

St Mary's Lanark

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Pentecost Sunday

8th June 2025

This is Our Faith

Who is the Holy Spirit? The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Blessed Trinity.

From whom does the Holy Spirit proceed? The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Is the Holy Spirit equal to the Father and the Son? The Holy Spirit is equal to the Father and the Son, being the same Lord and God as they are.

On what day did the Holy Spirit come down upon the Apostles? The Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord; and the day on which He came down upon the Apostles is called White-Sunday or Pentecost.

We know already that the Apostles fled and were very much afraid when Our Lord was taken prisoner. Even Peter, the chief of Apostles, who said he would die rather than leave Our Lord, shamefully denied him; and St John, the beloved disciple, stood near the Cross, but offered no resistance to Our Lord's enemies. After the Crucifixion of Our Lord, the Apostles, afraid of being put to death, shut themselves up in a room. Ten days after Our Lord's Ascension they were praying as usual in their room, when suddenly they heard the sound as it were of a great wind, and then they saw tongues the shape of our own, but all on fire, coming, and one tongue resting on the head of each Apostle present.

This was the Holy Spirit coming to them. The Holy Spirit, being a pure spirit without a body, can take any form He pleases. He sometimes came in the form of a dove; so when you see a dove painted in a church near the altar, it is there to represent the Holy Spirit.

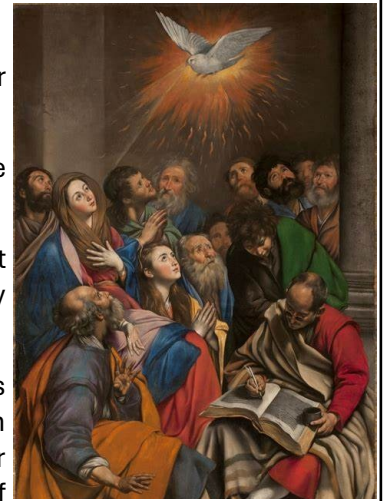
After the Holy Spirit came down upon the Apostles they were no longer timid men. They went forth boldly into the streets and preached Christ crucified, telling people how the Son of God had been put to death. Many who heard the believed and were baptised. The first time St Peter preached to the people 3000 were converted; so that when all the Apostles preached the number of Christians increased rapidly, and the Christian religion was soon carried to distant parts of the world.

Why did Christ send the Holy Spirit? Christ sent the Holy Spirit to sanctify His Church, to enlighten and strengthen the Apostles and to enable them to preach the Gospel.

Sanctify, to make more holy by the grace which He would give to the members of the Church. To enlighten, the Apostles did not understand very well everything Our Lord taught while He was with them; but after the Holy Spirit came upon them they understood perfectly, and remembered many things Our Lord said to them, and understood the true meaning of all.

Will the Holy Spirit stay with the Church forever? The Holy Spirit will abide with the Church forever, and guide it in the way of holiness and truth.

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth.*



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

Sunday 8th June *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

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

Monday 9th June *St Mary's Church will be opened Monday - Friday from 8am until 3pm*

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

Tuesday 10th June

- 11.30am** Confessions until 11.55am
- 11.40am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 12noon** Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Davie Flynn

Wednesday 11th June

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

Thursday 12th June

Church Closed Today

Friday 13th June

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

Saturday 14th June *St Mary's Church will open at 8am and close after the 5pm Mass*

- 9.00am** Confessions until 9.25am
- 9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am** Holy Mass
- 4.30pm** Confessions until 4.50pm
- 4.30am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (St Mary's)

Sunday 15th June *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

- 10.30am** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (St Mary's)
- 12noon** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Holy Trinity)
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (St Mary's)



Liturgical Calendar

Monday 9th June, St Columba, Missionary - Columba, also known as Colum Cille, was born in Gartan, County Donegal in 521 and was of royal lineage. He studied under Finnian of Moville and Finnian of Clonard. He founded monasteries in Deny, Durrow, Iona and possibly Kells. From Iona, which became his principal foundation, missionaries undertook the conversion of Northumbria. Colum Cille is noted for his love for people and for all living creatures. He died in 597.

Wednesday 11th June, St Barnabas, Apostle - It is not known when he died, but according to Eastern and Western tradition his remains were discovered on this day sometime in the fifth century. A Jew from Cyprus and one of the first converts in Jerusalem, a leading member of the Church there, though not one of the twelve. He introduced Saint Paul to the twelve and worked with him in Antioch and on missionary work in the Mediterranean world. Championed the Gentiles at the Council of Jerusalem. Honoured as "a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith" (Acts 11:21).

Thursday 13th June, St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor of the Church - Born in Lisbon (Portugal) in 1195; died at Padua (Italy) on this day in 1231. At first an Augustinian priest and scholar, then became a Franciscan to do missionary work in north Africa but this was thwarted by illness. Instead, he became a teacher of theology and a brilliant popular preacher in southern France and Italy, a servant of the poor, and a worker of miracles.

Children's Books

Thank you very much to the thoughtful parishioner who donated books for children to use during Mass.

The books are bible based and available in the stall for anyone who wishes their children to make use of them. You can either take them away or return them after Mass and take a different one the following week.

If this idea works and parents find it helpful we can invest in some more books for children to enjoy during Mass.

Interested in Becoming a Catholic?

Are you thinking about becoming a Catholic? If so please contact Fr John-Paul to find out more.

We are hoping that our RCIA Program will begin very shortly. We already have 4 young people interested in the course this year.



Peter's Pence Collection

The annual Peter's Pence collection will be taken up at all Masses on weekend 28th/29th June, the Solemnity of St Peter and St Paul.

The Peter's Pence collection is a gesture of solidarity through which every member of the faithful can participate in the activity of the Pope as Pastor of the universal Church. The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father are to help support humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects.

The Choir of St Mary's

Thank you to the Choir of St Mary's for their wonderful support during the liturgy this first half of the year. The Choir are now having a well earned rest and will return after summer.

Thank you to the Choir for their commitment to our parish and for enhancing our liturgies so beautifully.

The Unique History of St Mary's Lanark

After years of dedication and hard work, we are delighted to have on sale *The Unique History of St Mary's Lanark*, by Siobhan Gainford.

This wonderfully produced book captures the rich history of our beautiful parish, and gives great hope for the future.

The book is priced at £15 and copies are available to buy from the stall. Anyone who has preordered the book will receive it from Siobhan or her distribution volunteers. Once again, we thank Siobhan for this wonderful book, for all her hard work, and those who assisted her in any way.

Lourdes Petitions and Candles

Fr John-Paul and 7 parishioners are participating in the Diocesan Lourde Pilgrimage this year, 14th-21st July. If you would like prayer petitions placed at the Grotto or candles lit for you or your loved ones, please use the box at Our Lady's Altar. The box will remain until Sunday 13th July.

For petitions, please place your petitions in a sealed envelope, clearly marked PETITIONS. Please do not put money in this envelope as the petitions are never opened.

For candles, please place your money inside a sealed envelope and write on the envelope how many candles you would like lit. There is no need to record your intentions, that is between you and God.

Congratulations Lord Cornet

As a parish community we offer our congratulations and sure support to Lord Cornet Edward Pringle.

Mr Pringle is a valued member of staff at St Mary's Primary School, and an active member of our community. We are delighted Mr Pringle has been selected to lead Lanimers this year, and has asked the children from St Mary's to play a prominent role, starting with the Kirkin' today in St Nicholas Parish Church at 12noon. Everyone welcome to show their support!!

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje - October 2025

Fr Ivan Boyle is leading a pilgrimage to Medjugorje from Wed 15 to Wed 22 October this year. Estimated accommodation and transfer costs are around £350 (sharing) £450 (single room there are a limited number of single rooms) half board. Added to this are flight costs (to try and keep prices down we are asking people to book their own flight with easyJet as below (if we try and block book flights costs immediately go up – Maureen can help with this if necessary).

easyJet glasgow-Split 15 Oct25 EYZ3141

return split-glasgow 22Oct25 EYZ3142.

Please contact MaureenMdynes71@gmail.com or 07737673930 for further details



Please Pray For The Following



Recently Dead: Davie Flynn Hardacres Requiem Mass: Tuesday 10th June, 12noon
 Frank Gunning Beechgrove Requiem Mass: Tuesday 17th June, 12noon
 Rebecca Monteith Beechgrove Requiem Mass: Wednesday 18th June, 9.30am
 Kathleen McCrossan Castlegate Requiem Mass: Saturday 21st June, 9.30am

Jim Mallon; Sister Carmel Buckley; Annette Foley (London);

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Bishop Edward Douglas (Bishop of Motherwell 1948-1954); Bishop James Scanlan (Bishop of Motherwell 1955-1964); Bishop Francis Thomson (Bishop of Motherwell 1965-1982); Bishop Joseph Devine (Bishop of Motherwell 1983-2013); Cardinal Thomas Winning (Priest of the Diocese of Motherwell); Canon George Mullen; Rosemary McShane MacIntyre; James E. Reid; William McPhail; James McCrossan; Christopher Campbell; Margaret Moan;

Fathers Day Remembrance: If you would like Mass offered for your Dad next Sunday for Fathers Day, please put his name on an envelope and post it through the letter box, or hand into the sacristy, before Friday 13th June. If your Dad is Deceased and you would like his name included in the Fathers Day Remembrance next week, please clearly mark "DECEASED" on the envelope.

Diocesan Events in June

Sunday 22nd June – Corpus Christi Procession – from St Teresa’s Newarthill to Carfin Grotto.

All are invited to join the Diocesan Corpus Christi Procession, which will begin at St Teresa’s, Newarthill at 3pm, and arrive at Carfin Grotto. A special invitation is extended to the children who have received their First Communion in recent weeks to take part.

Jubilee of Priests – Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Friday 27th June.

The people of the Diocese are invited to Mass at 1pm at St Francis Xavier’s, Carfin, on the Jubilee of Priests. We keep the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart each year as the Day of Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests, so it is most appropriate that we celebrate it during the Jubilee and pray for the priests of Motherwell Diocese.

Diocesan Justice and Peace Group

Following the successful re-launch of the Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission, the second meeting will take place on Thursday 19th June at 7.30pm in the Diocesan Centre, Motherwell. This will be preceded by Mass in the Cathedral at 7.00pm.

Parish Weekly Finances

Offertory Collection & Donations: £ 1,481.00
 Standing Orders: £ 428.00
 Votives: £ 195.00
 Stall: £ 155.00

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continued generosity

St Mary’s Ministry Rota

Readers:

7th/8th June

5.00pm A. Haetzman
10.30am J. Russell
5.00pm M. Davis

21st/22nd June

5.00pm F. Chung
10.30am E. Crossan
5.00pm S. Casserly

14th/15th June

5.00pm G. Abernethy
10.30am P. Roberts
5.00pm N. Donnelly

28th/29th June

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

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

7th/8th June

5.00pm A. Dempsey
 J. McBride
10.30am J. Littlejohn
 A. O’Neill
 N. Keenan

21st/22nd June

5.00pm K. Bryce
 A. McGowan
10.30am V. Hilland
 B. Farrell
 M. Thomson

14th/15th June

5.00pm C. Scott
 S. Callaghan
10.30am C. Duddy
 D. McFarlane
 I. Maxfield

28th/29th June

5.00pm M. Keenan
 C. Callaghan
10.30am K. Lawrence
 J. McFarlane
 M. Russell