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8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
27th February 2022

Sunday Obligation

The Catholic Church teaches that you have an obligation to go to Mass every Sunday. Mass is a celebration of the Eucharist, or transformation of the bread and wine into the body and blood of Christ. Many people do not understand why the Church requires Mass every Sunday. The answer is found within the Ten Commandments passed on to Moses several millennia ago.

The Sunday Obligation

The Ten Commandments, which were believed to be the laws and moral code handed down by God, tells believers in the Third Commandment to "Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day." For the Jews, the Sabbath was Saturday; Christians, however, transferred the Sabbath to Sunday, which was the day of Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead. The Church says that you have an obligation to fulfill the Third Commandment by refraining from unnecessary work on Sunday and by participating in Mass, your chief form of worship as Christians.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states that "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labour." The obligation is binding every Sunday. It is a holy day of obligation, a day for you to grow in your faith, and you are required to attend to the extent that you are able to do so.

Private Worship Is Not Enough

From the earliest days of the Church, Christians have understood that being a Christian is not a private matter. You are called to be Christians together. While you should engage in the private worship of God throughout the week, your primary form of worship is public and communal, which is why Sunday Mass is so important.

Can You Be Excused From Sunday Mass?

The precepts of the Church are the requirements of the Church that are deemed necessary for you to fulfill upon pain of mortal sin. Mass is one of those requirements, but there are a few situations, where you may be excused from Mass.

If you have a debilitating illness, or indeed if you have the effects of COVID-19, you are excused from Mass, or if there is extremely bad weather that would make your attempt to getting to Church unsafe, you are excused from attending.

If you are traveling and you cannot find a Catholic Church nearby or cannot make it for a good reason, then you may be excused from attending Mass. You should check with your priest to make sure that your reason was valid and that you did not commit a mortal sin. You are required to be in a state of grace when you attend your next Mass and to participate in Holy Communion. If your reason was not acceptable by the Church, you will require absolution by your priest.



St Isidore's Parish Consultation With Bishop Toal

Bishop Toal will visit the parish of St Isidore's on **Sunday 13th March**. He will celebrate Holy Mass in Biggar Kirk and then he will carry out a consultation meeting with the parishioners of St Isidore's.

The meeting will be structured in an orderly manner and will cover a variety of points in regards to the future of St Isidore's parish, as we look to recover from Covid-19 and how best serve the Catholic community in Biggar and surrounding areas.

An agenda will be composed for the meeting. If you would like an item added to the agenda please email Fr John-Paul (frmcshane@rcdom.org.uk) **before Friday 11th March**. The agenda will be followed with great care and all points covered.

The Synod In Our Parish

The celebration of the Eucharist—i.e. Mass—is at the centre of our Catholic communities, and forms the basis for our 'walking together'.

How well do communal prayer and liturgical celebrations inspire and guide our sense of community? How well do we allow and enable every member of the faithful to participate?

<https://youtu.be/dt5LXQ2ZJAc>

Thank you to all those who attended our parish synodal meetings. Although our meetings are over, the synod process continues, both in the Church and in our parish.

If you would like further details or you would like another opportunity to share your thoughts, then please speak to our Parish Coordinators; Gillean McCluskey 07854012277 or Frances Spence 07796388240.

Sunday Obligation

The Bishops' of Scotland have now announced that the Obligation to attend Sunday Mass will be reinstated as from next weekend, 6th March 2022. This means that from next weekend all Catholics are expected to attend Sunday Mass. Of course, those who are suffering illness or are affected by COVID-19 or are housebound are still dispensed of their duties. We encourage as many people as possible to return to Sunday Mass, especially young families who will be presenting a child for the Sacraments in 2022.

St Mary's Coffee Morning

Next weekend we will have our monthly coffee morning in the Clubrooms. The coffee mornings are a great way to build up our parish community, and it has been wonderful to see so many people attend the coffee mornings; we thank the Social Committee for all their planning and efforts.

SCIAF Wee Boxes

Traditional SCIAF Wee Boxes are available at the back of the church, and can be returned before Easter or when full. Thank you in advanced for your continued support and generosity.

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.

300 Club: February Winners

<i>Week 6th February:</i>	168	<i>Week 13th February:</i>	160	C. Binnie	
<i>Week 20th February:</i>	42	T. Kennedy	<i>Week 27th February:</i>	295	G. Scott

Congratulations to all our winners!!

300 Club subscriptions and winnings can now be paid through bank transfer. If you would like to find out more please email theclubrooms@outlook.com

Sick Visits

Bishop Toal has now encouraged clergy to re-establish the tradition of visiting the sick and housebound in our parishes. Fr John-Paul very much looks forward to carrying out this ministry and taking Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. In order to keep everyone safe, Fr John-Paul will limit his time in each household and will not visit multiple households per day. If you would like a visit, or you know of someone who would benefit from a visit, please contact Fr John-Paul direct (frmcshane@rcdom.org.uk or 01555 662234).



Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead - Marion Renton Beechwood Care Home

Father Peter Lafferty; Jimmy Tyrrell (Motherwell); Jim Thompson (Coatbridge); Fiona Lynn; Rose McGlone; Ian Davidson; Agnes McKee (Wishaw).

Months Minds & Anniversaries - Father Branigan; The Monteith Family; Robert Bowie; Jim McShane; Eleonora De-Schuh; Lisa Katherine McAlavey.

Parish Lenten Journey

Lent is an opportune time to deepen our faith through prayer, fasting and alms giving. In our parish there will be a variety of pious devotions, along with more regular celebration of the sacraments, to help people in their Lenten journey. You are encouraged to support these devotions as best you can, even by following online.

Traditionally, in our parish, there was Mass every morning in St Mary's Primary School for anyone who wished to attend, due to the restrictions imposed on us by Covid-19, Mass in the school will only be for the children. However, there will be an extra Mass on a Monday evening in St Mary's at 7pm.

Also, in St Mary's, we will delve into the Church's treasure chest of rich tradition and pious devotions, by praying the Divine Office, the Stations of the Cross, the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet. We will also have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions available. Through these acts of prayer we hope to offer parishioners something that will help them in their Lenten journey.

This year we will also run the faith sharing group, *Around the Lenten Circle*, which will be hosted in the upper room of the Cargill Club. This group is a perfect opportunity to gather in a more relaxed atmosphere and journey together.

All events will be listed on the Parish Weekly Schedule and are open to everyone, unless stated otherwise. We thank all those who will lead and participate in the prayer life of our parish.

Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 1,036.00
Standing Orders: £ 393.50

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.
For those who wish to pay Bank Transfer or Standing Order please find the relevant details below.

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 115.00
Standing Orders: £ 97.00
(Including St Mary Magdalene's)

St Marys Mission RCDM 80-17-02 00265809

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

St Mary Magdalene's

Offertory Collection: £ -----

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

26th/27th February

5.00pm J. Moynagh
10.30am E. McCabe
5.00pm S. Casserly

12th/13th March

5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am P. Roberts
5.00pm S. Casserly

5th/6th March

5.00pm R. McConnell
10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm M. Davis

19th/20th March

5.00pm E. Haetzman
10.30am S. Watson
5.00pm M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

26th/27th February

5.00pm T. Mullen
C. McClafferty
10.30am J. McAlavey
M. Keenan

12th/13th March

5.00pm J. McClafferty
M. Davis
10.30am G. Duddy
T. Mullen

5th/6th March

5.00pm A. Dempsey
C. Scott
10.30am J. Wilson
C. Duddy

19th/20th March

5.00pm P. Freel
J. McEwan
10.30am P. Cunningham
A. Cruikshank

Weekly Parish Schedule

Sunday 27th February

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
1.00pm Holy Mass for the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Biggar Kirk)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Monday 28th February

- 9.30am Holy Mass & Novena to St Joseph - Week 7 (St Mary's)

Tuesday 1st March

- 10.00am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary Magdalene's)
10.30am Holy Mass (St Mary Magdalene's)
12noon Angelus & Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Wednesday 2nd March (Ash Wednesday) *St Mary's opened today from 9am - 7.30pm*

- 9.30am Holy Mass & Imposition of Ashes (St Mary's)
10.15am Around the Lenten Circle - Faith Sharing Group (Cargill Club)
11.00am Holy Mass & Imposition of Ashes (St Mary Magdalene's)
12.30pm Ecumenical Service & Imposition of Ashes (Biggar Kirk)
2.15pm Service of the Word & Imposition of Ashes (St Mary's Primary School)
3.30pm Holy Mass & Imposition of Ashes (St Catherine's)
7.00pm Holy Mass & Imposition of Ashes (St Mary's)
7.00pm **Weekly Rosary Group (Zoom: ID 828 0546 0960 Passcode 638016)**

Thursday 3rd March

- 8.30am Holy Mass St Mary's Primary School (Children Only)
9.10am **Morning Prayer of the Church (St Mary's)**
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
10.00am Holy Mass (St Catherine's)
7.30pm **Choir Rehearsal (St Mary's Clubrooms)**

Friday 4th March

- 9.00am Confession until 9.25am (St Mary's)
9.10am **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Divine Mercy Chaplet (St Mary's)**
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Saturday 5th March

- 9.00am Confessions until 9.25am (St Mary's)
9.10am **Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)**
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
4.15pm Confessions until 4.50pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday in Lent (St Mary's)

Sunday 6th March

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday in Lent (St Mary's)
11.15am **Coffee Morning (St Mary's Clubrooms)**
1.00pm Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday in Lent (Biggar Kirk)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 1st Sunday in Lent (St Mary's)
6.00pm **Evening Prayer of the Church and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (St Mary's)**

Lenten Devotions, 10.30am Sunday Mass & weekday Masses from St Mary's are Livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube.

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