

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**3RD SEPTEMBER 2023**

## PARISH FORTY HOURS ADORATION

Each year as a parish we set aside three days for extended periods of adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, and this year this period of prayer and adoration will take place from Sunday 10th September until Tuesday 12th September in Our Lady & St John's. This is an opportunity for each of us to spend some time with the Lord, present before us in the Most Holy Eucharist. There will be half hour slots each of the days for people to sign up and watch before the Blessed Sacrament for that allotted time, to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. You will find the sign up sheets at the back of Our Lady & St John's from 26th/27th August.

### SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

<b>12noon</b>	<b>Solemn High Mass</b>
<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>Blessed Sacrament Procession</b>
1.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5.00pm
4.00pm	Confessions until 4.45pm
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
5.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.30pm
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Solemn Sung Vespers followed by Benediction</b>

### MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

8.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.30am
<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
8.45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12noon
8.45am	Confessions until 9.30am
10.30am	Confessions until 11.30am
<b>12noon</b>	<b>Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick</b>
1.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00pm
6.00pm	Recitation of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.50pm
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour concluding with Benediction</b>

### TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

8.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30am
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass with Commissioning for the Pope Francis Faith Award</b>
10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.00pm
12noon	Recitation of the Holy Rosary
3.00pm	Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
6.00pm	Recitation of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.30pm
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Closing Mass with Blessing of the new statue of Our Lady &amp; Community Garden</b>
8.00pm	Teas, coffees, sandwiches & sausage rolls in the Parish Hall



**PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE BACK OF OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S  
TO WATCH & PRAY BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

# THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

<b>Sunday 3rd September</b>	<i>St Mary's open 9.00am until 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am until 1.00pm</i>
10.00am	<b>Holy Mass for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (St Mary's)
12noon	<b>Holy Mass for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Our Lady & St John's)
	<b>NO MASS AT 5.00PM DUE TO NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE AT CARFIN GROTT</b>
<b>Monday 4th September</b>	<i>Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm</i>
11.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for Monday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
<b>Tuesday 5th September</b>	<i>Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm</i>
	<b>NO MASS IN THE PARISH TODAY</b>
<b>Wednesday 6th September</b>	<i>St Mary's open 9.00am until 4.00pm; OLSJ 9.00am until 7.45pm</i>
	<b>NO MASS IN THE PARISH TODAY</b>
<b>Thursday 7th September</b>	<i>Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm</i>
	<b>NO MASS IN THE PARISH TODAY</b>
<b>Friday 8th September</b>	<i>Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm</i>
	<b>NO MORNING MASS IN ST MARY'S</b>
6.30pm	<b>Parish International Mass for the Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b> followed by <b>International Night in Parish Hall</b> (Our Lady & St John's)
<b>Saturday 9th September</b>	<i>St Mary's open 9.00am until 6.00pm; OLSJ closed</i>
4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (St Mary's)

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**5th September - Memoria of St Teresa of Calcutta** - St Teresa of Calcutta was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Albania in 1910, her father died when she was nine years old. Moved to be a missionary Agnes entered the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland, and departed for Calcutta in 1929. She taught for a number of years, and, as a result of mystical experiences, Teresa felt called by Christ to establish a religious community, the Missionaries of Charity, dedicated to the service of the poorest of the poor. Teresa and her sisters reached out to the poor with love on the streets of Calcutta wearing distinctive, blue-trimmed white sari. The Missionaries of Charity are active in every continent. Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. She died in 1997 and was canonised a saint in 2016. She is the patron saint of World Youth Day.

**8th September - Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated nine months after the Solemn Feast of her Immaculate Conception. Mary's birth is recorded, not in Sacred Scripture but in the second century Protoevangelium of James which adds her parents' names as Anna and Joachim. In Jerusalem, near the Pool of Bethesda, there is a beautiful 5th century church of St Anne, reputed to be Mary's birth place.

**9th September - Memoria of St Peter Claver** - St Peter Claver was born in 1580 in the Lleida Province in Catalonia and, becoming a Jesuit, went to Latin America and specifically Columbia as his place of mission. For thirty-three years he worked among the slaves, often going on board the slave ships as they arrived from Africa, their human cargo frightened and very sick. He showed real care and compassion for them and gave them religious instruction. He is said to have baptised more than 300,000 slaves as well as offering them the other Sacraments. He died in 1654 and is honoured as the patron saint of slaves, the African missions and interracial justice.

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS

Throughout the diocese a second collection will be taken up next weekend at all Masses to help cover the costs of training our future priests. At present it costs £25,000.00 a year to train one seminarian each year, so please give whatever you can to this cause.

## ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Six years ago this coming Friday, Fr Wyllie was ordained a priest in his home parish of St Patrick's Shieldmuir, Wishaw. On Friday he would be very grateful if you could say a special prayer for him as he celebrates six years as a priest.

## PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£905.00
Standing Orders:	£234.00
Stall:	£20.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£1,159.00</b>

**Many thanks for your very generous support**

*To set up a Standing Order for your collection:*

Account Name - **Our Lady of Fatima Parish**

Account No - **00499758** Sort Code - **800877**

*Giftaid forms available at back of the church.*

## BUS FOR CARFIN

This afternoon (Sunday) the bus taking parishioners to the National Pilgrimage at Carfin Grotto will leave Our Lady & St John's at 1.30pm and St Mary's around 1.50pm. The bus will pick us up at the conclusion of the Mass and make a stop in Larkhall and then Blackwood. Please note that there is no Sunday 5.00pm Mass in our parish this weekend due to the National Pilgrimage at Carfin.

## NO WEEKDAY MASSES

Fr Wyllie will be away from the parish Monday 4th September until Friday 8th September. The 12noon Mass on Monday 4th September will go ahead as normal, but there will be no Mass in the parish until the International Mass on Friday 8th September at 6.30pm. Fr Wyllie encourages all parishioners to make a special effort to come along to the Mass on Friday 8th September & the hall afterwards for the International Night.

## PARISH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

We are very blessed in our parish to have so many parishioners who have come from, or have family origins in, many countries throughout the world. We give thanks for the great gift of the universality of our Catholic Faith, but also the diverse cultures which make up our parish.

To celebrate the great diversity of cultures we have in our parish we will hold a **Parish International Night on Friday 8th September beginning with Mass at 6.30pm followed by an evening in the Parish Hall** which will include food from various countries. This event proved to be such a success last year and we hope it will be a huge success this year too. It would be great to have a good number of parishioners coming along, and also to have food dishes from as many countries as possible which are represented here in the parish.

Fr Wyllie asks that parishioners who originate from other countries, especially those who made meals last year, get in touch with him (either by email or speaking to him after Mass) and let him know if you would be able to cook a dish to be enjoyed at the International Night. It can be a simple starter, main course or dessert. **So far we have food from Scotland, Ireland, England, the Czech Republic, Kenya, South Africa, Poland, Russia, Romania, Portugal, Fiji, Germany and America.** If you come from another country or know a dish from your country of family origin then please prepare something for this event. There of course can be more than one dish for each country. Please indicate if you are bringing food with you on the list at the back of the church.

On the night after the meal, there will be a simple quiz as well as a raffle. The Bar will also be open to purchase refreshments. **Donations of raffle prizes would be very gratefully received. Please place them at the back of the church by Thursday 7th September.**

**The Parish Hall will be set up for the event on the Thursday evening (7th September) at 6.30pm, so if you could lend a hand to decorate and move furniture it would be really appreciated.** If anyone has a flag of their home country or the country of their family origin, then please bring it along on 7th September so that the Hall can be set up that evening.

These social events are a perfect opportunity for us to invite friends, family and neighbours who have maybe lapsed from the practice of their faith, or to those who live in our communities who are of another faith or no faith at all. So please, consider inviting them, but please include them on the sign up sheet, so we know numbers in order for us to prepare and set up accordingly. Friday 8th September is also the Feast of the Birthday of Our Lady, so it's a very fitting day for us to come together as one parish family, made up of people from various cultures and countries.

**PLEASE PLACE YOUR NAMES ON THE LIST BY THIS WEEKEND IF YOU WISH TO ATTEND.**



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SICK** - Baby Ayla Skye Hughes, Paul McMurray, Robert Deveny, Paul Totman, Chris Dawes, Heather McMillan, Elizabeth McCann, Sharon Campbell, Douglas Russell, Robert Ferguson, Margo Higgins, Anne O'Neill (Belfast), Jimmy Crawford (Belfast), Joanne Kennedy, Anne Dempster, Joyce Heeley, Selina Gold, Pat Whalin, Charles Kennedy (Florida), Janet McIntosh, Annette Thomson, Kathleen Brannigan, Mandy Murray McVie, Kevin Feeney

**RIP** - Phyllis Nicholson, Elaine Begley (née Fox), Elizabeth Turner, Catherine Yates

**MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES** - Robert Maguire, Ian Quinn, Catherine Devine

Please remember to have your dead loved ones prayed for on their anniversary

## PAINTING OF ST MARY'S

The interior walls of St Mary's have sustained some water damage over the years, particularly in the four corners of the church. The painters have been out to look at what is required and will come back with a quote to carry out the work. We are hoping this work will be carried out in October or November, in time for Christmas. While this work is being carried out the weekday Masses will all take place in Our Lady & St John's. The money for this project will come from the 100 Club account. The 100 Club will now serve as a fund to help continue the mission of the parish rather than focussing on funding the building of a new Parish Hall for St Mary's.

## 100 CLUB

We are re-launching the 100 Club due to the changing of the purpose of the fundraising, no longer to build a Parish Hall in Larkhall but to support the parish financially in maintaining and enhancing our buildings in both Larkhall and Blackwood. At present we only have around 30 in the 100 Club, so we are asking for more parishioners from St Mary's and Our Lady & St John's to consider joining over the next few weeks before the first new draw in October. After the Forty Hours there will be a list at the back of the church with numbers for you to pick. Please respond generously to help raise funds for the parish but also to be in with a chance to win the monthly draw.

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CLUB

## PROPOSED PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2024

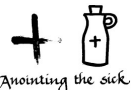
Last Wednesday a meeting was held to discuss the planned pilgrimage to Fatima & Salamanca next year. Fr Wyllie is now liaising with Anne Marie Cairns from ALBA Tours to come up with a proper itinerary for the proposed dates, which we hope will be the end of June to the beginning of July. More details will be available soon.

## HALL TEAM MEETING

A meeting will take place on **Wednesday 13th September after the 7.00pm Mass** in the Parish Hall for the Hall Team. This meeting will focus on evaluating the finances, an opportunity for members to express their ideas, thoughts and suggestions on the past few months and also to plan for the future. Parishioners from both churches are very warmly invited to be a part of the team.

## MASS FOR THE SICK - MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

As part of our Parish Forty Hours Adoration, there will be a special Mass with anointing of the sick at 12noon on Monday 11th September in Our Lady & St John's. The sick and housebound are warmly invited to take part in this special Mass. Please speak with any member of the St Vincent de Paul if you wish to attend.



## HIRE OF THE PARISH HALL

The Parish Hall is available for private functions, community events, regular lets and fundraising events. Please consider having your parties and functions in the Parish Hall to support the parish. If you would like to find out more information regarding the Hall and bookings, then please contact the Hall through email: **BlackwoodHallBookings@outlook.com** or speak to Suzanne.