

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**10TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

## COULD YOU NOT WATCH WITH ME?

Beginning this weekend, our Parish Forty Hours gives us the opportunity to spend time with Our Lord present before us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. This year our Forty Hours will take place in Our Lady & St John's, beginning after the 12noon Mass and lasting until Tuesday evening at 7.00pm. There are a number of opportunities for Masses, confessions and times for silent prayer and adoration. Please come along and spend some time with the Lord.

**There are a number of slots needing filled to watch before the Blessed Sacrament, which should never be left alone throughout the Forty Hours. Please give generously of your time. Time spent with the Lord is never time wasted.**

### SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

<b>12noon</b>	<b>Solemn High Mass</b>
<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>Blessed Sacrament Procession</b>
1.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5.00pm
4.00pm	Confessions until 4.45pm
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
5.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.30pm
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Solemn Sung Vespers followed by Benediction</b>

### MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

8.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.30am
<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
8.45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12noon
8.45am	Confessions until 9.30am
10.30am	Confessions until 11.30am
<b>12noon</b>	<b>Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick</b>
1.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00pm
6.00pm	Recitation of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.50pm
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour concluding with Benediction</b>

### TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

8.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30am
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass with Commissioning for the Pope Francis Faith Award</b>
10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.00pm
12noon	Recitation of the Holy Rosary
3.00pm	Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
6.00pm	Recitation of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.30pm
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Closing Mass with Blessing of the new statue of Our Lady &amp; Community Garden</b>
8.00pm	Teas, coffees, sandwiches & sausage rolls in the Parish Hall



**PLEASE SIGN UP AT THE BACK OF OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S TO WATCH & PRAY**

# THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

<b>Sunday 10th September</b>	<i>St Mary's open 9.00am until 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am until 7.30pm</i>
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (St Mary's)
<b>12noon</b>	<b>High Mass for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Our Lady & St John's)
<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>Blessed Sacrament Procession</b> (Our Lady & St John's)
1.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5.00pm (Our Lady & St John's)
4.00pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (Our Lady & St John's)
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Our Lady & St John's)
5.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.30pm (Our Lady & St John's)
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Solemn Sung Vespers followed by Benediction</b> (Our Lady & St John's)
<b>Monday 11th September</b>	<i>St Mary's open 9.00am until 4.00pm; OLSJ open 7.45am until 8.15pm</i>
8.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.30am (Our Lady & St John's)
<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Votive Mass of the Most Holy Eucharist</b> (Our Lady & St John's)
8.45am	Confessions until 9.30am (Our Lady & St John's)
10.30am	Confessions until 11.30am (Our Lady & St John's)
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1.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00pm (Our Lady & St John's)
6.00pm	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.50pm (Our Lady & St John's)
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour concluding with Benediction</b> (Our Lady & St John's)
<b>Tuesday 12th September</b>	<i>St Mary's open 9.00am until 4.00pm; OLSJ open 7.45am until 8.15pm</i>
8.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30am (Our Lady & St John's)
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<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Closing Mass with Blessing of the new statue of Our Lady &amp; Community Garden</b> (OLSJ)
<b>Wednesday 13th September</b>	<i>St Mary's open 9.00am until 4.00pm; OLSJ 9.00am until 7.45pm</i>
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 the Memoria of St John Chrysostom (St Mary's)
	<b>NO ADORATION THIS EVENING</b>
	<b>NO CONFESSIONS THIS EVENING</b>
7.00pm	Holy Mass for the Memoria of St John Chrysostom (Our Lady & St John's)
<b>Thursday 14th September</b>	<i>Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm</i>
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 the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Our Lady & St John's)
<b>Friday 15th September</b>	<i>Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm</i>
9.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass for the Memoria of Our Lady of Sorrows (St Mary's)
<b>Saturday 16th September</b>	<i>St Mary's open 9.00am until 6.00pm; OLSJ closed</i>
4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (St Mary's)

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS

Throughout the diocese a second collection will be taken up this weekend at all Masses to help cover the costs of training our future priests. At present it costs £25,000.00 a year to train one seminarian each year, so please give whatever you can to this cause.

## VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Today begins Vocations Awareness Week, a special time set aside to pray for and promote the various vocations within the Church - priesthood, religious life, diaconate, married life and single life. We pray in a very special way for our seminarians who are studying for the priesthood at major seminary and also for those who are considering a vocation to the priesthood and religious life.

## PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations: £800.00  
Standing Orders: £1,687.00  
**TOTAL: £2,487.00**

**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.*

## NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

Many thanks to the twenty-two parishioners who represented our parish at the Scottish National Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto last Sunday, praying for peace in our world, especially in Ukraine. It was a beautiful afternoon which gave us the opportunity to pray with and pray for the Ukrainian people who have made their homes in Scotland.

## PARISH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Many thanks to the great number of parishioners who came along and supported the Parish International Mass and Night in the Hall on Friday, it was another huge success. Many thanks especially to those who took the time to cook food from Scotland, England, Ireland, Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Romania, Russia, Fiji, South Africa, Portugal, Kenya, America, Australia, Vietnam, China, Italy and India. It was all delicious! Thank you to all those who helped set up too.

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**12th September - Memoria of the Most Holy Name of Mary** - The optional memoria of the Most Holy Name of Msry is a counterpart of the Most Holy Name of Jesus. It is commemorates the love which Mary, the Mother of God, has for her divine child.

**13th September - Memoria of St John Chrysostom** - St John was born in 347. The adjective 'Chrysostom' by which he was known means 'golden mouthed', i.e., eloquent. He trained as an advocate but, after six years as a monk, took holy orders - deacon, priest and, in 398, archbishop of Constantinople. He built hospitals, reformed the clergy, sent monks to be missionaries and, for criticising the vices of rulers, was deposed and banished in 403. Still in exile, he died four years late in 407. He was reburied in Constantinople in 418. He is the patron saint of preachers.

**14th September - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross** - The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross was instituted for the dedication in 335 of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, built by the Emperor Constantine. In it, was placed the Holy Cross, discovered by Emperor Constantine's mother, St Helena.

**15th September - Memoria of Our Lady of Sorrows** - Devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows is centuries old; the present memoria was instituted in the 19th century. The seven sorrows are Simeon's Prophecy - Flight into Egypt, Loss of Jesus at the Temple, Meeting of mother and son on the way to Calvary, The Foot of the Cross, Holding the dead Jesus in her arms, the Burial of Jesus.

**16th September - Feast of St Ninian** - St Ninian was born in Cumbria about the year 360 and was ordained Bishop in 394 in Rome, probably by Pope Siricius. He landed at Whithorn in 397 and built a church there. This church was the centre by which he and his disciples preached the Gospel in Scotland. He died around 432 and was buried at Whithorn.

## 100 CLUB

We are re-launching the 100 Club due to the changing of the purpose of the fundraising, no longer to build a Parish Hall in Larkhall but to support the parish financially in maintaining and enhancing our buildings in both Larkhall and Blackwood. At present we only have around 30 in the 100 Club, so we are asking for more parishioners from St Mary's and Our Lady & St John's to consider joining over the next few weeks before the first new draw in October. After the Forty Hours there will be a list at the back of the church with numbers for you to pick. Please respond generously to help raise funds for the parish but also to be in with a chance to win.

## 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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SICK** - Baby Ayla Skye Hughes, Paul McMurray, Robert Deveny, Paul Totman, Chris Dawes, Heather McMillan, Elizabeth McCann, Sharon Campbell, Douglas Russell, Robert Ferguson, Margo Higgins, Anne O'Neill (Belfast), Jimmy Crawford (Belfast), Joanne Kennedy, Anne Dempster, Joyce Heeley, Selina Gold, Pat Whalin, Charles Kennedy (Florida), Janet McIntosh, Annette Thomson, Kathleen Brannigan, Mandy Murray McVie, Kevin Feeney

**RIP** - Hugh Gardner (*Requiem Mass Monday 18th September at 2.00pm*)

**MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES** - John Gowans, John McManus, Paul Keane, Hilda Keane, Jim Somerville

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

## HALL TEAM MEETING

A meeting will take place on **Wednesday 13th September after the 7.00pm Mass** in the Parish Hall for the Hall Team. This meeting will focus on evaluating the finances, an opportunity for members to express their ideas, thoughts and suggestions on the past few months and also to plan for the future. Parishioners from both churches are very warmly invited to be a part of the team.

## PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

The Parish Pastoral Planning Team will meet on **Tuesday 26th September at 7.00pm** in St Mary's Parish House. If you have any suggestions, ideas, points or grumbles please speak with Russell McAllister, Laura Steele (Kennedy), Suzanne Sherry, Ciaran Reilly or Scott Smith before the meeting for them to raise anything you wish to be discussed or email Fr Wyllie at [ourladyoffatima@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:ourladyoffatima@rcdom.org.uk)

## INVITATION TO MASS

A personal invitation will be given, at some point this week, to each pupil in our primary schools inviting them and their families to come along to Sunday Masses in our parish. If you know of a family member, friend or neighbour who has maybe lapsed from the practice of their faith, please extend an invitation to them to come along and join us for Mass. Last Sunday we had only had 283 people attend Mass in the parish, a figure which should and could be much higher. At the Vigil Mass we had 112, the 10.00am Mass 101 and the 12noon Mass only 70. Please try to gently encourage those who do not come to Mass to return and share with us the great gift of Christ in his Word and in his Sacrament.

## ST JOHN'S PRIMARY PARTNERSHIP GROUP

The St John's Primary School Partnership Group are holding a fundraiser in the Parish Hall on Saturday 30th September from 7.30pm until late. The Zander Nation Party Night with mini Bounce Bingo Set is to help raise much needed funds to help the Partnership Group assist the school in meeting some expenses over the school year. The tickets for this event are priced at £15.00 and are available from any member of the Partnership Group - Emma Dempsie, Michelle Donnellan, Scott or Katie Smith or Vivien Stewart.



## SCHOLA BENEDICTI

**The Schola Benedicti will be back in the parish to lead our Sung Solemn Vespers this evening (Sunday). The choir have been regular visitors here in the parish over the past two years. If you are free this evening, please come along and enjoy the beautiful singing which the Schola provides and to spend some time praying before the Lord in the Holy Eucharist.**

## AUCHLOCHAN MASS & LUNCH CLUB

After a break over the summer months, the monthly Mass & Lunch with the residents of Auchlochan will take place on Thursday 28th September with Mass beginning at 12.30pm. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend and any new helpers would be much appreciated. Please speak with Betty McGonagle for more information.