

St Mary's Lanark

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Solemnity of All Saints

2nd November 2025

The Sacraments: Holy Orders

Someone who is baptised and confirmed can receive moreover a special mission in the Church in two sacraments and thus be enlisted in the service of God: Holy Orders and Matrimony.

God disposed man and woman for each other so that they might be "no longer two but one" (Matthew 19:6). In this way they are to live in love, be fruitful, and thus become a sign of God himself, who is nothing but overflowing love.

The Sacrament of Holy Matrimony comes about through a promise made by a man and a woman before God and the Church, which is accepted and confirmed by God and consummated by the bodily union of the couple.

Because God himself forms the bond of sacramental marriage, it is binding until the death of one of the partners. A sacramental marriage has three necessary elements: (a) free consent, (b) the affirmation of a life-long, exclusive union, and (c) openness to children. Not everyone is called to marriage. People who live alone can have fulfilment in life. To many of them Jesus shows a special way; he invites them to remain unmarried "for the sake of the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 19:12).

As a rule a wedding must take place publicly. The bride and groom are questioned as to their intention to marry. The priest or deacon blesses their rings. The bride and groom exchange rings and mutually promise "to be true in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health" and vow to each other: "I will love you and honour you all the days of my life". The priest ratifies the wedding and administers the blessing.

If a Catholic wishes to marry a non-Catholic Christian Church approval must be obtained for the wedding. This is because so-called "mixed marriages" requires from both partners a special fidelity to Christ and that any children from the marriage are raised in the Catholic faith. For Catholic believers, to enter into and live in marriage with a person who belongs to another religion, a dispensation must be obtained.

The Church has great respect for the ability of a person to keep a promise and to bind themselves in lifelong fidelity. Every marriage can be endangered by crises. Someone for whom marriage has become unbearable, however, or who may be even exposed to spiritual or physical violence, may civilly divorce but the sacramental marriage remains valid. There are also cases in which the crisis in the marriage ultimately goes back to the fact that one spouse or both was not capable at the time of the wedding or did not fully consent to the marriage. Then the marriage is invalid. In such cases an annulment procedure can be introduced.

If you would like anymore information on the annulment process, or indeed you would like to arrange a wedding in St Mary's, please speak to Fr John-Paul, who will be more than happy to help.



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 2nd November *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Trinity)
- 12.35pm** Light Bite (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of All Saints (St Mary's)

Monday 3rd November *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

- 9.00am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am
- 9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am** Holy Mass & Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help
- 12noon** Holy Mass for All Souls Day (Holy Trinity)
- 6.30pm** Holy Mass for All Souls Day

Tuesday 4th November

- 10.00am** Holy Mass (St Catherine's)
- 11.30am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.55am
- 11.30am** Confessions until 11.55am
- 11.40am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 12noon** Angelus & Holy Mass

Wednesday 5th November

- 9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am** Holy Mass
- 10.00am** Church Cleaning

Thursday 6th November

- 9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am** Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Sheena McLeod
- 7.00pm** The Choir of St Mary's Weekly Rehearsal (Clubrooms)

Friday 7th November

- 9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am** Holy Mass

Saturday 8th November *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
- 4.30pm** Confessions until 4.50pm
- 4.30am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (St Mary's)

Sunday 9th November *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Holy Trinity)
- 1.30pm** St Mary's Afternoon Tea - Ticketed Event (St Mary's Clubrooms)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (St Mary's)



St Mary's Heating

In order to preserve heat in the church **please keep all doors closed**, including the glass doors between the main body of the church and the narthex, before and after Mass. Our heating bill averages £1,100 per week in the winter, keeping all doors closed will not only preserve heat but also save the parish money.

Christmas Stock - St Mary's Stall

St Mary's Stall is stocked with a variety of cards and gifts for sale, including some homemade cards. Please try to keep Christ in Christmas by purchasing religious Christmas cards and having Masses offered for your loved ones, and if you don't have one already, purchasing a crib for your home.



Clydesdale Foodbank Donations

A huge thank you to all those who donate food/toiletries or money to our monthly foodbank collection. The parishioners of St Mary's are ranked amongst the highest donors the Foodbank receives with an average of 8 bags of groceries/toiletries and £350 donated each month. This goes a long way to alleviating poverty in our area and the Foodbank are truly grateful for your continued support and generosity.

Theology on Tap St John's Parish Hall Blackwood

Our Lady and St John's Blackwood (ML11 9RZ) will host their next Theology of Tap on Tuesday 4th November beginning at 6.30pm, with Anne-Marie Clements the guest speaker.

Anne-Marie will share her story of the destructive force of social media and how her faith got her through a difficult period.



St Mary's Cemetery Service

Fr John-Paul will lead a Cemetery Service in St Mary's Cemetery on **Sunday 23rd November at 2pm.**

The service will last around 45 mins, it will include recitation of the Holy Rosary, prayers for those buried in St Mary's Cemetery and general Blessing of Graves.

It would be lovely to see parishioners there, especially those who have family buried in St Mary's Cemetery. Time permitting, individual blessing of graves will be available for those who wish.

Annual Mass Attendance Census

A census was taken in all Catholic churches in Scotland last weekend. St Mary's recorded 375 parishioners attended Mass (over 4 Masses). The data collected provides the Bishop and the diocese with the number of parishioners attending Mass in each parish and helps with future planning.

All Souls Day - Monday 3rd November

Extra Masses will be celebrated in the parish, please make a special effort to attend Mass on All Souls Day to pray for your deceased loved ones.

St Mary's Annual Requiem Mass

Once again, this year we will celebrate an annual Mass to pray for all those from our parish who have died over the past twelve months, as well as clergy and lay faithful who have made up our parish over the decades.

We are delighted that The Choir of St Mary's will join us for this Mass and have been learning some special pieces which they will sing for us.

Our Annual Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 27th November at 7pm.** Please make a special effort to come along and pray for all those who have died, especially our departed loved ones.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord!

Liturgical Calendar

Sunday 2nd November, All Saints Day - This feast began in the East to commemorate all martyrs and was progressively adopted in the West. Celebrated on this day in the eighth century and soon widely observed. Honoured today are all holy men and women in glory with Christ: known or unknown, mighty or lowly, all whose lives were modelled on the Beatitudes and on the commandment of love.

Monday 3rd November, All Souls Day - This day of commemoration began early in the Middle Ages with annual prayers for the dead in monastic communities. Fixed on this day, it spread more widely after the tenth century and now ranks with the principal feast days in the liturgical calendar. Commonly known as All Souls, it expresses Christian faith in the communion of saints and our need to pray for one another in the Church, especially the souls in purgatory.

Tuesday 4th November, St Charles Borromeo, Bishop - Born in Arona (Italy) in 1538; died on this day in 1584 in Milan. Only twenty-two when he was appointed cardinal, secretary of state, and given the administration of the diocese of Milan by his uncle, Pius IV. Prominent in the final sessions of the Council of Trent during 1562—1563 and, at its end, was ordained presbyter, then bishop and became archbishop of Milan. Known for implementing the Council's reforms in liturgy, education, presbyteral formation, and diocesan organisation. Honoured as an exemplary and pastoral bishop and an ardent proponent of reform.



Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Sheena McLeod Bizzyberry Crescent, Biggar
Betty Woods; Audrey Bird (Linlithgow);

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Father Joseph Brannigan; Monteith Family; Thomas Bowie; Jim McShane; Patricia Brien; Peter & Eleonora De-Shuster; Arthur Christie; All Those Named in Our November Lists;

Funeral Arrangements: Sheena McLeod Requiem Mass: Thursday 6th November 9.30am, St Mary's

*Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine.
Isaiah 43:1*

St Mary's Cemetery Storm Damage

Thank you to Pine Valley Homes and the Community Payback Team for removing the fallen trees and tidying up the cemetery after Storm Amy; the cemetery is now looking much better. The Community Payback Team will continue to maintain the cemetery over the winter period and we hope to carry out some work on the road and paths, replacing the red ash and fixing potholes.

After having the trees and debris removed Fr John-Paul asked James Paterson (Paterson's Memorials) to inspect all the headstones in St Justin's section. James has noted 7 headstones require attention and will now complete a report for Fr John-Paul on the works required and we aim to have these headstones repaired/resecured ASAP.

November - Month of the Holy Souls

November is the month traditionally dedicated to praying for the Holy Souls; those men, women and children who have gone before us in faith, helping them pass through purgatory and reach the eternal joys of heaven.

During November Holy Mass will be offered each day for all those names contained in our November Lists, which will be placed before our altar. Lists are available at the back of the church and once completed can be handed into the sacristy, placed in the 'November List' box at the Lady Altar or placed in the collection basket with your weekly offering.



Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£ 1,860.00
Standing Orders:	£ 254.50
Votives:	£ 251.00
Stall:	£ 145.00

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Readers:

<u>1st/2nd November</u>	<u>15th/16th November</u>
5.00pm T. Coia	5.00pm A. Haetzman
10.30am A. Servers	10.30am J. Angus
5.00pm N. Donnelly	5.00pm S. Casserly
<u>8th/9th November</u>	<u>22nd/23rd November</u>
5.00pm R. McConnell	5.00pm C. Jackson
10.30am E. Crossan	10.30am P. Roberts
5.00pm M. Davis	5.00pm N. Donnelly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>1st/2nd November</u>	<u>15th/16th November</u>
5.00pm C. Scott	5.00pm M. Keenan
S. Callaghan	C. Callaghan
10.30am V. Hilland	10.30am K. Lawrence
M. Thompson	J. McFarlane
B. Farrell	M. Russell
<u>8th/9th November</u>	<u>22nd/23rd November</u>
5.00pm K. Bryce	5.00pm J. McBride
A. McGowan	R. Sinton
10.30am C. Duddy	10.30am G. Duddy
I. Maxfield	A. Gillespie
J. Russell	M. Keenan