

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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DEI VERBUM

Dei Verbum (translated as *Word of God*), was promulgated by Pope Paul VI on 18th November 1965. It is the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, emphasising the relationship between Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition in conveying God's revelation.

It is considered the principal document shaping contemporary Catholic theology and biblical interpretation. It calls for a renewed appreciation of Scripture and Tradition, urging Catholics to recognise their roles in the life of the Church and the spiritual growth needed. It is a foundational text for understanding how God communicates with humanity through Scripture and Tradition, emphasising the centrality of Christ in revelation and the importance of faith.



The document is divided into six chapters. Below you will find the main points of each chapter:

Revelation Itself: God wants us to know his love for us. Revelation isn't just words about God, it is a living experience of God. In the Word of God we don't just find out how we should live our lives but God reveals himself to us. Jesus is the message and the messenger, he leads us to eternal life. This is made known by means of human reason and by faith in Christ.

Handing on Divine Revelation: In the early Christian Church they preached and taught orally. In time it became necessary for their message to be written down. The apostles handed on the authority to teach to the bishops who took their places. Through the unbroken line of succession the bishops are charged with securing and protecting the Word of God and to keep it intact until the end of time. The Magisterium (teaching) of the Church is not superior to the Word of God, but its servant. The text of the Bible is sovereign in the Catholic Church. We are all called and commissioned to preach this Gospel and the revelation of Christ as baptised Catholics.

Sacred Scripture, it's Divine Inspiration & Interpretation: Those chosen wrote down words inspired by the Holy Spirit, he revealed what God desired to be written down. The authors of the various books of the Bible were not robbed of their human intelligence or knowledge, but in a special way their human characteristics, including their limitations were used in God's service. We interpret God's Word faithfully in order to produce the proper fruit.

The Old Testament: Israel was chosen by God to establish a covenant of love with humanity. The Old Testament describes and explains God's relationship with his people and also reveals the plan of God to bring forth the Messiah (Jesus) into the world to redeem humanity.

The New Testament: The Gospel writers told the story of Jesus, the Saviour and Redeemer of the human race. Jesus reveals the Father and completes God's plan of redemption. The four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) are the foremost teachings in Scripture. The Gospels contain the story of salvation and the truths about Jesus Christ.

Sacred Scripture in the Life of the Church: At Mass there are two altars - the Altar of the Word (the Ambo/lectern) and the Altar of the Eucharist. Through Scripture we don't just hear about God but also get to know him better. Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ himself. Through reading and study of Scripture, the treasure of revelation fills the hearts of believers.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 8th February (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 5.45pm)
10.00am Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)



Monday 9th February (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
11.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for Monday of the Fifth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Tuesday 10th February (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
9.00am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Scholastica (Our Lady & St John's)
10.00am Novena in honour of St Anthony (Our Lady & St John's)

Wednesday 11th February (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 7.45pm)
9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am Confessions until 9.50am (Our Lady & St John's)
10.00am Holy Mass for the Memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes (St Mary's)
6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm (Our Lady & St John's)
6.30pm Confessions until 6.55pm (Our Lady & St John's)
7.00pm Holy Mass for the Memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes (Our Lady & St John's)

Thursday 12th February (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 Fifth Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

Friday 13th February (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 Fifth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



Saturday 14th February (St Mary's 9.00am - 5.45pm; OLSJ closed)
4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

10th February - Memoria of St Scholastica - The date of St Scholastica's birth is unknown but we do know that she was the sister of St Benedict. She followed the rule (way of life) of her brother near Montecassino and is regarded as the first Benedictine nun. When she met her brother for the last time, a sudden rainstorm providentially prolonged the meeting; three days later St Benedict was told she had died. She died around 543AD, and is honoured as the patron saint of Benedictine nuns, education, students, books, reading, and convulsive children.

11th February - Memoria of Our Lady of Lourdes - The feast marks the first apparition of the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1858 to fourteen-year-old St Bernadette Soubirous. There were eighteen apparitions in all, the last of which was on 16th July 1858. The message of Lourdes is a call to personal conversion, prayer and charity. In a special way, the shrine of Our Lady at Lourdes in France, has become closely associated with the sick.

14th February - Feast of St Cyril & St Methodius - Cyril and Methodius evangelised Moravia, Bohemia, and Bulgaria and are venerated as the 'Apostles of the Slavs'. They translated liturgical books into Slavonic with the help of the Cyrillic alphabet, which they invented. St Cyril, who died in 869, died in Rome where he had gone to seek the Pope's blessing. St Methodius, who died in 885, was consecrated a bishop and ended his days in Pannonia (Hungary). Pope John Paul II declared them Patrons of Europe, along with St Benedict.

CHURCH WORKERS SOCIAL

Our annual Church Workers Social, to show our appreciation and thanks for those who give of their time and talents in the various aspects of parish life, will take place this Friday, 13th February, beginning with a drinks reception at 6.45pm and the food being served around 7.45pm. This is a great opportunity for us to come together as one parish to share socialising and food together.



PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£1,035.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers	£1,889.00
Votive Candles:	£530.00
Stall:	£106.00
	£3,560.00

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**

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ONLINE**



BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

The next collection for the Building Fund will take place at all Masses next weekend. Please be as generous as you can be to help us maintain our parish buildings and grounds. There are a few remedial projects which will be carried out over the next few weeks, including the damp in the Blackwood House, replacing exterior lights and filling in a large dip in the ground at Larkhall.

PREPARING FOR LENT

On the table at the back of the church you will find our parish Lenten programmes detailing all the Masses, liturgies and services taking place throughout Lent and Holy Week. The SCIAF Wee Boxes are also available too for you to contribute to the wonderful work SCIAF does on our behalf in the poorest and most in need countries in our world today.

In order for us to grow in our relationship with God during the Lenten season, there are some books available priced at £3.95. There are two books in particular from Fr Philip Caldwell about the instruments of the Lord's passion and another about the friends of Jesus, they are great reads and help us to grow in our knowledge and appreciation of the Lord's life, passion and death.



PARISH FRIDAY DRINKS

The Parish Hall

EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2.00PM - 9.00PM



THEOLOGY ON TAP

The Parish Hall

TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

6.30pm, Talk beginning at 7.00pm

Fr John McFadden on Life in the Missions



PARISH CHURCH WORKERS SOCIAL

The Parish Hall

FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

6.30pm - Late

An evening to thank all those who give of their time & talents



PARISH SAINT PATRICK'S NIGHT EVENT

The Parish Hall

FRIDAY 13TH MARCH

7.00pm - Late

Bar & Live Music

Tickets £10.00 - Includes a Pie. Names on list



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Stephen Neal, 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 - Paul McGoldrick, John Cameron, Joe Murphy, Frank Hurley, Eleanor Stewart (Viewpark), Agnes Smith (Hillhouse)

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - Michael Simpson, Joseph & Margaret McCaughey, Christina Weller, Paul Murphy, Jim Grant, Helen Grant, Jack Hastie, Patrick & Ann Grant, Thomas McDonagh, Tony & Mary Goodwin, Annette Thomson, Frank Sweeney

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

THE 100 CLUB

There are still a number of places left to be in with a chance of winning £100.00 a month. If you wish to join please set up a standing order for the following account for £5.00 a month - **Larkhall 100 Club**, Sort Code - **80-22-60**, Account Number - **17418369**. There is a list at the back of the church for you to place your name beside the number(s) which you would like.

PARISH FINANCE TEAM

The Parish Finance Team met on Wednesday of last week to go through the accounts for 2025. Fr Wyllie has prepared a Financial Report of the income and expenditure for the last financial year which was provided for the meeting. It will be available for parishioners next weekend.

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 two of this bulletin. Very many thanks to those parishioners who have already set up a standing order in favour of the parish.

PARISH HALL TEAM MEETING

The Parish Hall Team met last Tuesday evening to discuss roles and responsibilities in the management and running of the Parish Hall going forward. It was a terrific response from parishioners and the wider community. Present at the meeting were: Fr Wyllie, Matt Dobbin, Christine Dobbin, John Gibney, Fiona Gibney, John Higgins, Margaret Laird, Pauline Martin, Bob McDermott and June Walker. Fr Wyllie is delighted to announce the following and thanks all those taking on new responsibilities and those continuing in their present roles:

Premises License Holders	Pauline Martin, June Walker, Bob McDermott & Fiona Gibney
Bar Co-Ordinator	Christine Dobbin
Hall & Events Co-Ordinator	Fiona Gibney
Hall Treasurer	Pauline Martin
Bar Team Leads	John Higgins, Matt Dobbin & John Gibney
Hall Caretaker	Stevie Reilly & Matt Dobbin
Bar Stock Auditor	Margaret Laird



The next steps from the meeting include:

- All key holder for the Hall to submit their names and what keys they have
- Cash Float protocol to be re-established between Bar Co-ordinator & Hall Treasurer
- Electronic Outlook diary to be shared with the relevant members
- Training & refresher courses to be given to existing and new bar volunteers
- Instructions and protocols for bar volunteers to be written down & shared with volunteers
- Hall alarm to be serviced with a new code. PAT Testing & Emergency lighting check