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St Isidore The Farmer

Isidore was born in Madrid, in about the year 1070, of poor but very devout parents, and was christened Isidore from the name of their patron, St. Isidore of Seville. Isidore spent his life as a hired hand in the service of the wealthy Madrilenian landowner Juan de Vargas on a farm in the city's vicinity. He shared what he had, even his meals, with the poor. Juan de Vargas would later make him bailiff of his entire estate of Lower Caramanca.

Isidore married Maria Torribia, known as Santa María de la Cabeza in Spain; she has never been canonized, pending confirmation by Pope Francis. Isidore and Maria had one son. On one occasion, their son fell into a deep well and, at the prayers of his parents, the water of the well is said to have risen miraculously to the level of the ground, bringing the child with it. In thanksgiving Isidore and Maria then vowed sexual abstinence and lived in separate houses. Their son later died in his youth.

In the morning before going to work, Isidore would usually attend Mass at one of the churches in Madrid. One day, his fellow farm workers complained to their master that Isidore was always late for work in the morning. Upon investigation the master found Isidore at prayer while an angel was doing the ploughing for him.

On another occasion, his master saw an angel ploughing on either side of him, so that Isidore's work was equal to that of three of his fellow field workers. Isidore is also said to have brought back to life his master's deceased daughter, and to have caused a fountain of fresh water to burst from the dry earth to quench his master's thirst.

One snowy day, when going to the mill with wheat to be ground, he passed a flock of wood-pigeons scratching vainly for food on the hard surface of the frosty ground. Taking pity on the poor animals, he poured half of his sack of precious wheat upon the ground for the birds, despite the mocking of witnesses. When he reached the mill, however, the bag was full, and the wheat, when it was ground, produced double the expected amount of flour.

Isidore's wife, Maria, always kept a pot of stew on the fireplace in their humble home as Isidore would often bring home anyone who was hungry. One day he brought home more hungry people than usual. After she served many of them, Maria told him that there simply was no more stew in the pot. He insisted that she check the pot again, and she was able to spoon out enough stew to feed them all.

On April 2, 1212, after torrential rains had exhumed cadavers from cemeteries in Madrid, his body was discovered in an apparent state of incorruptibility.



Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection:	£	1,081.00
Standing Orders:	£	852.00
Sick & Retired Priests	£	1,045.00

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection:	£	54.00
Standing Orders:	£	333.00
Sick & Retired Priests	£	101.00

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.

Sick & Retired Priests Collection

On behalf of the Diocese of Motherwell, thank you most sincerely for your generosity to the Second Collection last weekend, for the Sick & Retired Priests of the Diocese. It was an incredible amount donated from our parishes, and will go to helping support and care for those priests who served our Diocese so well over the years. God bless your generosity.

St Mary's Finance Committee

St Mary's parish Finance & General Purpose Committee will next meet on Monday 16th May. If you wish any subject to be considered by the Committee please submit it in writing at the sacristy, or put your proposal in a sealed envelope in the collection bag marked as 'Finance Committee'. The Committee is to help with the general running of the parish, and any suggestions are welcomed.

Clubrooms Volunteers

Many thanks to those whom expressed an interest in volunteering in the Clubrooms. The next training session will take place tomorrow, Monday 16th May in the Clubrooms. Thank you very much to Angela and John for running these sessions and for all those who have volunteered their time to help make the Clubrooms as successful as possible.

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-sms&utm_term=65e509225b614498b65e8633944d5ca0

Congratulations

Many congratulations to the children from St Mary's Primary School who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday.

St Isidore's Keyholders

If you are a keyholder for St Isidore's, with a key to enter either the house or the chapel, if you could speak to Fr John-Paul no later than next weekend.

Cargill Club Bingo

The Cargill Club are hosting a Bingo Night at 6pm for 6:30pm on Monday 23rd May in the Memorial Hall. Tickets are priced at £3 and include tea/coffee and biscuits. Tickets available on the door.

Day by Day

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.

Daily Rosary

The Holy Rosary will be recited each day in St Mary's before weekday Mass. You are encouraged to join the Rosary when you can, or alternatively to pray the Rosary during the month of May.



Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Elizabeth Scott Kildare Place
Arthur John Talbot; Peter Quinn (Uddingston).

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Joseph McAreavy; Pat McTaggart.

Funeral Arrangements: Elizabeth Scott Reception & Requiem Mass: Wednesday 25th May 9.30am

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 describes 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.



Sale of Land

Several months ago we submitted a detailed Planning Application for three detached houses at St Mary's Cemetery, the land which is at present occupied by three metal containers.

We are delighted to announce that our Planning Application has been successful, and we are now taking further steps to sell the land.

Once again, the parish will use Whyte & Barrie to help us advertise and sell the site. The site will be valued by Whyte & Barrie, both as it stands just now with the planning permission, but also as serviced plots. Once Whyte & Barrie have carried out their valuations and assessments, the Diocese will decide whether we invest money in servicing the plots, or if we sell the land as is.

The Diocese has a duty to maximise the potential of the land, and will do whatever is best financially for the parish. This is great news, and we will keep you updated as things progress.

Vocations

It is very important that we continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood, especially in our diocese. If you know of someone discerning their vocation to the priesthood, then please encourage them to contact Fr Charlie O'Farrell, Diocese of Motherwell Vocations Director:

01698 423044 or frofarrell@rcdom.org.uk

St Mary Magdalene's Building

At present we are in advanced talks with Forth Breast Cancer Charity Shop, for the sale of St Mary Magdalene's building. After an independent valuation, carried out by Whyte & Barrie, the Forth Cancer Charity Shop have agreed to pay the asking price of £55,000.00. We are hopeful the sale will be completed soon and the money deposited into St Isidore's account. A very special thank you to Councillor Catherine McClymont for all her help and support during the sale.

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

<u>14th/15th May</u>		<u>28th/29th May</u>	
5.00pm	E. Haetzman	5.00pm	R. McConnell
10.30am	P. Roberts	10.30am	J. Russell
5.00pm	M. Davis	5.00pm	M. Davis
<u>21st/22nd May</u>		<u>4th/5th June</u>	
5.00pm	J. Moynagh	5.00pm	G. Abernethy
10.30am	S. Watson	10.30am	R. Colpitts
5.00pm	S. Casserly	5.00pm	S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>14th/15th May</u>		<u>28th/29th May</u>	
5.00pm	A. Dempsey	5.00pm	P. Freel
	C. Scott		J. McEwan
10.30am	J. McAlavey	10.30am	G. Duddy
	M. Keenan		T. Mullen
<u>21st/22nd May</u>		<u>4th/5th June</u>	
5.00pm	J. McClafferty	5.00pm	A. Dempsey
	M. Davis		C. Scott
10.30am	J. Wilson	10.30am	P. Cunningham
	C. Duddy		A. Cruickshank

Weekly Parish Schedule

Sunday 15th May *St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6pm*

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)
- 12noon Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Easter (St Isidore's)
- 12.30pm **Parish BBQ (St Isidore's)**
- 5.00pm Holy Mass for the 5th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

Monday 16th May

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 11.40am **Holy Rosary (St Isidore's)**
- 12noon **Regina Caeli & Holy Mass (St Isidore's)**

Tuesday 17th May

- 10.10am **Holy Rosary (St Isidore's)**
- 10.30am **Holy Mass (St Isidore's)**
- 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 18th May

- 6.40pm **Holy Rosary (St Mary's)**
- 7.00pm **Holy Mass (St Mary's)**
- 7.00pm **Weekly Rosary Group (Zoom: ID 828 0546 0960 Passcode 638016)**

Thursday 19th 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 20th May

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
- 7.00pm **Parish Quiz Night (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

Saturday 21st 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 6th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)**

Sunday 22nd May *St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6pm*

- 10.30am **Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)**
- 12noon **Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Isidore's)**
- 5.00pm **Holy Mass for the 6th Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)**

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

St Isidore's Return

As we return to St Isidore's it is important that we continue to look forward, and rebuild our parish after the effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic. It is important that we encourage others to return to Mass, especially on a Sunday now that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been reinstated. In order to help build up our parish we will now have two Masses during the week (please see weekly schedule above). We will hopefully have the opportunity for other devotions as well. If you have any suggestions on what you would like to see happen in our parish please email Fr John-Paul.