

St Mary's Lanark

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30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th October 2025

The Sacraments: Holy Orders

Someone who is baptised and confirmed can receive moreover a special mission in the Church in two sacraments and thus be enlisted in the service of God: Holy Orders and Matrimony.

The man who is ordained receives a gift of the Holy Spirit that gives him a sacred authority that is conferred upon him by Christ through the bishop. The priests of the Old Covenant saw their duty as mediating between God and his people. Since Christ is the "one mediator between God and men" (1 Timothy 2:5), he perfected and ended that priesthood. After Christ there can be an ordained priesthood only in Christ, in Christ's sacrifice on the Cross, and through a calling and apostolic mission from Christ.

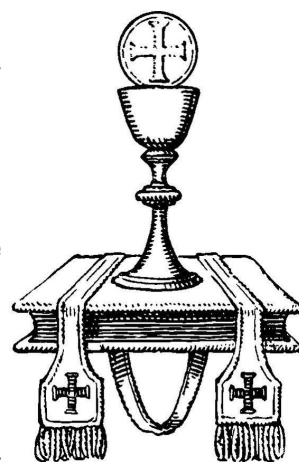
The sacrament of Holy Orders has three degrees: Bishop (episcopate), Priest (presbyterate), Deacon (diaconate).

In episcopal ordination the fullness of the sacrament of Holy Orders is conferred upon a priest. He is ordained a successor of the apostles and enters the college of bishops. Together with other bishops and the Pope, he is from now on responsible for the entire Church. In particular the Church appoints him to the offices of teaching, sanctifying, and governing. The bishop, who exercises his pastoral ministry together with priests and deacons as his ordained assistants, is the visible principle and the foundation of the local Church (diocese).

In priestly ordination the bishop calls down God's power upon the candidates for ordination. It imprints on the souls of these men an indelible seal that can never be lost. As a collaborator with his bishop, the priest will proclaim the Word of God, administer the sacraments, and, above all, celebrate the Holy Eucharist.

In diaconal ordination the candidate is appointed to a special service within the sacrament of Holy Orders. For he represents Christ as the one who came, "not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). In the liturgy of ordination of a deacon we hear the words: "As a minister of the Word, of the altar, and of charity, he will make himself a servant to all".

The rule that only men may receive Holy Orders in no way demeans women. In God's sight, man and woman have the same dignity, but they have different duties and charisms. The Church sees herself bound by the fact that Jesus chose men exclusively to be present at the Last Supper for the institution of the priesthood. Pope John Paul II declared in 1994 "that the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgement is to be definitively held by all the Church's faithful.



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 26th October *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Monday 27th October *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Tuesday 28th October

10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)

11.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.55am

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am

11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

12noon Angelus & Holy Mass

Wednesday 29th October

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Thursday 30th October

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

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

Friday 31st October

9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary

9.30am Holy Mass

Saturday 1st November *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am

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 Solemnity of All Saints (St Mary's)

Sunday 2nd November *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

10.30am Holy Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Trinity)

12.35pm **Light Bite (Holy Trinity)**

5.00pm Holy Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints (St Mary's)



Liturgical Calendar

Tuesday 28th October Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles - Simon "the Less" is also called "the Canaanite" and "the Zealot." Jude "(son) of James" (Luke 6:16; Acts 1:13) was traditionally identified as Jude, brother of James and author of the letter of Jude, but may also be the one called "Thaddeus" (Matthew 10:3; Mark 3:18). A tradition has Simon and Jude preaching and being martyred in Persia. Tradition holds that Simon died a martyrs death by being sawn in half, and that Jude died a martyrs death by being beheaded with an axe. They are honoured among the twelve apostles, the first followers of Christ. St Simon is the patron saint of saw workers, tanners and woodworkers, and St Jude is the patron saint of hopeless cases and things despaired of.

Christmas Stock - St Mary's Stall

St Mary's Stall is stocked with a variety of cards and gifts for sale, including some homemade cards. 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.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Starting tomorrow, Monday 27th October, St Mary's will have 3 regular opportunities for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament per week; a time to come before the Lord truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, ready and waiting for us. If you can, please come early for Mass and spend some time with The Lord in quiet prayer.



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Novena

Tomorrow, Monday 27th October, we will begin the novena in preparation for Christmas to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. The novena will be prayed as part of Monday morning Mass for the next nine weeks in order to prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of the Lord's birth at Christmas. Please make a special effort to come to Mass on Monday mornings and join together in asking Our Lady to pray for us and the intentions we carry in our hearts.

Theology on Tap St John's Parish Hall Blackwood

Our Lady and St John's Blackwood (ML11 9RZ) will host their next Theology of Tap on Tuesday 4th November beginning at 6.30pm, with Anne-Marie Clements the guest speaker.

Anne-Marie will share her story of the destructive force of social media and how her faith got her through a difficult period.



Diocese of Motherwell Justice & Peace Group

The Diocesan group is meeting on Thursday 30th October. Starting with Mass at 7pm in the Cathedral at which they will sign the Prisoners' Week Charter - all are welcome to attend the Mass and the meeting!

At the meeting in the Diocesan Centre afterwards, they will explore how to support Prisoners' Week, reflect on events in the Holy Land following Fr Colm Martin's pilgrimage, and agree what they are going to do further to promote Catholic Social Teaching.



St Mary's Disco Thank You

Thanks to everyone who came along to the parish disco. Our DJ Ian was brilliant as always, catering for all age groups. It was great to welcome new faces as well as our regular supporters. It was a fantastic night raising £457. A special thank you to, John, Eileen and Ewan our bar volunteers.

St Mary's Cemetery Storm Damage

Thank you to Pine Valley Homes and the Community Payback Team for removing the fallen trees and tidying up the cemetery after Storm Amy; the cemetery is now looking much better. The Community Payback Team will continue to maintain the cemetery over the winter period and we hope to carry out some work on the road and paths, replacing the red ash and fixing potholes.

After having the trees and debris removed Fr John-Paul asked James Paterson (Paterson's Memorials) to inspect all the headstones in St Justin's section. James has noted 7 headstones require attention and will now complete a report for Fr John-Paul on the works required and we aim to have these headstones repaired/resecured ASAP.

Clydesdale Foodbank Collection

Our Monthly Foodbank Collection will take place **this 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 clearly marked 'FOODBANK'.

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity towards helping those in need.
Over 60% of all donations to Clydesdale Foodbank are reissued in the Lanark area.*



Missio Sunday - 19th October

Thank you for your prayers and financial support on World Mission Sunday! Your generous donations to Missio Scotland help to support the missionary work of the Church and is a real blessing for the missions. Please continue to pray for missionaries and for the people to whom they bring the Good News of Jesus. Our Mission Sunday Collection last weekend realised £780.





Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Anne Travers (Mother of Fr James Travers); Addie Girvan (Bellshill); Hugh Rodgers (Blantyre); Stephen Higgins (Carfin); Archie Stuart (Blantyre); Angela McManus; Jim Gray (Edinburgh);

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Jessie Hynds; Mae Graham; Rosina Baird; Baby Luca Gunning; Jim White;

Prayers for the Dead: The Church has always urged the faithful to pray for those who have died, particularly by having Holy Mass offered for the repose of their soul. Pope Francis described this as, 'the best spiritual help that we can give to their souls, particularly the most abandoned ones.' If you would like Mass offered for the repose of the soul of a loved one please write their name on an envelope with the Mass offering enclosed and give it to Fr John-Paul or hand it into the sacristy or post it through the chapel house letterbox.

November - Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month traditionally dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls; those men, women and children who have gone before us in faith, helping them pass through purgatory and reach the eternal joys of heaven.

During November Holy Mass will be offered each day for all those names contained in our November Lists, which will be placed before our altar. Lists are available at the back of the church and once completed can be handed into the sacristy, placed in the 'November List' box at the Lady Altar or placed in the collection basket with your weekly offering.



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:	£ 1,011.00
Standing Orders:	£ 425.00
Votives:	£ 155.00
Stall:	£ 170.00

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St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

25th/26th October

5.00pm	J. McBride
10.30am	P. Roberts
5.00pm	M. Davis

8th/9th November

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

1st/2nd November

5.00pm	T. Coia
10.30am	A. Servers
5.00pm	N. Donnelly

15th/16th November

5.00pm	A. Haetzman
10.30am	J. Angus
5.00pm	S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

25th/26th October

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

8th/9th November

5.00pm	K. Bryce
	A. McGowan
10.30am	C. Duddy
	I. Maxfield
	J. Russell

1st/2nd November

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

15th/16th November

5.00pm	M. Keenan
	C. Callaghan
10.30am	K. Lawrence
	J. McFarlane
	M. Russell