Brannigan; Monteith Family; Thomas Bowie; Jim McShane; Rosina Baird; Marion Renton; Eleonora De-Schuster; Rose James; Jock Craig.

Funeral Arrangements: Kathleen Macmillan

Susan Gibb

Estelle Higgins

Requiem Mass: Tuesday 27th February, 12noon St Mary's

Requiem Mass: Thursday 7th March, 9.30am St Mary's

Requiem Mass: Wednesday 13th March, 9.30am St Mary's

World Day of Prayer

We are delighted to invite you to World Day of Prayer in St Mary's Church on Friday 1st March at 10.30am. The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by Christian women who welcome you to join in prayer and action for peace and justice.

This year the service has been written by the Christian women of Palestine who, despite all the suffering and injustice in the land of the Holy One, have maintained their sumud (steadfastness) through mostly non-violent resistance, and a genuine effort to advocate and work for justice together with Muslims and Jews who believe in equal rights. They ask everyone to bear with them in love and to pray for an end to all human suffering; to stand with them to achieve security and peace for all people around the world.

"I Beg You ... Bear with One Another in Love"

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

24th/25th February

5.00pm G. Abernethy

10.30am P. Roberts

5.00pm N. Donnelly

9th/10th March

5.00pm R. Kane

10.30am M. McCusker

5.00pm S. Casserly

2nd/3rd March

5.00pm R. McConnell

10.30am E. McCabe

5.00pm M. Davis

16th/17th March

5.00pm A. Haetzman

10.30am R. Colpitts

5.00pm N. Donnelly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

24th/25th February

5.00pm P. Freel

R. Sinton

10.30am J. Wilson

A. O'Neill

N. Kennan

2nd/3rd March

5.00pm M. Keenan

P. Stewart

10.30am P. Cunningham

A. Cruikshank

J. McFarlane

9th/10th March

5.00pm J. McEwan

C. McClafferty

10.30am M. Davis

C. O'Brien

J. McAlavey

16th/17th March

5.00pm K. Bryce

J. McClafferty

10.30am J. Littlejohn

M. Keenan

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