



# Saint Mary's Parish Lanark

5th Sunday of Easter  
3rd May 2026



## Gravissimum Educationis

After the four Constitutions (major documents) produced by the Second Vatican Council, there are, in secondary importance, the Declarations of the Council. The first being Gravissimum Educationis, proclaimed by Pope Paul VI on 28th October 1965, focused on Christian Education. It is one of the shorter documents of the Council, but even though it attempts to comment briefly on each aspect of education of interest to the Church, a few central principles stand out.



The first principle is that all people have “an inalienable right to an education that is in keeping with their ultimate goal”. The way this should manifest is through the development of the students’ physical, moral and intellectual characteristics. This should lead all students to the knowledge and skills necessary to discourse with others and promote the common good. Motivating and instilling in each person good moral values and a deeper knowledge and love of God.

Gravissimum Educationis focuses in a special way on Catholic education and what Catholic schools should be. It reminds us that a Catholic school should instil and promote that the baptised become ever more aware of the gift of Faith they have received, learn how to worship God in spirit and truth, and be conformed to Jesus Christ in justice and holiness. Helping young people be aware of being a part of the Mystical Body of Christ (the Church) and to bear witness to the hope that is in them in helping the world know, love and follow Christ.

The duty and responsibility of parents and families is also highlighted. It states “since parents have given children their life, they are bound by the most serious obligation to educate their offspring and therefore must be recognised as the primary and principal educators”. The family is the “first school of the social virtues that every society needs”.

The Church calls on the civil authorities “to direct what is required for the common temporal good”, meaning that good schools need provided for and sustained materially. Then, the document clarifies the role of the Church in education. The Church reminds us that she has the duty and responsibility to make moral and religious education available in all its schools.

Teachers are called upon to “by their life as much as by their teaching/instruction bear witness to Christ, the true Teacher” and then it declares “the work of these teachers, this sacred synod declares, is in the real sense of the word an apostolate most suited to and necessary for our times and at once a true service offered to society”.

The Church reminds all Catholic parents, as they promised at Baptism, to bring their children up in the practice and knowledge of the faith, that they have “the duty of entrusting their children to Catholic schools wherever and whenever possible and of supporting these schools to the best of their ability”.

## Holy Week Parish Schedule

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

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

**10.30am** Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

**11.15am** **Monthly Coffee Morning (Clubrooms)**

**12noon** Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)

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

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

**Monday 4th May** *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**9.30am** **Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Clare McCool**

**Tuesday 5th May**

**11.30am** Confessions until 11.55am

**11.40am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**12noon** Angelus, Holy Mass & Novena to St Anthony of Padua

**Wednesday 6th May**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**9.30am** Holy Mass

**10.00am** **Church Cleaning**

**Thursday 7th May**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**9.30am** Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph

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

**Friday 8th May**

**9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**9.30am** Holy Mass & Novena to St Agatha

**Saturday 9th May** *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

**9.30am** Holy Mass

**11.00am** **First Holy Communions**

**1.30pm** Nuptial Service of Laura Butcher & Paul Guest

**4.30pm** Recitation of the Holy Rosary

**4.30pm** Confessions until 4.50pm

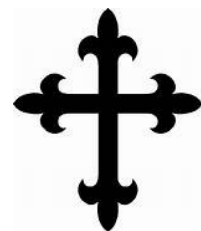
**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

**Sunday 10th May** *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

**10.30am** Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)



### Quiz Night Friday 15th May 7pm

St Mary's Social Committee are hosting a Quiz Night on Friday 15th May 2026.

The Clubrooms will open at 7pm with 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.

The Bar will be open for refreshments.

### Joe Wilson Books

Joe Wilson was born in 1994 and was from Carfin, he died aged 17 in 2011, and is on his way to becoming Scotland's first millennial saint. Joe wore his faith on his shoulder, with a great sense of joy and always looking out for the marginalised. In order to promote a devotion to Joe, and to encourage young people to pray to him, a book has been written about Joe's life. A copy of the book has been gifted to all children from St Mary's Primary School.

## Communion & Confirmation Dates

This year's First Holy Communion for St Mary's Primary School will take place on Saturday 9th Mass at 11am. Confirmation for the children of St Mary's Primary School will be celebrated on Tuesday 2nd June at 7pm.

Bishop Toal will visit Holy Trinity Chapel on Sunday 21st June at 12noon to celebrate the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

## 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 marked 'FOODBANK'.

Thank you for you continued support and generosity to the foodbank. Over 50% of what is donated to Clydesdale Foodbank is used in Lanark.

## Digital Giving Machine

As fewer and fewer people carry cash these days, some people have asked about having a donations device at the back of St Mary's. We are delighted to say, after much research and investigation, we have now purchased a Dona Device, which can be used for Offertory Collection, Building Fund, Votive Candles and Piety Stall purchases. The device is very easy to use, and also comes with a QR Code which can be used for the same categories. This is an ideal way for people who do not carry cash to contribute to the parish through card and phone payments.

## Parish Meeting *Walking Together in Faith*

All are invited to an event to hear about the many good things happening in Holy Trinity and St Mary's and to share ideas about how the two parish communities can continue to flourish and grow in future. We hope as many people as possible will come along, whether that is simply to listen or to offer suggestions. Tea and coffee will be available. All are very welcome. Bring a friend!

**When: Monday 1st June**

**Where: St Mary's Clubrooms**

**Time: 6.30-8.00pm**

## Holy Trinity Light Bite

It was wonderful to see so many people stay for the Light Bite on Sunday 29th March, which was in aid of SCIAF. An incredible sum of £175 was raised! Today's Light Bite is for Mary's Meals. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

A huge thank you also goes to Emily and Joan for organising the Light Bite events and also for all the people who bring food to be shared. It is wonderful to celebrate Mass together and then to share food and fellowship; both fundamental in building community.

## Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,308.00  
Standing Orders: £ 146.50  
Votives: £ 145.00  
Stall: £ 95.00



## St Mary's Ministry Rota

### Readers:

#### 2nd/3rd May

**5.00pm** A. Haetzman  
**10.30am** A. Servers  
**5.00pm** M. Davis

#### 16th/17th May

**5.00pm** C. Jackson  
**10.30am** P. Roberts  
**5.00pm** N. Donnelly

#### 9th/10th May

**5.00pm** J. McBride  
**10.30am** J. Angus  
**5.00pm** S. Casserly

#### 23rd/24th May

**5.00pm** F. Chung  
**10.30am** E. Campbell  
**5.00pm** M. Davis

### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

#### 2nd/3rd May

**5.00pm** C. Callaghan  
M. Keenan  
**10.30am** C. Duddy  
I. Maxfield  
J. Russell

#### 16th/17th May

**5.00pm** A. Dempsey  
J. McBride  
**10.30am** G. Duddy  
A. Gillespie  
M. Keenan

#### 9th/10th May

**5.00pm** F. McBride  
R. Sinton  
**10.30am** K. Lawrence  
J. McFarlane  
M. Russell

#### 23rd/24th May

**5.00pm** C. Scott  
S. Callaghan  
**10.30am** J. Littlejohn  
A. O'Neill  
N. Keenan



### Holy Trinity Chapel

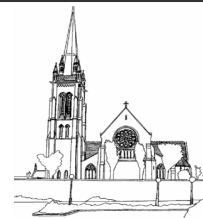
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### Please Pray For The Following



**Recently Dead:** Clare McCool Armadale Road **Requiem Mass: Monday 4th May 9.30am**  
Cathie McDonald (Newarthill); Tommy Mooney (Lennoxton); Teresa Molyneaux (County Kerry);

**Months Minds & Anniversaries:** Father Joseph Brannigan; Monteith Family; Thomas Bowie; Jim McShane; John Fisher (Shotts); James Doty; Brian McCardie; Elaine & William Wilson; Donald Liddell; Nan Keenan; Charlie & Mary Binnie; May Quinn;

### *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; Fr John Breslin; Canon Giles Goward; Father David Mellor; Jim McShane; John & Mary McShane; Rosemary McShane MacIntyre; Charlie McShane; John McShane; 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; Mary McFarlane; Therese Martin; John Skeffington; Joe & Betty McLeish; Peter Brannan; Edgar Family; Peter Skelly; Grace McGregor; Thomas & Helen Lamb; Thomas Lamb Jnr; Lamb Family; McGuigan Family; William & Sarah Dunnachie; Dunnachie Family; Michael Pavilonis; Cathy Gallagher; Tony Murphy; Lisa Katherine McAlavey; John McAlavey; Blanche McAlavey; Gerard Mays Snr; Gerard Mays Jnr; Brian Mays; Susan Mays; John O'Neill; Agnes Foley (McKendrick); John (Johnny) Foley; Joseph foley; Agnes Foley (McGuinness); Emilio & Cesarina Coia; Coia Family; Ungaretti Family; Giuseppe Molinaro; Owen, Margaret & John Dempsey; John & Marion Renton; Betty & Joe Woods; James, Clare & Evelyn O'Leary; Jimmy & Saddle Littlejohn; Frances, Monica & Anthony Cassidy; Lisa Geddes; Vera & Johnny Livingstone; Peter & Eleonore De-Schuster; Marion & Dan O'Donnell; Matt & Peggy Reilly; Betty, Wullie & John Thomson; Ann & Alasdair MacDonald; Teresa & Bill McArdle; Matt & Betty Reilly; Marjory Reilly; Jim Anderson; Bill & Annie Gebbie; Martha & Tam Smith; Sarah & Jimmy McEwan; Paisley Family; John, Mary & James Donnelly; Mary & Tommy Cavanagh; James & Rose Kelly; Pat & Joe McGarrigle; Gerry McGarrigle; McGarrigle Family; Dean Family; Margaret, John & Bobby Dykes; Ron Meldrum; Eileen Prior; Janette Irvine; May Quinn; David Tinto; Catherine & Daniel Stewart; Jean & Jimmy Meldrum; McConville Family (Shotts); Deceased members of the Choir of St Mary's; Mary, Jim & Michael McLaughan; Mary, Bill & Stephen Murray; Anne & John Boyle; Lizanne Inglis; Edward Hanlon; Kate Hanlon; Anne Lindsay; Archie Lindsay; Mary Sheely; Michael Sheely; Kate Nevin & Brothers; Rodger McConnell; Bernard & Rose Scott; Beverley & Alan Milliken; John, Annie, Liam & Janes McConnell; Noone Family; Dowds Family; Farrell Family; David Tinto; Rosemary McManus; Francis & Grace McManus; Francis McManus Jnr; Willie Connor; Iain Connor; Mark Stewart; Thomas Cloonan; Cecilia Cloonan; Mark Cloonan; Cloonan Family; Rotherham Family; Jim Callaghan; Anna Marshall; Agnes and Alice Bamford; Callaghan Family (Sligo); Karen Reilly; John Reilly Jnr; Betty Hutchison; Thomas McNulty; Christina McNulty; Nora Byers; John Byers; Rosina Baird; Babay Luca Gunning; James Tait; Mary Tait; Eileen McLeod; Nicholas Lambert; Rose Lambert; Bridget Lambert; Sandy McLean; Mary McLean; Catherine McLean; Jessie Clark; Frank Mackie; Susan Mackie; Graham Munro; Leah Welsh; Albert Welsh; Morton Family; Peter & Susan Mulligan; Joe McAllister; Bridget Donnelly; Fox Family; Harvey Family; Thomas, Molly & James McKeown; Paul Halloran; Halloran Family; Helen, Robert, Dennis, May & Veronica Quinn; Mr & Mrs Brady; John & Bridget Callaghan; John Doolan; Henry Doolan; Jane Doolan; Oliver Family; Small Family; Liz Rae; Eleanor Douglas; James McCardie; Arthur Christie; Jessica & John Christie; Rina & Jimmy Travers; Mary & John Christie; Evelyn Grant Quinn; Lilly Grant; Blanche McCabe;