

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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**EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
5TH APRIL 2026**

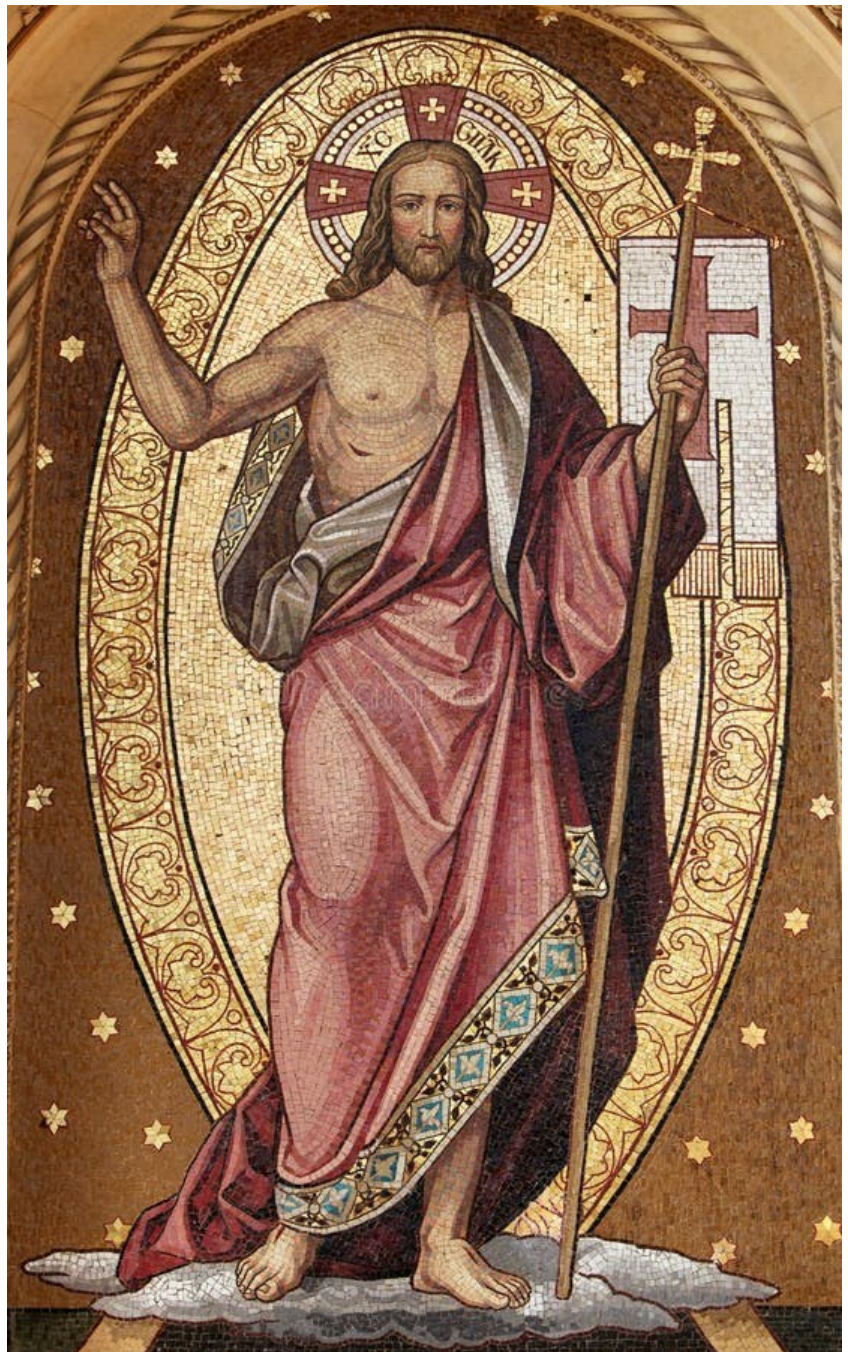
HE IS RISEN!

The Resurrection of Jesus is the principle tenet of the Christian Faith; it proves that Jesus was the Son of God, and that He rose from the dead by His own power.

On the third day after his Crucifixion and Death, after the Shabbat, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb of Jesus. They found the tomb empty and the stone rolled away and they proclaimed: "He is not here; he has risen, just as he said....". (Mt. 28:6).

Easter is linked to the Jewish Passover and the Exodus from Egypt recorded in the Old Testament through the Last Supper, sufferings, and crucifixion of Jesus that preceded the resurrection. According to the New Testament, Jesus gave the Passover meal a new meaning, as in the upper room during the Last Supper he prepared himself and his disciples for his death. He identified the unleavened bread and cup of wine as his body soon to be sacrificed and his blood soon to be shed.

The Resurrection of Christ is the fruit of his perfect obedience to God's will. St Paul writes: "He humbled Himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every other name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven, on earth and under the earth and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father." (Phil 2: 8-11).



Happy Easter to all parishioners and their families. May the risen Christ be our hope and our joy!

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 5th April (St Mary's 9.00am - 11.00am; OLSJ 11.00am - 1.00pm)
10.00am Holy Mass for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for Easter Sunday of the Resurrection (Our Lady & St John's)
No 5.00pm Mass today.



Monday 6th April (St Mary's closed; OLSJ closed)
No Masses in the parish today.

Tuesday 7th April (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
9.30am Requiem Mass for Anne McMillan (Our Lady & St John's)

Wednesday 8th April (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 7.45pm)
9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am (St Mary's)
9.30am Confessions until 9.50am (St Mary's)
10.00am Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Easter Octave (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 for Wednesday of the Easter Octave (Our Lady & St John's)

Thursday 9th April (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
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 of the Easter Octave (Our Lady & St John's)



Friday 10th April (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
9.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am Holy Mass for Friday of the Easter Octave (St Mary's)

Saturday 11th April (St Mary's 9.00am - 10.00pm; OLSJ closed)
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Eastertide (St Mary's)

WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC FAITH

It is with great joy that we welcome three new members of Christ's Church this weekend at the Easter Vigil. Andrew, John and Shellana have been preparing for this moment since September of last year when they took the first step of responding to the Lord's invitation to enter his Church. We welcome these three new converts and assure them of our prayers. Also, many thanks to Jane and Margaret who led the RCIA course each week from September, accompanying our catechumens and candidates in their journey to this moment.

PARISH EASTER SUNDAY SOCIAL & EASTER EGG HUNT

To celebrate the Lord's Resurrection as a parish, the Parish Easter Sunday Social will take place in the Parish Hall after the 12noon Mass today. An Easter Egg Hunt is also planned in the Community Garden too. The day will include soup and snacks, the bar being opened and then food later in the afternoon. You are invited to celebrate this special day even if only for a short time. During the Social we will draw the raffle for the Easter Hamper and also the winner of the 100 Club. All welcome.



COMBONI FATHERS

The Comboni Fathers will be here in the parish on the weekend of 18th/19th April for the annual Deanery Appeal for the work they do in the mission lands. A second collection will be taken up that weekend at all our Masses and a Comboni Father will be here in the parish to celebrate the Masses and give us an insight into the work they do. Please be as generous as you always are.

NO SUNDAY 5.00PM MASS

There will be no Sunday 5.00pm Mass this Sunday or next Sunday and no bulletin for 11th April.

EASTER CARDS & WELCOME TO THE CHURCH CARDS

A selection of Easter cards are available in the Stall. Also 'Welcome to the Church' cards for those newly received into the Church are also available on the table at the back of the church.

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£965.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£1,779.00
Votive Candles:	£596.00
Stall:	£30.00
	£3,370.00

Many thanks for your very generous support

To set up a standing order for the parish:

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

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

Giftaid forms available at back of the church.

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**



EASTER COLLECTION

A second collection will take place at all Easter Masses this weekend. Twice a year, at Christmas and Easter, parishioners are invited to make a financial gift to the parish, according to their financial means. Parishioners can make a donation to this collection through bank transfer, contribute to the offertory collection or, for those in Giftaid, through the Easter envelope.

COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES & SCIAF WEE BOXES

Many thanks to all those parishioners who contributed to the collection on Good Friday for the Holy Places of the Holy Land associated with the birth, life, passion, death and resurrection of the Lord. The situation in the Holy Land is so precarious just now that all money donated to this collection will go to safeguarding these holy places and also help the small Christian community. Many thanks to those who have handed in the SCIAF Wee Boxes in time for the Mass of the Last Supper on Thursday. The collection will be counted this coming week and be forwarded to SCIAF. If you still have a Wee Box at home then please return it to the church by the end of this weekend. **Any Wee Boxes handed in after this weekend will not be forwarded to SCIAF.**

OFFERINGS TO THE PARISH - AN APPEAL

As more and more of us carry less cash and due to the fact that the Bank of Scotland in Larkhall has closed, if you are able, please consider setting up a standing order to the parish. This would really help those who count and bank our collections too. The bank account name, sort code and account number are available on page three of this bulletin. Very many thanks to those parishioners who have already set up a standing order in favour of the parish.

NEW DIGITAL GIVING MACHINES

The new Digital Giving machines have arrived and will hopefully be ready for use over the next few weeks. As we carry less cash, this helps parishioners to contribute to the parish through card and phone payments. They are easy to use but if you need help, please just ask.

FROM FR WYLLIE

Fr Wyllie would like to sincerely thank all those who prepared and took part in the Masses and Liturgies for the Sacred Triduum. The numbers again this year were wonderful and a great testament to the faith of the people of this parish. Thank you to all those who made the churches so beautiful and the Triduum such a fitting and worthy celebration - the cleaners, sacristans, SSVP, the florists, the altar servers, readers, extraordinary ministers, organist, cantors, musicians, Liam for the Easter fire, the young people who had their feet washed, and anyone who helped in any way.

EASTER SUNDAY SOCIAL & EGG HUNT

The Parish Hall

TODAY AFTER 12NOON MASS

Bar, Snacks & Food will be available



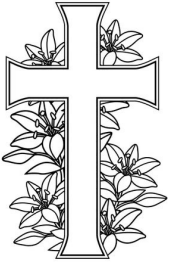
PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Margaret McCormick, Steven Ross, Marjory McMurray, Phyllis Williamson, Louise Gonnella, Faith Lindsay, Pat Whalin, Declan McDonald, Paul McMurray, Margaret Craig, Aaron Mulligan, Stephen Fleming, Marion Bryson, William Young, James Thomson, Andy McGarvey, Julia Brassington, Maureen Crank, Robbie Frew, George Murphy, Phyllis Fleming

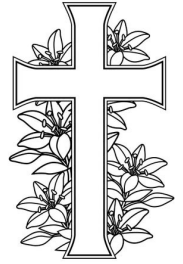
RIP - Anne McMillan (*Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 9.30am*), Johann Liddle, Marion Morrison (Kilsyth), Bridget Boyle, Carol Law (Strathaven), John Morrison

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE - James (Jim) McLaughlin, Rev Fr Damien Gilhooley, Jim Sinclair, Vida Wilson, James Lyons, Eleanor Morrison

EASTER REMEMBRANCES



Alice & Cornelius Weir & Family; Michael Simpson, Simon Cheresna; Gerard Wyllie, John & Catherine Deerin, Hugh & Margaret Wyllie, Martin Wyllie, George Wyllie, Kevin Wyllie, Annie Mulhearn, Very Reverend Kieran Canon O'Farrell, Very Reverend William Canon Dunnachie, Very Reverend Giles Canon Goward, Jim McShane, Anne Findon, Frank Lyons, Margaret Douglas, Marion Hoey, Eleanor Morrison; Robert Maguire, Isa & Walter Freeland, Ian Quinn; Very Reverend Henry Canon McGinn; Right Reverend Monsignor Thomas Feehily; Very



Reverend Patrick Canon Moss; Jim Higgins, Higgins Family, Young Family; Marion & Des Houston, Jerry Dunn, Jamie Dunn; Martin Gibney; Lara Markson, Susan Brady, Maureen Brady, Phil Brady, Selina Brady, James Brady, Mary Irvine, Joan Giuri; David Yardley Kennedy, Christina McCluskey, Christina Fuller, Christina Weller, Louis Baron Weller, Gordon Wilson Gardiner Hotchkiss, Graham Grant Hotchkiss, Sharon Campbell, Barry Myles, John McStea, James Hotchkiss, Margaret Hotchkiss, Alexander Young, Robert Kennedy Snr & Jnr, John McCluskey, Teresa McCluskey.



PARISH FRIDAY DRINKS

The Parish Hall

FRIDAY 2.00PM - 9.00PM



EASTER MESSAGE FROM BISHOP TOAL

I wish everyone a very Happy Easter, and hope you have benefitted from your participation in the liturgical celebration of the Lord's Paschal Mystery through Holy Week and at Easter.

I trust the Easter Vigil will be a particularly joyful event for all who have been baptised, confirmed, and have received the Eucharist at the Vigils in parishes across the Diocese. I offer my own congratulations and blessings to you all, and hope that the grace of the sacraments will enlighten and sustain you throughout your lives. I thank all who have organised and participated in the Parish RCIA sessions, recognising your generous commitment in sharing your knowledge and love of the Catholic faith with our catechumens and candidates.

It is always special for the Bishop to concelebrate the Mass of Chrism on Holy Thursday with his priests, in the presence of the deacons, religious, and lay faithful, and this year again we were united as the Body of Christ here in Motherwell Diocese, acknowledging the gift of the sacraments and praying for the priests, ordained to celebrate and administer them.

I thank you all for your generous response to the Lenten Appeals, particularly for your support for SCIAF through the collection and the Wee Boxes. The Good Friday collection for the support of the Church in the Holy Land is also vitally important and your contributions are much appreciated. Pope Leo has spoken strongly in recent times calling for an end to war in the Middle East:

"On behalf of the Christians of the Middle East and of all women and men of good will, I appeal to those responsible for this conflict: cease fire! May paths of dialogue be reopened! Violence can never lead to justice, stability and peace for which the peoples are waiting."

May the peace of the Risen Christ reign in our hearts and in our troubled world.

✠ Joseph Toal

