



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



3rd Sunday of Sunday
14th April 2024

Project Wellspring - Working Together

Since my arrival in the parish, back in September 2020, we have, unconsciously, been going through a time of renewal. In that time, little things have changed in the running of our parish, and in the ways that many people carry out their ministry; to give people attending a better experience of “church”, but also too, to align our parish with the Diocese and norms of the Universal Church.

This time of renewal has been painful at times, and difficult decisions have been taken for the greater good of the parish. For instance, St Mary Magdalene's parishioners started attending St Mary's once a month to experience “church” in a different way, and then eventually the parishioners incorporated into the parish, and St Mary Magdalene's Mass Centre closed. We have also experienced the pain of leaving St Isidore's, moving our place of worship to Holy Trinity Lamington, however, there is now a time of joy for us using Holy Trinity, and it is more practical for our needs, and hopefully a time of growth is ahead.

Change is not always easy, and sometimes sore, but that is all part of growth and building for the future. I was asked what my vision for our parish looks like for 10 years time. I answered: *I want our parish to be here in 10 years time, and I want people to feel ownership and be empowered. I want people to feel proud of our parish, and I want it to be an active place of worship.* In order for this vision to be achieved, we need to work together, to build for the future, and to promote our parish as a place of worship that encourages people to gather as a community of believers, celebrating the Sacraments, growing in faith, and deepening our love of God; whilst at the same time promoting social outreach and being educated in the faith. Ultimately, for this vision to be achieved, each one of us, young and old, needs to experience that sense of belonging and purpose - we need to feel we are part of something bigger, and we need to want to be involved.

To say our parish has been in a period of renewal since 2020 is not a negative. No parish is perfect, and we should always be striving to do things better, and to encourage others in their faith. It is when we stand still we become stagnant and the parish declines. As you have experienced over these last 3 1/2 years, renewal is not a solitary effort of the priest! Renewal is a pastoral approach that is team based, and rooted in the lay faithful, encouraged and guided by their pastor. It involves people who will think creatively and speak openly about growth and opportunities that really exist. This said, it is important to understand there are no quick fixes or shortcuts, but rather a good strategy and pastoral approach built on firm foundation.

As part of Project Wellspring, our parish renewal will be aligned to Bishop Toal's vision for the Diocese, and will aim at the greater good, incorporating the **5 Diocesan Mission:**

Liturgy - *Ensuring high-quality, dignified and engaging Masses & Services, especially the Sunday Eucharist*

Adult Formation - *Offering opportunities for prayer and learning to deepen our understanding of the faith*

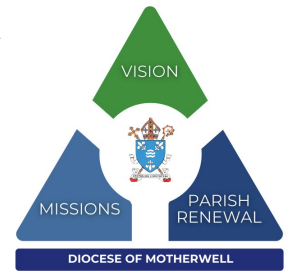
Youth Formation - *Providing programs of prayer, fellowship and learning for our young Catholics*

Poverty Relief - *Ensuring we offer generous practical and material support to those most in need*

Education - *Supporting our Catholic schools to be nurturing environments fully alive with faith*

I pray that we will embrace this time of renewal with a great sense of hope and enthusiasm, and that through the continued help and support of the Diocese, along with the guidance and prayers of Bishop Toal, our parish will continue to grow and flourish, with parishioners radiating the joy of their faith, and love of our parish.

Fr John-Paul



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 14th April *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass.*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

Monday 15th April *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 5pm*

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Tuesday 16th April

- 11.30am Confessions until 11.55am (St Mary's)
- 11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 12noon Regina Caeli & Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Wednesday 17th April

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am** Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Seamus Coll (St Mary's)
- 10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)
- 7.00pm** *Online Zoom Rosary (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)*

Thursday 18th April

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am** Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Kevin Reilly (St Mary's)
- 7.30pm** *The Choir of St Mary's Rehearsal (St Mary's Clubrooms)*

Friday 19th April

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Saturday 20th April *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

- 9.00am Confessions until 9.25am (St Mary's)
- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 4.30pm Confessions until 4.50pm (St Mary's)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

Sunday 21st April *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

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| <p><u>13th/14th April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.00pm R. Kane 10.30am R. Colpitts 5.00pm N. Donnelly <p><u>20th/21st April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.00pm A. Haetzman 10.30am P. Robertson 5.00pm M. Davis | <p><u>27th/28th April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.00pm G. Abernethy 10.30am E. McCabe 5.00pm S. Casserly <p><u>4th/5th May</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.00pm C. Jackson 10.30am J. Russell 5.00pm N. Donnelly |
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Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

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| <p><u>13th/14th April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.00pm M. Keenan <li style="padding-left: 20px;">P. Stewart 10.30am C. Duddy <li style="padding-left: 20px;">V. Hilland <li style="padding-left: 20px;">D. McFarlane <p><u>20th/21st April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.00pm J. McEwan <li style="padding-left: 20px;">C. McClafferty 10.30am M. Davis <li style="padding-left: 20px;">C. O'Brien <li style="padding-left: 20px;">J. McAlavey | <p><u>27th/28th April</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.00pm J. McClafferty <li style="padding-left: 20px;">K. Bryce 10.30am J. Wilson <li style="padding-left: 20px;">A. O'Neill <li style="padding-left: 20px;">N. Keenan <p><u>4th/5th May</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.00pm P. Freel <li style="padding-left: 20px;">R. Sinton 10.30am J. Littlejohn <li style="padding-left: 20px;">M. Keenan <li style="padding-left: 20px;">M. Keenan |
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Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 1,456.00

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 80.00

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish

St Marys Mission RCDM
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Giftaid and Envelopes

For those on the Giftaid Scheme, your new envelopes are in the narthex, please do take them home this weekend. Giftaid allows the parish to claim an extra 25% on top of your offering from the Government, at no cost to yourself. It is free money to the parish!! If you are not part of the Scheme, please consider singing up, forms are available in the narthex and are treated with the strictest confidence. Completed forms can be returned to Fr John-Paul or placed in the collection bag with your weekly offering.

Project Wellspring - Parish Groups/Transport

As part of our Parish Renewal Program I asked if there would be any interest in starting small groups within the parish: knitting / crochet, draughts / boardgames etc. and also a Bereavement Group. To date I have only had one person contact me offering to start a crochet group in the parish. I also asked if parishioners knew of anyone unable to come to Mass due to lack of transport, and again no one has contacted me. The above requests came from items listed on the Parish Questionnaire returned in Sept 2023.



As part of Project Wellspring it is important that we exam the Parish Questionnaire Forms and try to deliver parishioner suggestions, if a need is identified, and the means available. So far, I think it would be fair to suggest that small groups and transport for coming to Mass are not something that will happen at present in St Mary's, however, this may be something we revisit in the future, if the need arises.

As we continue on our Parish Renewal we will now focus on delivering our new Interactive Screen for the back of the church, and also continue to investigate a Parish App, and hopefully confirm when new signage will be erected at St Mary's Church and St Mary's Cemetery.

Fr John-Paul

Parish Disco - Friday 17th May 2024

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting a Quiz Night on **Friday 17th May 2024**. The Clubrooms will open at 7pm with the 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. Bar will be open for refreshments.

SCIAF WEE BOXES

If you are intending to return a WEE BOX for SCIAF please do so no later than **next weekend**. All WEE BOXES are paid directly into SCIAF's account and go towards helping those most vulnerable.

To date, our WEE BOXES have brought in £1,061.62. Thank you for your continued support and generosity.



New Bank Details St Mary's 300 Club

As part of Project Wellspring the Diocese has transferred all our banking into one bank (The Bank of Scotland). The purpose of this is to maximise our diocesan interest rate and reduce any bank charges across the parishes. Please find below new Standing Order details for the 300 Club. If you are a member of the 300 Club and pay Standing Order, please inform your bank of the new details. **Many thanks for your assistance and continued support.**

Account Name: St Mary's Lanark Account Number: 10246763 Sort Code: 80-12-97

St Mary's Clubrooms Bookings

If you would like to book the Clubrooms for a function or are interested in using it on a regular basis, please contact Heather for more details:

07300857616 or theclubrooms@outlook.com



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Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Seamus Coll Kirkfieldbank
Kevin Reilly Hawksland
Fr Martin Chambers (Bishop-Elect of the Diocese of Dunkeld); Sister Angela DC; Sister Anne DC; Patrick Martin; Clare Nicolson.

Months Minds & Anniversaries: John Reilly Jnr; Robert Kennedy; James Tait; William Campbell.

Funeral Arrangements: Seamus Coll Requiem Mass: Wednesday 17th April 9.30am, St Mary's
Kevin Reilly Requiem Mass: Thursday 18th April 9.30am, St Mary's

Easter Remembrances: Bishop Frank Thomson; Bishop Joseph Devine; Father Joseph Brannigan; Father Paddy Hughes; All Deceased Members of The Vincentian Fathers; All Deceased Members of The Daughter's of Charity; Canon Willie Dunnachie; Father Damien Gilhooley; Canon Giles Goward; Father David Mellor; Jim McShane; John & Mary McShane; Rosemary McShane MacIntyre; Frank McMahan; Annie & Arthur Lenagh; Hughie & Mary McShane; McShane Family; McGuire Family; Lenagh Family; McMahan Family; Kate & William Campbell; Bernie & Jim McEwan; Campbell Family; McCafferty Family; McEwan Family; James E. Reid; Gerry Wyllie; Wyllie Family; Deerin Family; Valentie Family; Joseph & Betty McLeish; Hugh McLeish; Peter Brannen; Brannen Family; Edgar Family; Peter Skelly; Grace McGregor; James, Clare & Evelyn O'Leary; Jimmy & Sadie Littlejohn; Frances & Monica Cassidy; May Kelly; Arthur Kane; Irene & To Wallace; Madeline & Ken Highton; Sr Margaret Duncan; Mr & Mrs McCulloch (Lanark); McCulloch Family; Mr & Mrs McDade (Newkirk); McDade Family; Owen, Margaret & John Dempsey; Estelle Higgins; John Cunningham; James McCardie; Arthur Christie; Jessica & John Christie; John Christie Jnr; Sarah & Joseph Quinn; Rena & Jimmy Travers; John Kerr; Dan & Marion O'Donnell; Mary & Charlie Binnie; Davie & Bette Haggerty; Paul Donnachie; Donnachie Family; Sand & Alex McLellan; Paul Halloran; Helen & Robert Dennis; May & Veronica Quinn; Fr Joseph Brannigan; Fr Hughes; Maureen Mathers; Jimmy & Sarah McEwan; Anne Paisley; Anne Skeldon; John Donnelly; Martha & Tam Smith; William & Martin McPhail; Harry & Jean McPhail; James & Mary McCrossan; Jim & Theresa Casagrande, Dan McPhail; Sandy McLean; Mary Mclean; Catherine McLean; Jessie Clark; Susan Mackie; Frank Mackie; Leah & Albert Welsh; Morton Family; Matt & Peggy Reilly; Betty Thomson; Ann & Alasdair MacDonald; Bill & Annie Gebbie; Lisa Katherine McAlavey; John McAlavey; Blanche McAlavey; Gerard Mays Snr; Gerard Mays Jnr; Susan Mays; John O'Neill; John & Marion Renton; Mary, Jim & Michael McLaughlan; Mary, Bill & Stephen Murray; Anne & John Boyle; Margaret, John & Bobby Dykes; Charlie Lively; Lively Family; Lavery Family; Maher Family; Markie Higgins; Joe McAllister; Peter & Susan Mulligan; Bridget Donnelly; Kate Hanlon; Edward Hanlon; Anne Lindsay; Archie Lindsay; Michael Sheely; Mary Sheely; Kate Nevin; Kathleen & Bill Grieve; Frank Hilland; Martin Hilland; Joe & Frances Jackson; Phil & Anne Kinsella; Estelle Higgins; Josephine & Harry Freely; Helen & Donald Young; Skye Martin; Chrissy & Hugh Martin; Jacky Stewart; Ron Meldrum; Catherine & Daniel Stewart; Eileen Prior; Janette Irvine; Jean & Jimmy Meldrum; May Quinn; Meg McConville; McConville Family; Pat Tansey; Deceased Members of The Choir of St Mary's; Hugh & Jean McNamara; Tony & Alison Filmer; Helen & Alex Barrack; Oliver Jones; Nick Fish; Noone Family; Dowds Family; Farrell Family; Peggy & Denis Docherty; Annie & Archie McMillan; William O'Brien Snr; Christopher Campbell; Quinn Family; Mary Jane Brennan; Agnes Jack; Anne Elder; James & Evelyn Brennan; Josephine McGuire; Josephine & Willie Whitefield; Lisa Mary Geddes; Vera Livingstone; Thomas, Cecilia & Mark Cloonan; James (Jim) Callaghan; Anna Marshall; Agnes & Alice Bamford; Jack Knox (Redditch); Rotherham Family (Liverpool); Callaghan Family (Sligo); Cloonan Family (Liverpool); Clara Rotherham; Vincent Schmidt (USA); John Cloonan; Emilio & Cesarina Coia.

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.