

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Saint Mary Immaculate Larkhall &  
Our Lady & Saint John's Blackwood

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF ADVENT**  
**19TH DECEMBER 2021**

St Mary's  
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## THE SEASON OF CHRISTMAS IN OUR PARISH



**Friday 24th December**  
**Christmas Eve**

**5.00pm Vigil Mass of Christmas (OLSJ)**  
**8.30pm First Mass of Christmas (SM)**  
**12.00am Midnight Mass of Christmas (SM)**

**Saturday 25th December**  
**Christmas Day**

**10.00am Dawn Mass of Christmas (SM)**  
**12noon Day Mass of Christmas (OLSJ)**  
**No Evening Mass**

**Sunday 26th December**  
**Feast of the Holy Family**

**10.00am Mass (SM)**  
**12noon Mass (OLSJ)**

**Monday 27th December**

**12noon Mass for the Feast of St John (OLSJ)**

Tuesday 28th December

12noon Mass for the Feast of the Holy Innocents (OLSJ)

Wednesday 29th December

12noon Mass (SM)

Thursday 30th December

12noon Mass (OLSJ)

Friday 31st December

12noon Mass (SM)  
6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7.00pm Vespers & Benediction (OLSJ)

**Saturday 1st January**  
**Mary, Mother of God**

11.30am Holy Rosary (SM)  
**12noon Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (SM)**  
**5.30pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany (SM)**

**Sunday 2nd January**  
**Solemnity of the Epiphany**

**10.00am Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany (SM)**  
**12noon Mass for the Solemnity of the Epiphany (OLSJ)**  
**No Evening Mass**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA

### Sunday 19th December

9.15am	Confessions until 9.45am (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday of the Season of Advent (St Mary's)
10.45am	Confessions until 11.15am (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday of the Season of Advent (Our Lady & St John's)
12.45pm	Confessions until 1.15pm (Our Lady & St John's)
4.00pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the Fourth Sunday of the Season of Advent (Our Lady & St John's)
5.45pm	Confessions until 6.15pm (Our Lady & St John's)

### Monday 20th December

11.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for 20th December (St Mary's)
12.30pm	Confessions after Mass (St Mary's)
6.00pm	Confessions until 7.00pm (Our Lady & St John's)
7.00pm	Novena in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help concluding with Benediction (OLSJ)

### Tuesday 21st December

9.00am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
9.00am	Confessions until 9.20am (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am	Holy Mass for 21st December (Our Lady & St John's)
6.00pm	Confessions until 7.00pm (St Mary's)
7.00pm	Novena in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help concluding with Benediction (St Mary's)

### Wednesday 22nd December

10.00am	Holy Mass for 22nd December (St Mary's)
	<b>NO EVENING MASS</b>

### Thursday 23rd December

9.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am	Holy Mass for 23rd December (Our Lady & St John's)

### Friday 24th December

10.00am	Holy Mass for 24th December (St Mary's)
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## MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN CHOIR CAROL CONCERT

It was with great sadness that we had to cancel the Motherwell Diocesan Choir Carol Concert on Thursday due to growing concern about the transmissibility of the new variant of covid. After speaking with John Pitcathley on Tuesday of last week, we are looking forward to arranging the Carol Concert for late Advent next year. Fr Wyllie would like to thank all those who had intended on coming along to support the event, also to Mrs Colgan, Mrs McCart and the staff and pupils of both our schools who had prepared and rehearsed so well for taking part in the concert. As you can imagine, when we had arranged to have the Carol Concert in our parish there was no reason to believe that we would be in the situation we now find ourselves in. Although it is sad that we are unable to go ahead, we look forward to next year.

## ST ANDREW'S HOSPICE & JUSTICE & PEACE

Last weekend we took up a retiral collection for the work of St Andrew's Hospice to help them in their care of the terminally ill and dying. Thanks to your generosity we are able to contribute £822.00 to help them in this work. May God reward you all for your kindness.

In January, on the Solemnity of the Epiphany it is customary to take up a collection for the work of the Justice & Peace Commission. Fr Wyllie is conscious that there have been many calls on your generosity over the past few months and is suggesting that rather than having a second collection for Justice & Peace, if anyone would like to make a personal donation, to post an envelope marked 'Justice & Peace' through the Chapel House letterbox or to place the envelope into the Collection bag at the Offertory. The parish will then forward those donations onto Justice & Peace. Please, only contribute if you wish.

## MEN'S BICYCLE

A parishioner is looking for a men's bicycle. If you have a bicycle in good condition at home which you no longer use and would be willing to gift it to the gentleman who is making this appeal please let Fr Wyllie know. The bicycle will be put to good use and any help would be greatly appreciated.



## CHURCH WORKERS SOCIAL

In some parishes in the past, it was customary to have a Church Workers Social, to which all those who worked in the church, house, hall and grounds would be invited as a thank you for all the voluntary work they carry out over the year. It would be impossible to have this before Christmas, so the plan would be for this to take place early in the new year, probably on 18th or 25th February in the Parish Hall. Fr Wyllie is currently exploring various options for the evening, but it will probably include a meal, bar and some form of entertainment. A bus will be provided for those from St Mary's to attend. Those who are eligible to come along to this evening are:

Church Cleaners, Musicians, Cantors, Florists, Sacristans, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers  
Church Covid Stewards

Church Gardeners/Grounds Workers  
Hall Bar Staff

SSVP Members

Children's Liturgy Leaders

Members of the Pastoral & Finance Committee

Collection Counters & Stall Workers

*More details will be available soon.*

## ST MARGARET'S ADOPTION SOCIETY

At the crib in both churches you will find a box for donations for the St Margaret's Adoption Society. It is customary for parishes in the west of Scotland to raise money for the work carried out by St Margaret's Adoption Society in helping boys and girls to find loving homes. Please be as generous as you always are to the crib collection for the work carried out on our behalf by St Margaret's. The collection boxes will be at the crib until the Solemnity of the Epiphany, 2nd January.

## FOODBANK

Many thanks to all those parishioners who donated to the Foodbank collection at the end of November. There was 155.4kg worth of food stuffs donated as well as £354.00. There will be no collection this month but we will resume the collections in January, with the monthly collection being taken up on the weekend of 29th/30th January.

## PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£841.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£290.00
Votive Candles:	£87.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£1,218.00</b>
St Andrew's Hospice	£822.00

**Many thanks for your very generous support**

## CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Traditionally the Christmas Collection is when parishioners would make a monetary gift to the parish on top of their weekly contributions according to their own financial means. Please place your Christmas collection offering into the collection bag at the Offertory at whichever Mass you attend on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day.

For those who contribute to the parish through standing order, **Christmas Collection envelopes** will be found at the back of the church from this weekend. Those who have envelopes will find the Christmas collection envelope in your pack of envelopes.

**If you are a member of the Giftaid scheme** then please fill out the details on the back of the Christmas collection envelope, your name will suffice. If you feel more comfortable placing the envelope through the chapel house door, then please do so.

## CABARET NIGHT & TRIBUTE ACT



**Our Lady & St John's Parish Hall**

**Friday 28th January**

**7.00pm til Late**

**Plaid in Scotland**

*(Scottish artists tribute and Michael Buble)*

**Tickets - £7.00 each**

Contact Angela Stewart - 07733440351

*A bus will be run from Larkhall if sufficient uptake*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SICK** - John Rosato (Australia), Pat Tierney, James Ferguson, Alice Cumming, Alice Goodwin, Janet McIntosh, Annette Thomson, Kathleen Brannigan, Mandy Murray McVie, John Gowans, Kevin Feeney

**RIP** - Rory Quigley, Brian Canning, Tom Rushford (Largs), Reena Newall, Cathy Seagrave, Maureen Glasgow

**MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES** - Beatrice McGhee, Charles Thomson Jnr, Mary Goodwin

**Please remember to have your deceased loved ones prayed for on their anniversaries & months mind**

**IF YOU WISH YOUR DECEASED LOVED ONES REMEMBERED AT MASS OVER CHRISTMAS PLEASE PLACE THEIR NAMES IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED 'CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE' INTO THE CHAPEL HOUSE BY 23RD DECEMBER**

## CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES

*At our Masses over the Christmas Season we pray for the following:*

John Canning, Chris Canning, Grace Canning, William Canning, Brian Canning, Deceased members of the Gonnella & Brady Families, John & Jane McMurray, Philip & Ida Holton, Ken & Amelia Gough, Jim & Mary Dow, John McManus, John & Jane McMurray, Deceased members of the Reilly & Williams Families, Alice, Cornelius, Jimmy & Michael Weir, Martin Gibney, John Tamburrini, Christina McCluskey, Christina Weller, Margaret Hotchkiss, James Hotchkiss, Robert Kennedy Snr, Robert Kennedy Jnr, David Yardley Kennedy, Louis Baron Weller, John & Betty Connachan, Joseph & Margaret Cassidy, Maureen Crawley, John Creechan, Thomas & Catherine Kennedy, Michael & Annie Creechan, George & Cathie Gibney, Catherine Ann Bews, Margaret Love, Deceased members of the Creechan Family, Deceased members of the Kennedy Family, David O'Neill, Marie McLaughlin, Sharon Moncur, Bill & Betty Hutchens, Ian Hutchens, Mr & Mrs Archibald Carr, Mr & Mrs John Hutchens, Deceased members of the Hutchens, Carr, Burns, Munro, Green, Cook & Kent Families, John & Catherine Deerin, Gerard Wyllie, Hugh & Margaret Wyllie, Martin Wyllie, David James, George Wyllie, Annie Mulhearn, Very Reverend Kieran Canon O'Farrell, Frank Lyons, Ellen Mullen, Jim McShane, Paul McKenna, Very Reverend Giles Canon Goward, James Reynolds, Jim Somerville, Alan Rennie, Charlie McNally (Jnr), Charlie McNally (Snr), Johnnie McNally, Annie McNally, Very Reverend Henry Canon McGinn, Danny Cunningham, Margaret & James Girvan, Sadie Girvan, Margaret & Les Bennet, Rita & James Lyons, Susan Girvan, Grace Girvan, Thomas Wilson, Ian Quinn, Isabella Freeland, Robert Maguire, Frank McCorry, Charles & Monica McCorry, Deceased members of the McCorry Family, James & Catherine McLaren, Deceased members of the McLaren Family, Deceased members of the Taggart, Clark & Wedlock Families



## VISITS TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

It was Fr Wyllie's intention to visit the sick and housebound of the parish before Christmas with Holy Communion and to hear the confessions of those who would wish to avail themselves of this Sacrament. Due to the growing anxiety regarding the new variant of covid and owing to him not having received his booster yet, the visits to the sick will take place in the new year.

## FEAST OF ST JOHN

On the Monday after Christmas we celebrate the Feast of St John. A special Mass will be celebrated in Our Lady & St John's that day at 12noon. All parishioners are warmly invited to the Mass. Due to when the Feast day falls, Fr Wyllie wasn't sure how much of a response there would be for a little social in the hall afterwards. This year we will keep the celebration to the church and maybe next year we could arrange for something to follow in the Parish Hall.

## CHRISTMAS BULLETIN

There will be a special bulletin at the end of the week for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, this will also be the bulletin for the Feast of the Holy Family and the week after Christmas.