



## St Mary's Lanark St Isidore's Biggar



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**3rd Sunday of Easter**  
**1st May 2022**



## The Month of Our Blessed Lady

May is normally part of the Easter season, the period of fifty days which lasts from Easter to Pentecost. During this time we celebrate the Lord's Resurrection from the dead, a celebration which culminates with his Ascension to the Father and the sending of the Holy Spirit to the Church on Pentecost. It is a fitting time to dedicate to the Blessed Virgin Mary, to recall her intense joy over her Son's Resurrection and the comfort and guidance she gave to the Apostles during this difficult period.

During the Easter season, Mary's presence in the beginnings of the Church is emphasised. She was present in the first community of disciples. In Acts 1:14, she was present with the Apostles in the upper room as they prayerfully waited for the descent of the Holy Spirit with hopeful expectation. As Pope St. John Paul II stated in *Redemptoris Mater*, "Mary was in the Upper Room, where the Apostles were preparing to take up this mission with the coming of the Spirit of Truth: she was present with them. In their midst Mary was "devoted to prayer" as the "mother of Jesus" (cf. Acts 1:13-14), of the Crucified and Risen Christ." Her maternal presence was humble and discreet but fundamental. Among them, she acted as a guide, an exceptional witness of the mystery of Christ, a role she had since His conception and birth, as well as a model of true faith.



The Easter season is a fitting time to recall Mary's immense joy over her Son's Resurrection and to rediscover her role as mother and teacher in our lives. Mary has a unique role in the God's plan of salvation and in the Church. She consented to the coming of the Saviour and cooperated in developing His mission. She brought Him into the world, raised Him and lovingly stood by His side during the years of His hidden life. She supported Him during His public ministry in a quiet way, beginning at Cana, where by her intercession Jesus performed His first miracle. She cooperated in His work, even uniting her own suffering with that of her Son, standing at the foot of His cross. Mary was Jesus' first disciple, humbly following Him during every step of His journey and mission. She trusted in God completely and lived by His grace. She is our model of true discipleship and of complete faith.

During the Easter season we are more aware of Mary's motherly presence and love. It is perhaps for this reason that popular tradition has dedicated the month of May, which falls during this liturgical season, to Our Blessed Mother.

The Blessed Virgin Mary offered the disciples her prayers, motherly care, and witness. She continues to offer us her motherly love and intercession. During this month of May, let us rediscover her maternal role in each of our lives. Let us offer our spiritual mother our sincere prayers, that just as she aided the first Apostles with her prayers, she may also guide and intercede for us in our journey of faith. Let us learn from her how to love and trust God completely and how to be faithful witnesses of the risen Lord.

## Clydesdale Foodbank

This weekend will be our Monthly Foodbank Collection to help support Clydesdale Foodbank. Bags of shopping can be handed to any pass-keeper, or left in the sacristy. Monetary donations can be placed in the basket with your weekly offering. Thank you for your continued generosity in supporting the Foodbank.

### Parish Finances

#### St Mary's

Offertory Collection:	£	1,111.00
Standing Orders:	£	278.50
Easter Collection	£	130.00

#### St Isidore's

Offertory Collection:	£	75.20
Standing Orders:	£	60.00
Easter Collection	£	00.00

*Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.*

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

**Parish of St Isidore's 83-16-11 00235026**

### Quiz Night

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting a **Quiz night on Friday 20th May 2022. Clubrooms will open at 7pm with Quiz starting at 7.30pm.** Please come along and join the fun! We welcome entries from families/friends and also hope that some groups will consider entering a team – Readers, Choir, Gardeners, Cleaning Group, Florists, Pass-Keepers, Bar staff, Men's club, Monday club, etc . If you plan to enter, please have a chat with any member of the social committee. Entry price is £2.00 per person – Maximum number in team is 6 people. Bar will be open for refreshments.

### Clubrooms Volunteers Update

Last weekend we appealed for parishioners to volunteer in the Clubrooms, particularly with bar work. Thank you to the few who volunteered, it is very much appreciated, but we are in need of more volunteers to help.

No previous experience is needed, and there are different roles for volunteers, from serving drinks to restocking the fridges and clearing tables. All bar training will be given, and you will be working as part of a team.

If you would like to volunteer, or find out more, please contact Angela at [theclubrooms@outlook.com](mailto:theclubrooms@outlook.com) or speak to a member of the Social Committee. Below is a list of functions we urgently require volunteers for; if you can help, it would be much appreciated.

Date	Function	No of Vol required
1st May	Fundraiser <i>7pm-late</i>	2
14th May	1st Communion <i>12noon-5pm</i>	5
22nd May	Mungo Foundation <i>11am-4pm</i>	3
9th June	Lanimers Event <i>12noon -5pm</i>	5

### SCIAF Marathon

Mark Daly, a parishioner of St Mary's, is running the Edinburgh Marathon, on Sunday 29th May, 2022, in aid of SCIAF. If you would like to sponsor Mark, you can donate through his fundraising page [https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-daly2207?utm\\_source=sms&utm\\_medium=fundraising&utm\\_content=mark-daly2207&utm\\_campaign=pfp-](https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mark-daly2207?utm_source=sms&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=mark-daly2207&utm_campaign=pfp-)

### Second Collection

Normally during Lent, on the 4th Sunday, the Diocese asks us to take up a Second Collection to support the costs of the Sick and Retired Priests of the Diocese of Motherwell. This year, however, on the 4th Sunday of Lent, Bishop Toal asked us to take up a Second Collection to support the Emergency Aid Fund for Ukraine, organised by SCIAF.

**The Sick and Retired Priest Collection will now be taken up at all Masses next weekend.**

In advance, we thank you for your generosity and support to this Collection which helps towards the highest running costs the Diocese has to meet, which is almost £300,000.00 per year.

### Face Coverings

As from Monday 4th April, it is **no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering whilst at Mass, or in the church for any purpose.** You may choose to continue to wear a face covering, but this is each persons preference and not mandatory. We are still required to sanitise our hands before entering or exiting the church.



## Please Pray For The Following:



**Recently Dead:** Fanny Bernard Kennedy; Hugh Egan.

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** Father Joseph Brannigan; The Monteith Family; Thomas Bowie; Jim McShane; James Kelly; Betty Dunlop; Nan Keenan; Frank Brody; Michael McLaughlan.



### St Isidore's Update

After almost six months, the repair works in St Isidore's have been completed, and we are now looking to return to St Isidore's for Sunday, and weekday Mass. The builders encountered many problems along the way, hence why the repairs have taken longer than initially expected, but we are now happy all repairs have been completed, and St Isidore's is safe to use once again.

We will return to St Isidore's on **Sunday 15th May for 12noon Mass**, followed by a parish BBQ to bring parishioners together again. We do hope keeping Mass at 12noon will encourage many people as possible to return to St Isidore's, and also too show signs of encouragement for the future.

At present, we are still awaiting Planning Approval for the site at the rear of St Isidore's, but as expected we think this will happen after the local elections. In the meantime, we have been in contact with Councillor Ian McAllan, who has been dialoguing with SLC on our behalf, and we are hopeful of securing land from SLC in order to build our own new church. More details to follow as soon as we have them.

Once again we thank Biggar Kirk and Rev. Mike for all the hospitality shown to us during these recent months, and the parish will make a financial donation towards the maintenance and upkeep of Biggar Kirk.

### Flower Fund

On behalf of the parish we thank Marie and her team of florists who adorn St Mary's so beautifully with flowers. The Easter flowers looked exceptional and really enhance our, already, beautiful church. We also take this opportunity to thank Grace who looks after the Flower Fund, and most importantly the parishioners who donate to the Fund throughout the year, without your generosity and support it would simply not be possible to have such beautiful flowers. God bless your kindness and generosity.

### Easter Water

Easter Water is available from the large golden reservoir in front of St Mary's Sanctuary, please help yourself to Easter Water and sprinkle your homes using the following prayer asking for God's protection and blessings.

*Be our shelter, Lord, when we are at home, our companion when we are away, and our welcome guest when we return and at last receive us into the dwelling place you have prepared for us in your Father's house, where you live forever and ever.*

*Amen.*

### St Mary's Ministry Rota

#### Readers:

<u>30th April/1st May</u>		<u>14th/15th May</u>	
5.00pm	R. McConnell	5.00pm	E. Haetzman
10.30am	K. Carty	10.30am	P. Roberts
5.00pm	M. Davis	5.00pm	M. Davis
<u>7th/8th May</u>		<u>21st/22nd May</u>	
5.00pm	G. Abernethy	5.00pm	J. Moynagh
10.30am	R. Colpitts	10.30am	S. Watson
5.00pm	S. Casserly	5.00pm	S. Casserly

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>30th April/1st May</u>		<u>14th/15th May</u>	
5.00pm	M. Keenan	5.00pm	A. Dempsey
	P. Stewart		C. Scott
10.30am	J. Wilson	10.30am	J. McAlavey
	C. Duddy		M. Keenan
<u>7th/8th May</u>		<u>21st/22nd May</u>	
5.00pm	T. Mullen	5.00pm	J. McClafferty
	C. McClafferty		M. Davis
10.30am	P. Cunningham	10.30am	J. Wilson
	A. Cruickshank		C. Duddy

## Weekly Mass Schedule

**Sunday 1st May** **St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6pm**

10.30am Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

11.15am **Coffee Moring (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

1.00pm Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (Biggar Kirk)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

**Monday 2nd May**

9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

**Tuesday 3rd May**

11.30am Confessions until 11.55am (St Mary's)

11.40am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

12noon Regina Caeli & Holy Mass (St Mary's)

**Wednesday 4th May**

9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

10.00am **Church Cleaning (St Mary's)**

10.15am Faith Sharing Group (Cargill Club)

7.00pm **Weekly Rosary Group (Zoom: ID 828 0546 0960 Passcode 638016)**

**Thursday 5th May**

9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

10.00am Holy Mass St Catherine's (Sisters Only)

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

**Friday 6th May**

9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

**Saturday 7th May** **St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6pm**

9.00am Confessions until 9.25am (St Mary's)

9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

9.30am Holy Mass (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 8th May** **St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6pm**

10.30am Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

1.00pm Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (Biggar Kirk)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the 4th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

*Daily Mass & Rosary from St Mary's is Livestreamed on the parish Facebook Page  
and broadcast on the parish YouTube Channel.*

*The 1pm Sunday Mass from Biggar Kirk is Livestreamed  
on St Isidore's parish YouTube Channel.*

### Daily Rosary

Traditionally, May is a month dedicated to Our Blessed Lady, and therefore, before weekday Mass there will be recitation of the Holy Rosary in St Mary's. You are encouraged to join the Rosary when you can, or alternatively to pray the Rosary during the month of May.

### Day by Day

Thank you to those who purchase the Day by Day prayer book, containing the daily readings for Mass. Due to the current climate, and to meet printing costs, Arch Publishing have had to increase their price. The revised cost will be £1.50 per book. This is still very good value for money.