



Saint Mary's Parish Lanark & Saint Isidore's Parish Biggar

Divine Mercy Sunday
7th April 2024



Easter Joy

Just the other day I was asked what I enjoy best about being a priest. I immediately responded by saying 'everything'. That is true. But there are some things I find more rewarding; and one of those things is seeing our church well attended and people practicing their faith.

For me, I received so much joy at Easter, witnessing the church so full of parishioners and visitors. As always, our naturally beautiful church was looking majestic! The florists worked their magic, and the flowers were outstanding. But there is so much more that goes on in the background to make these events so special, and to prepare our church so magnificently for our celebrations.

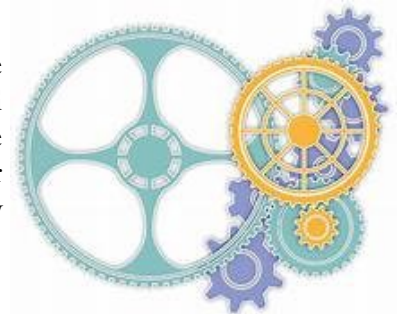
In St Mary's, we certainly have the "full package". We all recognise how beautiful the church looks and the great work of the florists, but we also need to recognise the people who work silently in the background every day/week to keep our church so presentable, and also operational. When I think about the flowers, I of course think about the girls hard work, but I also think about the people who donate money regularly to the Flower Fund, and those who organise the Fund - the work going on in the background. I also think about the team of volunteers who clean our church every second Wednesday - working silently in the background. I also think of those who clean the floors ever week, or buff them once a month - working silently in the background. My mind is also drawn to the sacristans who prepare for Mass each day, to those who prepare the linens and keep them clean and worthy for use; the people who open and close St Mary's every day, allowing people the opportunity for private prayer - working silently in the background.

Thinking about the Liturgy, I think about the Parish Choir, and The Choir of St Mary's, along with our Organists, who volunteer so much of their time to enhance our music liturgy - working hard in the background. I think about the Passkeepers, Welcome Ministry and those who greet us as we enter St Mary's, making us feel at home - the face of St Mary's. I think of the Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who help us encounter God by their ministry, and take Jesus to the sick - humbly working in the background.

I also recognise the work of those volunteers who are "customer facing" - our gardeners who dedicate so much time to making our grounds look as good as our church, and welcome visitors with a smile and kind word. I particularly think of our wonderful Social Committee who work tirelessly to make the social life of our parish such a success - giving of their time to build up our parish community by their events and the countless hours of planning and preparation.

A special joy for me this year, was bringing our parish together, parishioners from St Isidore's and parishioners from St Mary's to fulfil the ministers of the Sacred Triduum - and celebrate Easter together. I would like to thank in a special way those from St Isidore's who attended St Mary's, and especially those who assisted and helped in any way - this for me was the high point of my Easter joy!

It is evident our parish does not run smoothly because of one person, or one small group, but rather the dedication and commitment of many people and many groups - many cogs making the big wheel turn. To each and every little "cog", to all who play any part in our parish, small or great, thank you for your time, your dedication and your ministry - thank you for making my Easter joy complete.



Fr John-Paul

Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 7th April

- 10.30am Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (Holy Trinity)
12.35pm Tea/Coffee/Home Baking (Holy Trinity)
5.00pm Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (St Mary's)

Monday 8th April *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 5pm*

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Tuesday 9th April

- 11.40am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon Regina Caeli & Holy Mass (St Mary's)
1.00pm Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Sister Angela DC (St Mary's)

Wednesday 10th April

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
10.00am Church Cleaning (St Mary's)
7.00pm Online Zoom Rosary (Meeting ID: 832 0468 2198 Passcode: 746256)

Thursday 11th April

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Friday 12th April

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Saturday 13th April

- 9.10am Recitation of the Holy Rosary
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
4.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

Sunday 14th April

- 10.30am Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (Holy Trinity)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the 3rd Sunday of Easter (St Mary's)

Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.

St Mary's Ministry Rota

Readers:

6th/7th April

- 5.00pm C. Jackson
10.30am M. McCusker
5.00pm S. Casserly

20th/21st April

- 5.00pm A. Haetzman
10.30am P. Robertson
5.00pm M. Davis

13th/14th April

- 5.00pm R. Kane
10.30am R. Colpitts
5.00pm N. Donnelly

27th/28th April

- 5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am E. McCabe
5.00pm S. Casserly

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

6th/7th April

- 5.00pm P. Freel
R. Sinton
10.30am P. Cunningham
A. Cruikshank
S. Callaghan

20th/21st April

- 5.00pm J. McEwan
C. McClafferty
10.30am M. Davis
C. O'Brien
J. McAlavey

13th/14th April

- 5.00pm M. Keenan
P. Stewart
10.30am C. Duddy
V. Hilland
D. McFarlane

27th/28th April

- 5.00pm J. McClafferty
K. Bryce
10.30am J. Wilson
A. O'Neill
N. Keenan

Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 2,115.00

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 140.00



Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish

St Marys Mission RCDM
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Thank You

Fr John-Paul, Saul and Petra would like to thank everyone for the well wishes, cards, gifts and prayers received at Easter!

It was humbling to be on the receiving end of so much undeserved kindness! God bless you all. Holy Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for your intentions.

Giftaid and Envelopes

The financial support of parishioners in our parish is phenomenal and second to none. Last year we received an income of £229,579.82, of which our Giftaid claim was £20,013.02. We thank everyone for their continued generosity and financial support towards the parish! For those on the Giftaid Scheme, your new envelopes are in the narthex, please do take them home this weekend, and if you see a neighbour or friends, please deliver them also. Giftaid allows the parish to claim an extra 25% on top of your offering from the Government, at no cost to yourself. It is free money to the parish!! If you are not part of the Scheme, please consider singing up, forms are available in the narthex and are treated with the strictest confidence.

St Mary's Social Committee

The Easter Coffee Morning and Raffle was a tremendous success. It was wonderful to see the Clubrooms filled to capacity - what a great atmosphere! Along with the sun coming out, Bev and Chuck also made a special appearance and the children enjoyed interacting with them. Hopefully the children will be able to meet Sanders and Isi at the next Coffee Morning on 5th May! The Social Committee would like to say a special thank you to all our helpers who assisted with flowers, baking and helping at our Easter event. Thank you to everyone who donated all the wonderful prizes. The Raffle and Guess the Birthday raised a magnificent £1605! In addition, the coffee morning donations from January to Easter Sunday added a further £895, which means a total of £2,500 will go towards church funds. We are blessed to have amazing parishioners who support our wonderful parish. Thank you!



Sister Margaret Brady - Big Lent Walk for CAFOD

There have been 44 Sponsors and their donations have contributed to the total amount raised so far £500.00. Sr Margaret Brady has walked a distance of 325km (202miles). Her initial target was 200km but she has since increased this to over 300 km. Sr Margaret would like to sincerely thank everyone who has donated to this cause which helps the training of people for a better life all over the world.



New Bank Details St Mary's 300 Club

As part of Project Wellspring the Diocese has transferred all our banking into one bank (The Bank of Scotland). The purpose of this is to maximise our diocesan interest rate and reduce any bank charges across the parishes. Please find below new Standing Order details for the 300 Club. If you are a member of the 300 Club and pay Standing Order, please inform your bank of the new details. **Many thanks for your assistance and continued support.**

Account Name: St Mary's Lanark Account Number: 10246763 Sort Code: 80-12-97

St Mary's Clubrooms Bookings

If you would like to book the Clubrooms for a function or are interested in using it on a regular basis, please contact Heather for more details:

07300857616 or theclubrooms@outlook.com



Holy Trinity Chapel

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Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Sister Angela Hanevy DC St Catherine's
Seamus Coll Kirkfieldbank
Kevin Reilly Hawksland

Sister Anne DC; June Hutton; John Thomson; Clare Gallagher (Hamilton); David Dunlop.

Months Minds & Anniversaries:

Funeral Arrangements: Sr Angela DC Requiem Mass: Tuesday 9th April 1pm, St Mary's
Seamus Coll Requiem Mass: Wednesday 17th April 9.30am, St Mary's
Kevin Reilly Requiem Mass: Thursday 18th April 9.30am, St Mary's

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; Canon Giles Goward; Father David Mellor; Jim McShane; John & Mary McShane; Rosemary McShane MacIntyre; 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; Valentie Family; Joseph & Betty McLeish; Hugh McLeish; Peter Brannen; Brannen Family; Edgar Family; Peter Skelly; Grace McGregor; James, Clare & Evelyn O'Leary; Jimmy & Sadie Littlejohn; Frances & Monica Cassidy; May Kelly; Arthur Kane; Irene & To Wallace; Madeline & Ken Highton; Sr Margaret Duncan; Mr & Mrs McCulloch (Lanark); McCulloch Family; Mr & Mrs McDade (Newkirk); McDade Family; Owen, Margaret & John Dempsey; Estelle Higgins; John Cunningham; James McCardie; Arthur Christie; Jessica & John Christie; John Christie Jnr; Sarah & Joseph Quinn; Rena & Jimmy Travers; John Kerr; Dan & Marion O'Donnell; Mary & Charlie Binnie; Davie & Bette Haggerty; Paul Donnachie; Donnachie Family; Sand & Alex McLellan; Paul Halloran; Helen & Robert Dennis; May & Veronica Quinn; Fr Joseph Brannigan; Fr Hughes; Maureen Mathers; Jimmy & Sarah McEwan; Anne Paisley; Anne Skeldon; John Donnelly; Martha & Tam Smith; William & Martin McPhail; Harry & Jean McPhail; James & Mary McCrossan; Jim & Theresa Casagranda, Dan McPhail; Sandy McLean; Mary Mclean; Catherine McLean; Jessie Clark; Susan Mackie; Frank Mackie; Leah & Albert Welsh; Morton Family; Matt & Peggy Reilly; Betty Thomson; Ann & Alasdair MacDonald; Bill & Annie Gebbie; Lisa Katherine McAlavey; John McAlavey; Blanche McAlavey; Gerard Mays Snr; Gerard Mays Jnr; Susan Mays; John O'Neill; John & Marion Renton; Mary, Jim & Michael McLaughlan; Mary, Bill & Stephen Murray; Anne & John Boyle; Margaret, John & Bobby Dykes; Charlie Lively; Lively Family; Lavery Family; Maher Family; Markie Higgins; Joe McAllister; Peter & Susan Mulligan; Bridget Donnelly; Kate Hanlon; Edward Hanlon; Anne Lindsay; Archie Lindsay; Michael Sheely; Mary Sheely; Kate Nevin; Kathleen & Bill Grieve; Frank Hilland; Martin Hilland; Joe & Frances Jackson; Phil & Anne Kinsella; Estelle Higgins; Josephine & Harry Freel; Helen & Donald Young; Skye Martin; Chrissy & Hugh Martin; Jacky Stewart; Ron Meldrum; Catherine & Daniel Stewart; Eileen Prior; Janette Irvine; Jean & Jimmy Meldrum; May Quinn; Meg McConville; McConville Family; Pat Tansey; Deceased Members of The Choir of St Mary's; Hugh & Jean McNamara; Tony & Alison Filmer; Helen & Alex Barrack; Oliver Jones; Nick Fish; Noone Family; Dowds Family; Farrell Family; Peggy & Denis Docherty; Annie & Archie McMillan; William O'Brien Snr; Christopher Campbell; Quinn Family; Mary Jane Brennan; Agnes Jack; Anne Elder; James & Evelyn Brennan; Josephine McGuire; Josephine & Willie Whitefield; Lisa Mary Geddes; Vera Livingstone; Thomas, Cecilia & Mark Cloonan; James (Jim) Callaghan; Anna Marshall; Agnes & Alice Bamford; Jack Knox (Redditch); Rotherham Family (Liverpool); Callaghan Family (Sligo); Cloonan Family (Liverpool); Clara Rotherham; Vincent Schmidt (USA); John Cloonan; Emilio & Cesarina Coia.

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