

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
11TH FEBRUARY 2024**

## PROJECT WELLSPRING

This weekend throughout the Diocese of Motherwell we are launching Project Wellspring, a project to revitalise our diocesan community and our parishes to help us be fit for mission into the future.

The word wellspring is a word we hope you will become familiar with, It is the name of our new diocesan renewal project which launches this week. It takes its name from the medieval 'Our Lady's Well' which give its name to the town and Diocese of Motherwell. The image of water and Our Lady is familiar to us also from Lourdes, where Our Lady caused a spring of water to gush forth for Saint Bernadette to wash and drink. Water is a symbol of the Lord's healing, forgiveness and life giving power.



We pray that through Wellspring, our diocese will experience a new and abundant spring of living water that we may grow as faithful disciples ready to share the riches of our Catholic Faith.

We hope our diocesan vision of Church, is one which you will help to grow around the message of the Gospel, forming us as disciples willing to share our faith and renew our parish communities.

'Imagine a Church...' is the beginning of the Wellspring Vision. It is an invitation to hope, pray and work for the Church in which it describes where all people will find a home and grow as disciples of the Lord.

We seek the intercession of 'Our Lady, the fountain and wellspring of Salvation' that the Wellspring project will be a new springtime in the life of our diocese and that it will be a source of new graces.

Back in the autumn, Fr Wyllie distributed questionnaires to find out what parishioners thought we were doing well, what we could do better and to offer suggestions, ideas and thoughts of how we can enliven and enrich our parish community through the spiritual, pastoral and social aspects of parish life. The results from these questionnaires are at the back of the church.

A new Project Wellspring Working Group will be established to see through some of the ideas and suggestions raised in the autumn questionnaire and to help us make our parish a place where the talents, gifts and skills of all can be utilised to helping us be a dynamic and forward looking parish set to face the challenges of the future. The formation of this group will happen over the next few weeks with the first meeting taking place early in Lent.

'Will you join us?' Is the last line of the Wellspring Vision. The success of Wellspring will depend on the generous response of each one of us and our prayer that God will bless and multiply our endeavours. Each of our parishes will respond in a different way, guided by the Holy Spirit, to promote the vision of Church that is inclusive and outward looking, renewing our missions to foster deeper faith and witness to renew our parishes as thriving communities where all are invited to contribute and serve. Our parish needs your help to respond. What can you contribute? Can you help develop this vision of Church? The Wellspring Vision for the Diocese invites you to imagine a Church...' you are invited to help make that vision a reality.

# THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

## Sunday 11th February

- 10.00am** Holy Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)  
**12noon** Holy Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)  
**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

## Monday 12th February

- 11.30am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)  
**12noon** Holy Mass for Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

## Tuesday 13th February

- 9.00am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)  
**9.30am** Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

## Wednesday 14th February DAY OF FASTING & ABSTINENCE

- 8.00am** Brief Mass with imposition of ashes (St Mary's)  
**9.30am** Brief Mass with imposition of ashes (Our Lady & St John's)  
**10.30am** Holy Mass with imposition of ashes (St Mary's)  
**6.30pm** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm (Our Lady & St John's)  
**6.30pm** Confessions until 6.50pm (Our Lady & St John's)  
**7.00pm** Holy Mass with imposition of ashes (Our Lady & St John's)

## Thursday 15th February

- 9.00am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am (Our Lady & St John's)  
**9.00am** Confessions until 9.20am (Our Lady & St John's)  
**9.30am** Holy Mass for Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Our Lady & St John's)

## Friday 16th February

- 9.30am** Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)  
**10.00am** Holy Mass for Friday after Ash Wednesday (St Mary's)

## Saturday 17th February

- 4.15pm** Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)  
**5.00pm** Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)

## THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent prepares for Easter, for the Lenten liturgy disposes both the faithful and those to be received into the Church to celebrate the Paschal mystery as the centre of the liturgical year and of the Christian life. Violet is the colour of the season. Flowers are not used and musical instruments are only used to support singing. The Gloria is omitted and the Alleluia is removed from the liturgy.

Two overriding themes must be borne in mind:

Lent was originally devised as a period of catechesis for those becoming members of the Church at Easter. The Sunday readings are dominated by truths of the faith, always fundamentally with the theme of repentance and forgiveness. The weekdays of Lent have a golden thread also: encounter inviting change.

Please make a special effort to come along to weekday Mass and the other liturgies and services which will take place throughout Lent in our parish.

## BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

A Building Fund Collection will be taken up on the weekend 17th/18th February. This is to help with the cost of the work done on the roof of St Mary's, the new fencing needed for Our Lady & St John's and the cost of the work to be carried out on the collapsed drain at Our Lady & St John's which will be in excess of £7,000 to repair and replace. Please give as generously as you can to this collection.

## SCIAF WEE BOXES

Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the three pillar of our Lenten journey. Each year we are called upon to help SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund) in their efforts to assist the poorest people in our world and support them to build better lives. The SCIAF packs can be found at the back of the church, please take the pack home and fill up the SCIAF boxes and return to the church for Holy Thursday.

## PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations: £990.00  
 Standing Orders: £420.00  
**Total: £1,410.00**

**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.*

**Collection this week, if divided by 340 adults, works out at a contribution of £4.15 per person.**

## QUESTIONNAIRE RESPONSES

Back in the autumn a questionnaire was distributed to parishioners to find out their thoughts, suggestions and ideas on certain aspects of our parish life. Many thanks to those who took the time to fill out and return these questionnaires. The results have been compiled and are available at the back of the church for parishioners to take home. The responses will form the discussions at the new Parish Project Wellspring Working Group which will meet during Lent.

## 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.



## ASH WEDNESDAY - 14TH FEBRUARY

<b>8.00am</b>	Brief Mass with the imposition of Ashes	(St Mary's)
<b>9.30am</b>	Brief Mass with the imposition of Ashes	(Our Lady & St John's)
<b>10.30am</b>	Holy Mass with the imposition of Ashes	(St Mary's)
<b>7.00pm</b>	Holy Mass with the imposition of Ashes	(Our Lady & St John's)



## PARISH HALL BOOKINGS & UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

The Parish Hall is set to be very busy with bookings and events which are taking place over the next few months. Below is listed all the private functions and parish events which are in the diary so far for this coming year. We are set to have the full bar license for no later than June of this year, which will make a huge difference to being able to take bookings at short notice.

Saturday 10th February	Private Function
Saturday 9th March	Private Function
Saturday 16th March	Private Function
Saturday 23rd March	School Event
<b>Friday 12th April</b>	<b>Parish Church Workers' Social</b>
Saturday 20th April	Private Function
<b>Sunday 21st April</b>	<b>Parish Light Bite after Mass</b>
Saturday 11th May	Private Function
Saturday 18th May	Private Function
<b>Saturday 25th May (TBC)</b>	<b>Parish Scottish Cup Final</b>
<b>Sunday 2nd June</b>	<b>Parish Light Bite after Mass</b>
<b>Saturday 15th June</b>	<b>Parish Prosecco Afternoon Tea</b>
Saturday 22nd June	Private Function
Fri/Sat 28th/29th June	Private Function
<b>Saturday 17th August</b>	<b>Parish Barbeque</b>
<b>Friday 6th September</b>	<b>Parish International Night</b>
<b>4th/5th October</b>	<b>Parish Tribute/Cabaret Night</b>
<b>Sunday 20th October</b>	<b>Parish Light Bite after Mass</b>
<b>Friday 25th October</b>	<b>Parish Prize Bingo/Quiz Night</b>
<b>Sunday 24th November</b>	<b>Parish Light Bite after Mass for Education Sunday</b>
<b>Friday 27th December</b>	<b>Parish St John's Day Celebration</b>



## MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK IN OUR PARISH

5.00pm - 115      10.00am - 138      12noon - 95      5.00pm - 52      **Total - 400**

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK** - Michael Simpson, Pat Whalin, Douglas Russell, Declan McDonald, Gary Biggar, Paul McMurray, Annette Thomson

**RIP** - Janet Wedlock (*Requiem Mass - Friday 23rd 12noon*), Helen Maxwell (Bothwell), Kathleen Duffy (Shotts)

**MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES** - Frank McCorry, McCorry & McLaren Families, Sadie Girvan, Jim Higgins, Ian Quinn, Robert Maguire, Isabella Freeland, Nancy & David O'Neill, John C. Gowans, Jim Grant, Patrick & Ann Grant, Helen Grant, Jack Hastie, Thomas McDonagh, Tony & Mary Goodwin

## SICK LIST UPDATE

Some of the names on the sick list have been prayed for over the past year to two years. Some people on the sick list have maybe got better and others may have been called home by the Lord. The sick list has now been updated after a few weeks of a notice in the bulletin asking for names to be re-entered. If you wish a name added to the sick list please let Fr Wyllie know. Please ensure you have the permission of the person whose name is to be added to the sick list.

## RCIA

The first full meeting of those wishing to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church at Pentecost took place on Monday evening of last week. Fr Wyllie is delighted that five young people, between the ages of 16 and 26, have decided they would like to be received into full communion with the Church. Please keep them in your prayers over the next few months.

## LENTEN PROGRAMME 2024

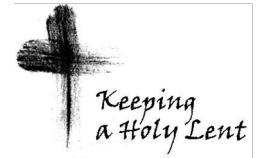
During the Season of Lent there are various additional opportunities to come together as a parish to deepen our prayer life and come closer to the Lord. It might be an idea for us to think of one person we could invite back to Mass, to help others know, love and follow Jesus more closely and also to get our numbers attending Mass up.

### Sundays of Lent

10.00am - Sunday Mass (St Mary's)

12noon - Sunday Mass (OLSJ)

5.00pm - Sunday Mass (OLSJ)



### Vespers & Benediction

6.00pm - OLSJ (Sundays 3rd & 10th March)

6.30pm - St Mary's (Sundays 17th & 24th March)

### Mondays of Lent

11.30am - Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)

12noon - Holy Mass (St Mary's)

6.30pm - Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)

7.00pm - Holy Mass (St Mary's)

### Tuesdays of Lent

8.30am - Early Mass (OLSJ)

9.00am - Stations of the Cross (OLSJ)

9.30am - Holy Mass (OLSJ)

### Wednesdays of Lent

8.30am - Early Mass (St Mary's)

8.45am - Adoration until 9.55am (St Mary's)

9.30am - Confessions (St Mary's)

10.00am - Holy Mass (St Mary's)

6.00pm - Adoration (OLSJ)

6.30pm - Confessions (OLSJ)

7.00pm - Holy Mass (OLSJ)

### Thursdays of Lent

9.00am - Adoration (OLSJ)

9.00am - Confessions (OLSJ)

9.30am - Holy Mass (OLSJ)

### Fridays of Lent

9.30am - Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)

10.00am - Holy Mass (St Mary's)

### Saturdays of Lent

4.00pm - Confessions (St Mary's)

5.00pm - Vigil Mass (St Mary's)

***"Come back to me with all your heart, don't let fear keep us apart"***