

St Mary's Lanark

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Dedication of The Lateran Basilica

9th November 2025

The Sacraments: Anointing of the Sick

In the Old Testament sickness was often experienced as a severe trial, against which one could protest but in which one could also see God's hand. In the prophets the thought appears that sufferings are not just a curse and not always the consequence of personal sin, that by patiently bearing sufferings one can also be there for others.

Jesus came in order to show God's love. He often did this in places where we feel especially threatened: in the weakening of our life through sickness. God wants us to become well in body and soul and, therefore, to believe and to acknowledge the coming of God's kingdom. He shows us that heaven suffers with us when we suffer, God even wants to be discovered in "the least of these my brethren" (Matthew 25:40). That is why Jesus designated care of the sick as a central task for his disciples. He commands, "Heal the sick" (Matthew 10:8), and he promises them divine authority: "In my name they will cast out demons;... they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover" (Mark 16:17-18).

One of the distinct characteristics of Catholicism has always been that the elderly, sick, and the needy are central. The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be received by any Catholic whose health is in a critical state. One can receive the Anointing of the Sick several times in one's life.

The essential ritual by which the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is administered consists of anointing the forehead and hands with holy oil (oil of Infirmorum) accompanied by prayers. As the priest anoints the head he says, "Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you by the grace of the Holy Spirit", and as he anoints the palms of the hands he says, "May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up".

The Anointing of the Sick imparts consolation, peace, and strength and unites the sick person, in their precarious situation and their sufferings, with Christ in a profound way. For the Lord experienced our fears and bore our pains in his body, For many people the Anointing of the Sick brings about physical healing and strength. But if God should decide to call someone home to himself, he gives them in the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick the strength for all physical and spiritual battles on their final journey from this world. In any case, the Anointing of the Sick has the effect of forgiving sins.



Administering the Anointing of the Sick is reserved to bishops and priests alone, for it is Christ who acts through them by virtue of their ordination. Viaticum can also be giving, meaning the last Communion that a person receives before dying. After the Second Vatican Council many would comment there is no such thing as "the Last", that is untrue. There are special prayers for the seriously ill and dying which commends them to God's mercy on their journey from this world as they are being anointed.

Weekly Parish Schedule

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

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)

Monday 10th 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

Tuesday 11th 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 12th November

- 9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am** Holy Mass
- 2.00pm** **Live Entertainment (St Catherine's)**

Thursday 13th November

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

Friday 14th November

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

Saturday 15th November *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

- 9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.00am** Confessions until 9.25am
- 9.30am** Holy Mass & Rite of Reception
- 4.30pm** Confessions until 4.50pm
- 4.30am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 5.00pm** **Holy Mass for 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)**

Sunday 16th November *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



St Catherine's Live Entertainment

You are invited to join the Sisters and staff in St Catherine's for some live entertainment on Wednesday 12th November at 2pm.

Let's Uke will be providing the live entertainment.
All welcome!



New Bulletin & Hymn Sheets

At present we use Microsoft Publisher for the weekly bulletin and hymn sheet; unfortunately Publisher will be discontinued next year. We are now in need of a new computer application for the weekly bulletin and hymn sheets. If anyone can recommend software, or indeed would like to design a new bulletin/hymn sheet for the parish, please contact Fr John-Paul.

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.

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.

Rev. Bryan Kerr Greyfriars Parish Church

After 18 years of ministry in Greyfriars Parish Church, Lanark, Rev. Bryan Kerr is leaving for pastures new. He will leave Lanark and take up a new appointment in Kilmalcom Parish Church, Greenock, in mid November, with his last service in Greyfriars on Sunday 16th November. Rev. Bryan has contributed so much to the community over the last 18 years and we wish him well and assure him of our prayers as he takes up his new appointment.

St Mary's Bell Tower Repair Update

We are delighted to let you know that we have been awarded two grants towards the work required on our church tower and spire. The award from Historic Environment Scotland is £11,278. HES have been tremendous supporters of St Mary's for many years having supported the re-roofing of the church and external works during our major renovation project. We are also delighted to have been awarded £10,000 by the National Churches Trust / The National Lottery Heritage Fund and to be part of the outstanding work that they do.

The project has also been supported so well by our parish community and we are very grateful to St Mary's Social Committee who raised and donated £4,000 towards the project. We are custodians of our beautiful church for future generations and are so blessed to have such a centre not just for our community, but for the wider community, both socially and for worship.

We are so excited to begin this work shortly and share it with you in online updates, our interactive system and in our bulletin. We are so looking forward to involving you all, especially our young people in the care of a fundamental and iconic part of our heritage.

Catholic Education Collection

Celebrating the importance of Catholic Education will run for two weeks this year, from Sunday 16th November—Sunday 30th November. The Diocesan Education Mass will take place on Monday 24th November at 7pm in the Cathedral.

A Special Collection will be taken up at all Masses on 29th/30th November to support the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service (SCES).

Annual Requiem Mass

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 from our parish this last year. In a special way we will remember:

<i>Patricia Brien</i>	<i>Sr Joan Conroy DC</i>	<i>Elizabeth Dailey</i>
<i>Pat Drain</i>	<i>Tony Murphy</i>	<i>Ian McCulloch</i>
<i>Mary Norbury</i>	<i>Jim Mallon</i>	<i>Ronnie Reilly</i>
<i>Maureen Lynch</i>	<i>Davie Flynn</i>	<i>Peter Harrower</i>
<i>Jean Dow</i>	<i>Frank Gunning</i>	<i>Oliver James Noble</i>
<i>Eleanor Douglas</i>	<i>Ruby Monteith</i>	<i>Jane Dalglish</i>
<i>Johanna Cleary-Bamford</i>	<i>Kate McCrossan</i>	<i>Betty Woods</i>
<i>Wendy Kennedy</i>	<i>Elizabeth-Ann Wilson</i>	



Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Catherine McLean Beechgrove Care Home
Sheena McLeod; Jeanette Shields (nee Quinn);

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Harry McPhail; James & Theresa Casagrande; John Hughes; Sandy McLean; All Those Names Contained In Our November Lists;

Funeral Arrangements: Catherine McLean Requiem Mass: Wednesday 19th November, 9.30am

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

Liturgical Calendar

Monday 10th November, St Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor - He died in Rome on this day in 461. Elected pope in 440. Tried to protect the city from the devastation of barbarian invasion. His surviving letters illustrate the leadership and guidance he exercised as bishop of Rome toward other Churches in the West. Noted for the clarity of his thought on the two natures of Christ, affirmed at the Council of Chalcedon, for his eloquent sermons, and for the prayers he composed for the Roman liturgy.

Tuesday 11th November, St Martin of Tours, Bishop - This Born in Pannonia (Hungary) about 316; died in 397 and was buried on this day in Tours (France). A catechumen who was in conscience unable to continue with military service. Baptised at the age of eighteen, for a time became a hermit, and then worked to establish monasticism in the West. Bishop of Tours for twenty-five years. One of the first non-martyrs to be venerated as a saint. Widely remembered for his legendary generosity to the poor, for arguing against the persecution of heretics, and especially for his active evangelisation and pastoral care of rural areas.

Wednesday 12th November, St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr - Born in Vladimir (Ukraine) in 1580; died at Vitebsk (Belarus) on this day in 1623. A Basilian monk who became archbishop of Polotsk. Worked strenuously to uphold and spread the Union of Brest-Litovsk by which Churches of the province of Kiev, with their Byzantine liturgy and customs, had entered into communion with Rome. In a complex situation of national and religious antagonism, he was killed by violent opponents. Noted for his energetic pastoral reform and courageous ecumenism.

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,386.00
Standing Orders: £ 423.50
Votives: £ 190.00
Stall: £ 100.00

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continued generosity

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Readers:

8th/9th November	22nd/23rd November
5.00pm R. McConnell	5.00pm C. Jackson
10.30am E. Crossan	10.30am P. Roberts
5.00pm M. Davis	5.00pm N. Donnelly
15th/16th November	29th/30th November
5.00pm A. Haetzman	5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am J. Angus	10.30am E. McCabe
5.00pm S. Casserly	5.00pm M. Davis

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

8th/9th November	22nd/23rd November
5.00pm K. Bryce	5.00pm F. McBride
A. McGowan	R. Sinton
10.30am C. Duddy	10.30am G. Duddy
I. Maxfield	A. Gillespie
J. Russell	M. Keenan
15th/16th November	29th/30th November
5.00pm M. Keenan	5.00pm A. Dempsey
C. Callaghan	J. McBride
10.30am K. Lawrence	10.30am J. Littlejohn
J. McFarlane	A. O'Neill
M. Russell	N. Keenan