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Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

15th June 2025

The Trinity - Mystery or Puzzle?

The Mystery of the Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Christian faith and life, "the source of all the other mysteries of faith, the light that enlightens them" (CCC 234). It is one of the mysteries of faith "that are hidden in God, which can never be known unless they are revealed by God" (CCC 237, quoting Dei Filius 4). And once this mystery is revealed to us in God's divine goodness, even though it seems an impenetrable paradox — one God in three Persons — we recognise that the reality of the Triune God is exactly what we need, what we were made for.



Often we are tempted to approach the Holy Trinity as a puzzle that needs to be solved. Countless analogies have been used to make sense of the one in three and three in one, like the analogy of water, ice, and vapor, or the three-leaf clover. The problem is that these analogies more often lead us astray in one way or another and give us an inadequate grasp of the Triune God.

We can also lose the true beauty of the Trinity when we only focus on trying to "solve the puzzle." Look again at our verse from First John, "God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them." John is not trying to help us solve a puzzle; instead, he wants us to see that the Triune God has created us so that we might share in his love, that we might abide in God and God in us.

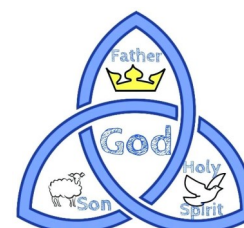
It may be helpful to approach the Trinity similarly to how we would a beautiful painting. When you first encounter a beautiful work of art, you are drawn in by it. The beauty of the work itself is enough to keep you there, delighting in it. As you continue to look at it, its beauty and detail unfold before you, generating in you love and admiration for the work.

Only after the experience of the painting's beauty would you then begin to study how it was made, how it works, and what inspired the painter. Exploring these questions helps us return to the painting with a deeper understanding, delighting even more in its beauty. So it is with the Holy Trinity. First, we are drawn to delight in and love God as he has revealed himself to us; only then do we seek out to make sense of the Holy Trinity, but as we work through those questions, they draw us deeper again into the delight and love of God.



*I believe in You, I hope in You, I adore You,
O Blessed Trinity, One God.*

*Have mercy on me now and at the hour
of my death, and save me. Amen.*



Weekly Parish Schedule

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

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)

Monday 16th 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 17th June

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

Wednesday 18th June

- 9.10am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 9.30am** Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Ruby Monteith
- 10.15am** Church Cleaning

Thursday 19th June

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

Friday 20th June

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

Saturday 21st 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** Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Kathleen McCrossan
- 4.30pm** Confessions until 4.50pm
- 4.30am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary
- 5.00pm** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (St Mary's)

Sunday 22nd June *St Mary's Church will close after the 5pm Mass*

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



Liturgical Calendar

Saturday 21st June, St Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious - Born in Lombardy (Italy) in 1568; died in Rome on this day in 1591 of the plague, contracted while caring for its victims. Devout and ascetical from the time of his childhood in a family of Italian nobility. Pursued a religious vocation as a Jesuit against enormous family opposition. Noted for his youthful ideal of perfection.

Sunday 22nd June, Saint John Fisher and Saint Thomas More, Martyrs

John Fisher: Born at Beverley (England) in 1469; died at London on this day in 1535. Chancellor at Cambridge and then Bishop at Rochester, combining diligent pastoral ministry with the defence of Catholic doctrine.

Thomas More: Born in London 1478; died there for the faith on 6 July 1535. An Oxford scholar, a noted humanist and apologist, an incorruptible judge and Lord Chancellor, a devoted husband and loving father. Drawn into conflict with Henry VIII, both were imprisoned and beheaded for treason. Noted for their wide learning, for their devotion to the Church, and for their uncompromising integrity and courage. An opportunity to celebrate all the English martyrs, Catholic and Protestant, of the Reformation era. Coming from every walk of life, people rich and poor, married and single, women and men died on the scaffold, perished in prison, or suffered harsh persecution for their faith.

St Mary's Social Committee

As we reach the midpoint of 2025, I have been looking back over the past 5 1/2 months to reflect on the progress and growth of our parish in that time. One thing that stands out for me is the dedication and energy of St Mary's Social Committee. The girls do a wonderful job organising monthly social events to draw our parish together and to promote fellowship whilst raising vital funds for our parish.

I would just like to place on record my appreciation to the Social Committee, along with their helpers, for all their efforts and remind them that their good work is never taken from granted and is always appreciated by many.
Fr John-Paul

Bulletin Holiday

As per previous years the bulletin will take a holiday from publication during the month of July. This will allow the editor some time to rest.



Deaths, Anniversaries and Months Minds will all be recorded in the bulletin edition for the first weekend of August. Urgent notices will be announced at the end of Mass as and when required.



LANARK LANIMERS

ONE OF SCOTLAND'S OLDEST TRADITIONS

After much fretting about the weather, and many prayers offered, Lanimers 2025 turned out to be as special as expected, with Thursday being a wonderful day for all involved.

As always, Lanimer Week was packed with fun and excitement, but for us at St Mary's, Lanimers felt even more special as parishioners and pupils from the parish played significant roles.

<i>Lanimer Queen:</i>	<i>Maisey Talbot</i>
<i>Lady in Waiting:</i>	<i>Niome Doolan</i>
<i>Lady in Waiting:</i>	<i>Lily McGarvey</i>
<i>Page Boy:</i>	<i>Charlie Cunningham</i>
<i>Page Boy:</i>	<i>Bobby Reid</i>
<i>Proclamation Bearer:</i>	<i>Ellis Purdie</i>
<i>Lord Cornet:</i>	<i>Edward Pringle</i>

As well as our parish being well represented through parishioner involvement, St Mary's Primary School Choir performed *The Lord is my Shepherd* at the Kirkin of the Cornet. A huge congratulations to everyone involved and happy Lanimers !

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.

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.

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: 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
 Dave Flynn; Patrick Hagan (Ireland); Mamie Connelly; Mary McVey (Hamilton);

Months Minds & Anniversaries: Eleanor Douglas; Walter McEwan; Mina & Graham Wilson; Margaret McAllister; Arthur Kane;

Fathers Day Remembrance: Fr Joseph Brannigan; Jim McShane; John McShane; William Campbell; Charlie McShane; Frank McMahon; Hughie McShane; Thomas Lamb; William Donnachie; Emilio Coia; Bernard Scott; Rodger McConnell; John Renton; Jim Brennan; John Kennedy; James Kelly; James Colrain;

Gracious Lord, sometimes Heaven seems so far away. Please help my heart feel that You are always near to me. My dad is with You now. I know he is enjoying the unbelievable blessing of Your presence. You told us that You were going to prepare a place for us and that You would be there with us. How awesome it is to know that my dad is in the presence of You! God, please bless him with the supreme joy that can only come from You. Please help me also to have joy, because I know that he is there with You.
 Amen

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: £ 1,132.00
 Standing Orders: £ 198.50
 Votives: £ 205.00
 Stall: £ 180.00

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Thank you for your
 continued generosity

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Readers:

<u>14th/15th June</u>	<u>28th/29th June</u>
5.00pm G. Abernethy	5.00pm R. McConnell
10.30am P. Roberts	10.30am M. McCusker
5.00pm N. Donnelly	5.00pm M. Davis
 <u>21st/22nd June</u>	
5.00pm F. Chung	
10.30am E. Crossan	
5.00pm S. Casserly	

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:

<u>14th/15th June</u>	<u>28th/29th June</u>
5.00pm C. Scott	5.00pm M. Keenan
S. Callaghan	C. Callaghan
10.30am C. Duddy	10.30am K. Lawrence
D. McFarlane	J. McFarlane
I. Maxfield	M. Russell
 <u>21st/22nd June</u>	
5.00pm K. Bryce	
A. McGowan	
10.30am V. Hilland	
B. Farrell	
M. Thomson	