

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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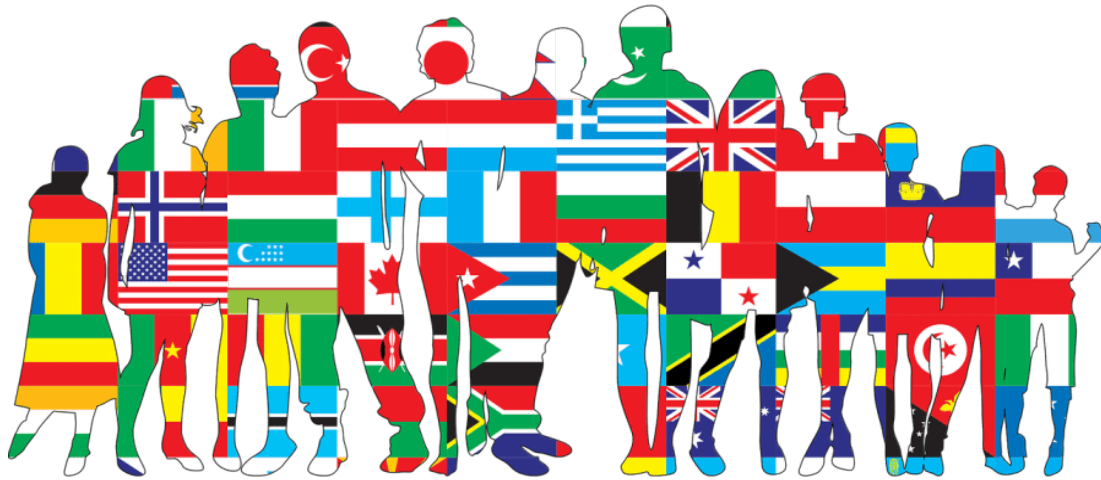
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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
31ST AUGUST 2025**

PARISH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT



**FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER
WITH MASS AT 6.30PM
FOLLOWED BY INTERNATIONAL MEAL**

As members of the Catholic Church we belong to a Church which encompasses every nation on the earth, we are a diverse and global Church which spans both time and space but which holds the one faith and preaches the same truth in every continent and country in our world.

We are very fortunate in our parish to have so many people who can trace their heritage, culture and origin to various parts of the globe. The Parish International Night is an opportunity for us to come together to celebrate the impact those from other countries and cultures make to the life of our parish and to join as one community of believers in celebrating Mass and then to share food and entertainment in the Parish Hall afterwards.

So far we have parishioners cooking dishes from Scotland, England, Poland, Czechia, South Africa, Lithuania, China, USA, France, Mexico and Italy. There are so many other countries which could be represented, so please consider making a dish.

Whichever country you or your forebears come from, please consider making a dish which can be served (starters or main courses or desserts, or all three). The Parish Hall kitchen will be open from 6.00pm for those who wish to heat up their food but unfortunately not to cook the food from scratch. Please indicate that you are providing food from your country of origin on the lists at the back of the church.

The Mass will begin at 6.30pm in Our Lady & St John's and then we will make our way to the Parish Hall for food and entertainment. The St John's Youth Choir will be singing at this Mass.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 31st August	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 5.45pm)</i>
10.00am	Holy Mass for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
Monday 1st September	<i>(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>
11.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for Monday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
Tuesday 2nd September	<i>(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>
9.00am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am	Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
9.55am	Novena to St Anthony (Our Lady & St John's)
Wednesday 3rd September	<i>(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</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 Gregory the Great (St Mary's)
Thursday 4th September	<i>(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 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 Thursday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)
Friday 5th September	<i>(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>
9.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Teresa of Calcutta (St Mary's)
6.30pm	International Mass (Our Lady & St John's)
Saturday 6th September	<i>(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ closed)</i>
4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm	Vigil Mass for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



**PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO ADORATION, CONFESSION & MASS ON WEDNESDAY EVENING
DUE TO THE PRIESTLY ORDINATION OF CHRISTOPHER IGWE AT MOTHERWELL CATHEDRAL**

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

3rd September - Memoria of St Gregory the Great - St Gregory the Great was born in 540 of a noble Roman family, he had been the Prefect of the city and then became a monk. He was sent as a papal ambassador to Constantinople for three years. In 590 he was called to be bishop of Rome and pope. His work rightly earned him the sobriquet 'Great'. He was an excellent administrator and organiser in areas of doctrine and liturgy, as well as disciplinary matters. He is known in England as the pope who sent Augustine to Canterbury. Pope Gregory was a preacher, an author, a homilist, and exegete, a theologian, a correspondent and a diplomat. He is recognised as a Father of the Church, a truly great man. He died in 604 and is the patron saint of musicians, singers, students and teachers.

5th September - Memoria of St Teresa of Calcutta - St Teresa of Calcutta was born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu in Skopje, Albania in 1910, her father died when she was nine years old. Called to be a missionary, Agnes entered the Sisters of Loreto in Ireland, and departed for Calcutta in 1929. She taught for a number of years, and, as a result of mystical experiences, Teresa felt called by Christ to establish a religious community, Missionaries of Charity, dedicated to the service of the poorest of the poor. Teresa and her sisters reached out to the poor with love on the streets of Calcutta wearing the distinctive, blue-trimmed white sari. The Missionaries of Charity are active in every continent. Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. She died in 1997 and was canonised in 2016. She is the patron saint of World Youth Days and the Missionaries of Charity.

SECOND COLLECTION

A second collection will be taken up throughout the diocese at all Masses next weekend for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund, helping to support the diocese as they fund the training of our future priests. Please give as generously as you can to this important cause.

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£935.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers	£135.00
Stall:	£45.00
Total:	£1,115.00

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**



PARISH FORTY HOURS ADORATION

Our Parish Forty Hours Adoration will take place this year in Our Lady & St John's. There are half hour slots for praying before the Blessed Sacrament over these days. Please place your name on the list at the back of the church to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended.



SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

12noon	Solemn Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.55pm
3.00pm	Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm
5.00pm	Holy Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6.30pm	Solemn Evening Prayer of the Church followed by Benediction

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

8.00am	Holy Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.55am
12noon	Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick followed by Adoration
3.00pm	Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm	Angelus & Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.45pm
7.00pm	Holy Hour concluding with Benediction

TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

8.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm
12noon	Angelus & Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm	Angelus & Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.45pm
7.00pm	Closing Mass followed by tea in the Parish Hall

PARISH SAFEGUARDING

The Catholic Church in Scotland is committed to safeguarding the safety and dignity of all people in our churches and institutions especially the young and vulnerable. Every volunteer who is engaged in work with young people and vulnerable adults need to apply and receive a PVG to work in our parishes, groups and societies. Fr Wyllie will be meeting with the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators over the next few weeks. Our Safeguarding Co-ordinators are Nigel Davies (Our Lady & St John's) and Angela Douglas (St Mary's). Any concerns speak with them.

GIFTAID

The Giftaid scheme is an invaluable way for our parish to receive donations from those who pay UK Tax on their income (wages, pensions etc.). This year we received £14,244.01 through the generosity of parishioners who have signed up to this scheme. Many thanks to all of you. If you are in a position to join the Giftaid scheme (those who pay UK Tax) you can find forms on the table at the back of the church. Just sign the Giftaid declaration and then, if you wish to donate through standing order, fill out your bank details. Every little helps!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - 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 - Betty Hamilton, Marie Campbell, Anne Findon (Wishawhill), Kerry Peterson

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - Thomas McDonagh, Patrick & Ann Grant, Jack Hastie, Jim & Helen Grant, Tony & Mary Goodwin, Annette Thomson, David Harris Turner, Mary Winnifred Taylor, Paul Keane, Elizabeth Sherry, Patrick Lyons

HOMEMADE JAMS & SCONES

Louise and Bethany who have previously sold their delicious homemade jams and scones after the 12noon Mass will do so again on Sunday 21st September after the 12noon Mass. The girls are doing this to help raise funds for the Our Lady & St John's St Vincent de Paul. Please support these two young girls in their venture for such a worthwhile cause.

SCOTTISH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

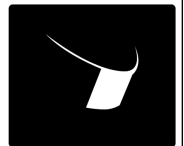
The Scottish National Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto will take place next Sunday with Mass being celebrated by the Bishops of Scotland at 3.00pm. All parishioners are invited to join the bishops for this special annual Mass. There will be no bus leaving from our parish this year.

AN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Fr Wyllie would like to draw your attention to two events during our Parish Forty Hours this year. On the Sunday evening it is hoped that the Schola Benedicti will lead us in a **Solemn Sung Vespers** at 6.30pm. Please make a special effort to come along to this special liturgy. Also, on the Monday afternoon at 12noon there will be a special **Mass with Anointing of the Sick**. If any sick parishioners need a lift to the Mass then please speak with any member of the SSVP.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

Bishop Toal invites everyone in the diocese to join him on Tuesday 16th September for a special Mass praying for vocations to the priesthood at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell. Please make a special effort to come together as a diocesan community to ask the Lord to send us good, faithful and holy priests.



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Aid to the Church in Need will host a North Korean defector in Scotland next month to share his story of Christian persecution in the Communist state. Timothy Cho will share his remarkable story shining a light on a subject which rarely makes the news agenda in this country. The talk will take place in St Joseph's Clarkston on 10th September from 7.00-9.00pm. Reserve your ticket now at Scotland@acnuk.org or call 01698 337470 or visit www.trybooking.com/uk/FDYV

DEANERY MASS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

Each deanery in the Diocese of Motherwell will have a special Mass with Bishop Toal and the Diocesan Jubilee Cross. The Hamilton Deanery (which we are a part of) will have a special Mass in St Bride's Bothwell on Wednesday 10th September at 7.00pm. All parishioners are warmly invited to this Mass to celebrate the Jubilee Year with others in our deanery.

PARISH HALL

From 1st January until 26th August, our Parish Hall has brought in just over £20,200.00, this is a great achievement and testament to the support that parishioners show toward the Hall and the social life of our parish. We have a great team of volunteers for the bar and for other roles which help with the smooth running of the Hall but we are always looking for more volunteers. If you could help in any way to continue this great work, please contact Fr Wyllie or Suzanne Sherry.