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Easter Sunday
17th April 2022



Bishop Toal Easter Message

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I read recently an Easter Letter from St Athanasius, written 1700 years ago, and it offers encouragement as we prepare to celebrate Easter in 2022. Here are the words of one of our Great Fathers of the Church:

"Moreover, my friends, the God who first established this feast for us allows us to celebrate it each year. He, who gave up his Son to death for our salvation, from the same motive gives us this Feast, which is commemorated each year.

This Feast guides us through the trials that meet us in the world. God now brings us the joy of salvation that shines out from this Feast, as he brings us together to form one assembly, uniting us all in spirit in every place, allowing us to pray together and to offer common thanksgiving, as is our duty on this feast. Such is the wonder of his love: he gathers to this feast those who are far apart, and brings together in unity of faith those who may be physically separated from each other."

As we celebrate, filled with the "joy of salvation", we give thanks to God for the gift of the Lord's saving Death and Resurrection and join with our brothers and sisters across the world in doing so. Although physically apart we are united in faith, and this bond of faith inspires our love and our desire to show that love in every way possible. We feel particularly close this Easter to the people of Ukraine, and those of other nations, on whom war and its dreadful consequences have been inflicted. May Jesus, who himself suffered such a brutal death, comfort those who are suffering so much and keep the hope of peace alive – the peace he offered his disciples when he appeared on Easter Sunday.

St Athanasius reminds us that the celebration of Easter guides us through the trials that meet us in the world and we all need that reassurance in our present troubles. We have come through the pandemic, somewhat battered and bruised, and now we face the 'Cost of Living Crisis'. There seems to be little respite but we need to persevere with faith and trust in the Lord, and renew our efforts to support those most in need, wherever they may be.

We can admire the great courage of Our Lady and St John as they stood at the foot of the Cross, giving public witness to their love for Jesus as he suffered and died. There is a call to all of us to imitate them in offering this public witness to the Lord in the practice and living of our Catholic Faith. The Risen Lord poured out the Holy Spirit on the Apostles and his first Disciples and filled them with the necessary courage to proclaim him as Lord, and invite others to place their faith and hope in Him.

We are filled with the same Spirit and ask the Lord to inspire us to be his true and faithful disciples in our present troubled world.

I wish you a very Happy Easter, and pray that the Lord will fill you with his peace and courage.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Joseph Toal
Bishop of Motherwell

Parish Finances

St Mary's

Offertory Collection: £ 1,105.00
Standing Orders: £ 545.00

St Isidore's

Offertory Collection: £ 80.20
Standing Orders: £ 223.00

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 Marys Mission RCDM 80-17-02 00265809

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

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-

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.

St Mary's RCIA

After two years of preparation Lesley was received into full communion with the Catholic Church, at the Easter Vigil. It is always such a special night to have someone received into the Church. We continue to keep Lesley in our prayers, and we thank God for guiding her to the fullness of faith. We also thank the RCIA Team who have accompanied Lesley on her journey, and for all they do in preparing candidates. We very much look forward to RCIA starting up after the summer holidays.



Easter Collection

Many thanks to those who have so kindly donated toward the Easter Collection. The Easter, and Christmas Collection, traditionally was seen as your gift to the parish. In these times of financial uncertainty, it has been humbling to receive such amounts. God reward your generosity!

Giftaid

A few weeks ago we distributed Giftaid Declaration forms to encourage new members for the parish Giftaid Scheme. We are delighted to announce that we received back more than 10 completed forms, this is an excellent return, and adds to our already well supported Scheme. The goal is to have every taxpayer signed up for the Giftaid Scheme, in order for the parish to maximise its return from the taxman. There are still forms at the back of the church for those who still wish to sign up.

Facebook Pages

A word of thanks to Grace, Ian and Rowena, who manage our parish Facebook Pages. Over the past year it has been wonderful to see so many people interact with our parish, from near and far, through our social media accounts. In today's world social media is vital in reaching out, and the great interaction received is all thanks to the countless hours that our three admins put in. Well done, and thank you very much, for your time and talents.

Choir of St Mary's

We are very blessed in St Mary's to have such a wonderful musical tradition. Our Choir is simply sensational! At times we take them for granted, yet they are with us every week, and at most funerals, enhancing our Liturgy and leading us in song. Countless hours of preparation and rehearsal take place for each Mass, and it certainly pays off. Thank you very much to Mary Margaret, David (organist) and all choir members for bringing us such joy every week, but especially for all your efforts these last few weeks.

Face Coverings

As from Monday 4th April, it is **no longer a legal requirement to wear a face covering whilst at Mass, or in the church for any purpose.** You may choose to continue to wear a face covering, but this is each person's preference and not mandatory. We are still required to sanitise our hands before entering or exiting the church.



Please Pray For The Following:



Recently Dead: Robert Monteith Cranley House
Alex Campbell; Janet Graham; Father Paddy O’Kane (Culdaff).

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Mary & Jim McLaughlan; Anne Boyle; Rose James; Gordon James; John Reilly Jnr; Frank Coia.

Funeral Arrangements: Robert Monteith Requiem Mass: Tuesday 19th April 12noon

Easter Remembrance: 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; 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; Owen, Margaret & John Dempsey; Donald Liddell; Liddell Family; McKeon Family; Mary & Jim McLaughlan; Anne Boyle; Mary Murray; Michael McLaughlan; Lynas Family; Bancewicz Family; Lisa Katherine McAlavey; John McAlavey; Blanche McAlavey; Gerard Mays Sr; Gerard Mays Jnr; Susan Mays; John O’Neill; Matt & Peggy Reilly; Betty Thomson; Ann & Alasdair MacDonald; William Reilly; Marjory Reilly; Bill & Annie Gebbie; John & Marion Renton; Mathew Crawford; James, Clare & Evelyn O’Leary; Jimmy & Sadie Littlejohn; Frances & Monica Cassidy; May Kelly; Matt Reilly Jnr; Joseph & Mary O’Connor; Joseph O’Connor Jnr; Hugh O’Connor; Jack O’Connor; James & Etta Wilkie; Lisa Marie Geddes; Robert Geddes Snr; Karen Reilly; John Reilly Jnr; Thomas & Christina McNulty; Betty Hutchison; Mary Clark; Sandy McLean; Mary McLean; Catherine McLean; Jessie Clark; Susan Mackie; Frank Mackie; Leah & Albert Welsh; Morton Family; Paul Halloran; Robert, Helen, Dennis, James & Margaret Halloran & Families; May Quinn; Maureen Mathers; Margaret & John Dykes; Bobby Dykes; James Patrick Callaghan; Cecilia Joan Cloonan; Thomas Maurice Cloonan; Amelia & Samuel Rotherham; Agnes & Alice Bamford; Callaghan Family (Sligo Town); Cloonan Family (Liverpool); Mary Jane & Jim Brennan; Agnes Jack; James Jnr & Evelyn Brennan; Agnes & John Kennedy; Bobby Elder; Joseph McGuire; Robbie Nicholson; Jenny & Willie Jack; Catherine O’Leary; Kathleen O’Leary; Bernard O’Leary; Ted O’Leary; Mary Mochrie; Robert Mochrie; Johnston Sage; Tadzick & Elizabeth Fox; Jo, Tommy, Grace & Brian Harvey; George Harvey; Dan & Marion O’Donnell; Martin Hilland; Frank Hilland; Bill & Kathleen Grieve; Joseph & Frances Jackson; Phil & Anne Kinsella; Christopher Campbell; Major Cameron Quinn; Quinn Family; James McCardie; Mary & Bill Dowds; Dowds Family; Farrell Family; Noone Family; Mr & Mrs F Brady; John Donnelly; William & Florence Kennedy & Family; Rodger McConnell; Bernard & Rose Scott; All & Beverley Milliken; John, Annie & Liam McConnell; William & Martin McPhail; Harry & Jean McPhail; James & Mary McCrossan; James & Theresa Casagranda; Bert & Betty Sinton; Ron Meldrum; Catherine & Daniel Stewart; Jean & Jimmy Meldrum; Eileen Prior; Janette Irvine; May Quinn; McConville Family; Deceased Member of the Choir of St Mary’s; Josephine & Harry Freel; Arthur Christie; Sarah & John Quinn; Jessica & John Christie; John Christie Jnr; Rena & Jimmy Travers; Jimmy & Sarah McEwan; Anne Paisley; Anne Skeldon; Bridget Bond; Leslie Bond; Keenan Family; O’Connell Family; Scott Family; Todd Family; Stewart Family; Jack Hamilton; Elle-May McNally; Ray Ward; Henry (Guy) McKenzie; Diane Jamieson.

Masses Cancelled

After a long and busy Lent, Fr John-Paul is taking a few days rest. Unfortunately there is no priests available to supply and therefore it is with great regret we have to inform you that there will be no weekday Masses celebrated in St Mary’s, Lanark, from Monday 25th April until Saturday 30th April. **After Sunday 24th April 5pm, the next public Mass will be Saturday 30th April 5pm.**

St Mary’s Ministry Rota

Readers:

23rd/24th April
5.00pm J. Moynagh
10.30am J. Russell
5.00pm S. Casserly

30th April/1st May
5.00pm R. McConnell
10.30am K. Carty
5.00pm M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

23rd/24th April
5.00pm P. Freel
J. McEwan
10.30am G. Duddy
T. Mullen

30th April/1st May
5.00pm M. Keenan
P. Stewart
10.30am J. Wilson
C. Duddy

Weekly Mass Schedule

Easter Sunday 17th April St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6pm

- 10.30am Holy Mass for Easter Sunday (St Mary's)
11.15am **Easter Coffee Moring (The Clubrooms)**
1.00pm Holy Mass for Easter Sunday (Biggar Kirk)
5.00pm Holy Mass for Easter Sunday (St Mary's)

Monday 18th April - St Mary's opened from 9am until 7.30pm.

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Tuesday 19th April

- 12noon Requiem Mass and Burial for the repose of the soul of Robert Monteith

Wednesday 20th April

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
10.15am Faith Sharing Group (Cargill Club)
7.00pm **Weekly Rosary Group (Zoom: ID 828 0546 0960 Passcode 638016)**

Thursday 21st April

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
10.00am Holy Mass St Catherine's (Sisters only)

Friday 22nd April

- 9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)

Saturday 23rd April St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6pm

- 9.10am Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
9.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (St Mary's)

Sunday 24th April St Mary's opened from 9.45am until 6pm

- 10.30am Holy Mass for Divine Mercy Sunday (St Mary's)
1.00pm Holy Mass for Divine Sunday (Biggar Kirk)
5.00pm Holy Mass for Divine Sunday (St Mary's)

10.30am Sunday Mass & weekday Masses from St Mary's are Livestreamed on the parish Facebook Page and YouTube Channel.

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

We are delighted to announce the establishment of Saint Isidore's new Facebook Page. The Page will be used as a way of reaching out through social media and will give parishioners, and non-parishioners, a platform to interact with the parish. We encourage as many people as possible to 'Like' or 'Follow' the Page: www.facebook.com/StIsidoreBiggar

From Fr John-Paul

Firstly, I would like to take this opportunity to welcome back to our beautiful churches those who are here for the first time post-lockdown. It has been so wonderful and very encouraging to see so many people attend Mass and Services during Holy Week, and now on Easter Sunday. I would like also to thank those who helped prepare, clean and decorate our churches for Easter, making them as beautiful as ever. Our florists and church volunteers have done a wonderful job! It has also been encouraging to see so many people engaging with our parish Facebook pages and to see so many people watch Mass and Services online. We very much look forward to welcoming all these people back to our church when they feel confident enough to join us again in person. I would also like to thank those who handed in Easter Eggs, Easter Cards and gifts, it was so humbling to receive such generosity. I feel very lucky and blessed to be here with you all. As we travel through the holy season of Easter please be assured of my prayers for you and your family. God bless you all!

*Thank
you*