

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
24TH MARCH 2024**

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

The first celebration of the Triduum is the evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. This Mass celebrates the last meal Jesus shared with his Twelve Apostles before his death. (cf. Paul the Apostle recounted in 1 Corinthians 11:23–26, as well as the synoptic Gospel accounts of Matthew, Mark and Luke). After the homily on Holy Thursday, we imitate our master in the washing of feet. This ritual reminds us that our baptismal commitment means we are to be servants of one another. Per se, the Mass does not end. There is no dismissal or final blessing. The evening's celebration concludes with a "stripping of the altar" in which not only are all decorations removed, the Blessed Sacrament is taken from the tabernacle on the main altar and processed to an altar of repose outside the main body of the church. The sanctuary lamp is taken away, and not relit until the Easter Vigil. Watching at the Altar of Repose is common after the Holy Thursday Mass and continuing until midnight. It is reminiscent of waiting with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.



TRIDUUM

GOOD FRIDAY

On this day, Christians ritually recall the Passion and crucifixion of Jesus. Mass is not celebrated on this day, however, Holy Communion (reserved in the tabernacle on the altar of repose from the previous evening) is distributed at the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. The celebration traditionally occurs at 3.00pm and consists of three parts: Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross, and Holy Communion. The first part, the Liturgy of the Word, consists of the reading or chanting of Isaiah 52:13-53:12, Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9, and the Passion account from the Gospel of John. The second part of the Good Friday liturgy is the Veneration of the Cross: a cross is solemnly displayed to the congregation and then venerated by them, individually if possible. The third and last part is Holy Communion. The Eucharist, consecrated at the Mass of Holy Thursday is distributed at this Liturgy. At the conclusion, the priest and people depart in silence, and the altar is bare except for the crucifix and two candles. No blessing is imparted on this day.

HOLY SATURDAY

Following Good Friday, Holy Saturday is a commemoration of the day that Jesus lay in his tomb. Daytime or early Vigil Masses are never offered. It is a time of waiting.

The Great Easter Vigil is held after sunset of Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Day, in anticipation of the celebration of the resurrection. The Easter Vigil consists of four parts: The Service of Light, The Liturgy of the Word, Renewal of Baptismal Vows and the Holy Eucharist. The service begins outside the church around a large fire. This new fire symbolises the radiance of the Risen Christ dispelling the darkness of sin and death. The Paschal candle is blessed and then lit. This Paschal candle will be used throughout the season of Easter, remaining in the sanctuary of the church or near the lectern, and throughout the coming year at baptisms and funerals, reminding all, that Christ is "light and life." Once the candle has been lit there follows the ancient and dramatic rite of the *Lucernarium*.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 24th March

10.00am Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for Palm Sunday (Our Lady & St John's)
 NO VESPERS & BENEDICTION



Monday 25th March

12noon Requiem Mass for William McLearn (St Mary's)
6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm (St Mary's)
6.00pm Confessions until 6.50pm (St Mary's)
7.00pm Holy Mass for Monday of Holy Week (St Mary's)

Tuesday 26th March

NO EARLY MORNING MASS
9.00am Stations of the Cross (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am Holy Mass for Tuesday of Holy Week (Our Lady & St John's)
5.30pm Reception of Body (St Mary's)

Wednesday 27th March

NO EARLY MORNING MASS
10.00am Requiem Mass for Janet McIntosh (St Mary's)
6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm (Our Lady & St John's)
6.00pm Confessions until 6.50pm (Our Lady & St John's)
7.00pm Holy Mass for Wednesday of Holy Week (Our Lady & St John's)

Thursday 28th March (HOLY THURSDAY)

No morning Mass in the parish.

Mass of the Chrism in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral at 11.00am

All are invited to this beautiful Mass with the bishop & clergy of our diocese

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

7.00pm Mass of the Lord's Last Supper (St Mary's)
 Followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight
10.00pm Night Prayer of the Church (St Mary's)

GOOD FRIDAY - A DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

12noon Stations of the Cross (Our Lady & St John's)
3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion & Death of the Lord (St Mary's)
5.00pm Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday (St Mary's)

HOLY SATURDAY

No Vigil Mass
7.00pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of the Resurrection (St Mary's)

EASTER SUNDAY

10.00am Holy Mass for Easter Sunday (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for Easter Sunday (Our Lady & St John's)



HOLY WEEK & THE SACRED TRIDUUM

Fr Wyllie invites all parishioners to make an extra special effort to attend the Masses & Liturgies of Holy Week, especially in the final few days (the Sacred Triduum). Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday are the three most important days of the Church's calendar, commemorating the Last Supper, the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. Please note that there will be no Mass in our parish on Thursday, due to the Chrism Mass taking place in Motherwell Cathedral, and also no Vigil Mass at 5.00pm on Saturday, due to the Easter Vigil taking place at 7.00pm.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES

Each year on Good Friday we take up a special collection for the Holy Places in the Holy Land associated with the birth, life, passion, death and resurrection of Our Lord. This year in a particular way, with the ongoing violence, we are asked to give whatever we can to this collection. Please give as generously as you always do. A box will be available at the back of both churches.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£1,120.00
Standing Orders:	£535.00
Stall:	£170.00
Total:	£1,825.00

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.

ALTAR SERVERS REHEARSALS

To ensure the smooth running of our parish celebration of the Sacred Triduum there will be rehearsals for the servers at the following times:

Holy Thursday	6.20pm
Good Friday	2.20pm
Holy Saturday	6.15pm

All servers are invited to serve at all the Masses and Liturgies of the Sacred Triduum, but please ensure that if you are serving that you attend the rehearsals beforehand.

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.



CHURCH WORKERS' SOCIAL

The Church Workers' Social will take place in the Parish Hall on Friday 12th April. All those who work in the church, hall, grounds, are members of groups/societies in the parish are very warmly invited to attend. The evening is open to: readers, extraordinary ministers, cleaners, grounds workers, stall workers, hall volunteers & bar staff, members of the Hall Team, Finance Team, collection counters, Pastoral Team, Wellspring Team, SSVP, Children's Liturgy leaders, musicians and cantors, sacristans, lunch club volunteers and housekeepers. **Fr Wyllie asks that if you intend on coming along, to hand in your menu choices by the end of today (Sunday) at the latest.**

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LISBON

A good meeting was held on Wednesday of last week for those who intend on travelling to Fatima and Lisbon in July of this year on the parish pilgrimage. There are 21 travelling on this pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine in Fatima and then to Lisbon, the capital city of Portugal with day trips organised during our time away. The final instalment is to be paid by Wednesday 24th April directly to ALBA Tours. The bank details are:

Acc Name: **Alba Tours Ltd** Acc Number: **00898164;** Sort Code: **802260.**



SPRING/SUMMER WORKS AROUND OUR PARISH BUILDINGS

Over the next few weeks a number of works will take place in our parish properties (depending on the weather for some of them). Fr Wyllie would like to keep you up to date with these works:

- Power-washing of the grounds at Our Lady & St John's
- Reinforcing and replacing the existing perimeter fence at Our Lady & St John's
- Painting of the facias and soffets around the church building at St Mary's
- Power-washing of the monobloc at the front and side of the house at St Mary's
- Painting of the railings and varnishing of the side entrance at St Mary's
- Painting of the two benches at the statue of Our Lady at St Mary's
- Painting of the fence behind the house at St Mary's

In the near future we will have to replace the PVC door at the sacristy in Our Lady & St John's, the front door of St Mary's Parish House, as well as the doors to the Parish Hall.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

We wish the teaching staff and pupils of our schools a very enjoyable and peaceful Easter holidays, beginning this Thursday. Our young families are encouraged to come to the weekday Masses when they can during the Easter break. If you're heading away on holiday, enjoy!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Pat Whalin, Declan McDonald, Gary Biggar, Paul McMurray, Annette Thomson, Margaret Craig, Kathleen Brannigan, Anne O'Neil, Aaron Mulligan, Margaret McLaughlin, Kevin Wyllie, Kerry Peterson

RIP - William McLear (*Requiem Monday at 12noon*), Janet McIntosh (*Receiving Tuesday at 5.30pm; Requiem at 10.00am*), Hugh Hayburn, Bernard (Benny) Lynch, Jim Simmons (Shieldmuir), James Campbell (Dublin)

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - John McManus, David Yardley Kennedy, Simon Cheresna

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

CHRISM MASS

Everyone is invited to the Chrism Mass in Motherwell Cathedral on Thursday morning at 11.00am as the priests of the diocese renew their priestly vows and the holy oils are consecrated.

EASTER REMEMBRANCES

If you would like your deceased loved ones remembered at Easter Mass, please place their name in an envelope to be included in next weeks bulletin. Please have these handed in by Thursday at 3.00pm. Celebrating the Lord's triumph over sin and death through his resurrection, is a very appropriate time for us to pray for our beloved dead, that they may share in God's glory.

MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN CHOIR

The Motherwell Diocesan Choir will lead a musical reflection entitled "*Father, into Your Hands*" for Holy Week in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell this Tuesday beginning at 7.30pm. An evening of choral music, plainsong & traditional congregational hymns contemplating the Passion of Christ. Admission is free and everyone is warmly invited.

CONFESSION SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Saturday 23rd March	(Vigil of Palm Sunday)
4.00pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
Monday 25th March	(Monday of Holy Week)
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.50pm (St Mary's)
7.30pm	Confessions after Mass (St Mary's)
Tuesday 26th March	(Tuesday of Holy Week)
10.00am	Confessions after Mass (Our Lady & St John's)
Wednesday 27th March	(Wednesday of Holy Week)
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.50pm (Our Lady & St John's)
7.30pm	Confessions after Mass (Our Lady & St John's)



MASS OF THE LORD'S LAST SUPPER

A number of our young parishioners will have their feet washed at the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper, many thanks to our young people for volunteering for this task and to their parents for agreeing. This act of service reminds each one of us that we are called to serve one another.

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from our parish (both from Blackwood and Larkhall) are invited to come along to the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper as they hold a special ministry assisting the priest in his duty to feed to the Lord's flock with His Body & Blood.

Holy Communion will be distributed under both kinds at the Mass of the Lord's Last Supper. Even if you do not receive the Precious Blood from the chalice, please just don't walk by, please give a small bow of the head as you pass by the chalice.

St Mary's will be open all day on Holy Thursday from 9.00am until midnight for prayer & visits.

