

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
13TH SEPTEMBER 2026**

PARISH FORTY HOURS ADORATION

Today we begin the annual Parish Forty Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, this year in St Mary's. This is a very important time of prayer when we recognise Jesus Christ truly present in the Blessed Sacrament and spend time in prayer for ourselves, our families, parish community, the Church and the wider world.

Fr Wyllie encourages all parishioners to pop into the church during these days for silent prayer and adoration and also to come along to the various Masses, Liturgies, public devotions and confessions. Below you will find the complete list of all that will take place in our parish over the next few days.



Sunday 13th September

- 10.00am** Holy Mass to begin Forty Hours Adoration
10.40am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.30pm
3.00pm Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
3.00pm Confessions until 3.30pm
6.30pm Solemn Choral Vespers led by the Schola Benedicti

Monday 14th September

- 8.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00pm
9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church
11.30am Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
12noon Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick
1.00pm Confessions until 1.30pm
1.30pm Visits from Primary School pupils until 2.45pm
5.30pm Confessions until 6.20pm
6.00pm Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
6.30pm Holy Hour concluding with Night Prayer & Benediction



Tuesday 15th September

- 8.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm
9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church
10.00am Confessions until 10.30am
12noon Angelus & Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
12.30pm Confessions until 1.00pm
6.55pm Solemn Benediction
7.00pm Closing Mass of the Forty Hours



**"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME".
PLEASE TRY TO SPEND SOME TIME IN PRAYER BEFORE
THE BLESSED SACRAMENT OVER THESE DAYS.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 13th September (St Mary's 9.00am - 7.30pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 5.45pm)
10.00am Holy Mass for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
 10.40am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.30pm (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)
 3.00pm Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
 3.00pm Confessions until 3.30pm
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)
6.30pm Solemn Choral Vespers with the Schola Benedicti (St Mary's)



Monday 14th September (St Mary's 9.00am - 8.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
 8.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00pm (St Mary's)
 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church (St Mary's)
 11.30am Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick (St Mary's)
 1.00pm Confessions until 1.30pm (St Mary's)
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 6.00pm Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
6.30pm Holy Hour concluding with Night Prayer & Benediction (St Mary's)



Tuesday 15th September (St Mary's 9.00am - 8.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
 8.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm (St Mary's)
 NO 9.30AM MASS IN OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S
 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church (St Mary's)
 10.00am Confessions until 10.30am (St Mary's)
 12noon Angelus & Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
 12.30pm Confessions until 1.00pm (St Mary's)
 6.55pm Solemn Benediction (St Mary's)
7.00pm Closing Mass of the Forty Hours (St Mary's)

Wednesday 16th September (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
 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 Feast of St Ninian (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 the Feast of St Ninian (Our Lady & St John's)

Thursday 17th September (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 Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

Friday 18th September (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 the Memoria of St Cornelius & St Cyprian (St Mary's)



Saturday 19th September (St Mary's 9.00am - 5.45pm; OLSJ Closed)
 4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

Over the past year there has been a considerable increase in the number of people seeking to find out more about the Catholic faith in our country and throughout the world. If you, or someone you know, are thinking of becoming a Catholic or would like to find out more about what is involved, please speak with Fr Wyllie to organise an initial and informal chat. We hope to run the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) course from late September with a view to those taking part in the course being received into full communion at Easter 2027.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

The annual second collection to assist with the costs of training our future priests will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Please support our future priests with your usual generosity and goodness. Any donation will be very gratefully received.

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£2,421.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£2,859.00
Digital Giving:	£381.50
Votive Candles:	£349.00
Stall:	£30.00
	£6,040.50

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**

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**



SSVP AFTERNOON TEA

St Mary's St Vincent de Paul Conference are organising an "Afternoon Tea" for seniors aged 60 and over at Garrion Bridge on Wednesday 16th September at 1.00pm.

JAMS, SCONES & BISCUITS FOR AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Louisa and Bethany sold their delicious jams, scones and biscuits after the 12noon Mass last weekend. The total raised for Aid to the Church in Need was a fantastic £515.00. We thank these young girls for this venture which will help send aid to the suffering church communities throughout our world. Many thanks to Louisa and Bethany and also to all those parishioners who supported their efforts.

LUNCH CLUB MASS & SOCIAL

The next Parish Lunch Club Mass & Social for seniors will take place in Our Lady & St John's on Thursday 1st October with Mass beginning at 12.30pm. As always, you are very warmly invited but please let Betty McGonagle know you intend on coming along.

VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP RINO FISICHELLA

Archbishop Fisichella, Pro-Prefect of the Vatican Dicastery for Evangelisation will be the speaker at a Clergy Day for diocesan priests on Thursday 24th September and then he will celebrate Mass in Motherwell Cathedral that evening at 7.00pm. Bishop Toal invites the whole diocese to join together for this special Mass and to welcome Archbishop Fisichella to our diocese as he speaks about the important work of evangelisation in the Church today.

PARISH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

A huge thank you to all those who came to the Parish International Mass and Night on Friday. It was great to see so many people coming together to pray and share their cultures and heritage with the parish. We enjoyed delicious food from: Scotland, England, USA, Fiji, Australia, South Africa, Poland, Russia, Malta, Nigeria, Czechia, Romania, Italy, France, China and others. Many thanks to all those who cooked, organised, set up, worked the bar and tidied up.

QR CODE & DIGITAL GIVING

The QR code can also be used to donate to the parish through your phone. Just open your camera app, hold the camera to the QR code and follow the instructions. It's simple and easy to use. Many thanks for your continued generosity to the parish.



VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

This week we pray for vocations to the priesthood, imploring the Lord to send us good and holy priests to serve us into the future. We pray for Aidan Kelly (St Ninian's Hillhouse) and Matthew O'Neill (St Mary's Whifflet) who return to the Scots College in Rome. We also pray for those who joining them from our diocese, Craig Paterson (St Mary's Hamilton), Aiden Quinn (St Ignatius Wishaw) and Matthew Graham (St John the Baptist's Uddingston).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Lily Dodds, Mary Carter, Patricia Simpson, Gemma Barton, Paul McMurray, Marjory McMurray, Rose M. Taylor, Cathy Caven, Faith Lindsay, Pat Whalin, Stephen Fleming, Robbie Frew

RIP - Gerard McTear

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - Betty Hamilton, David Harris Turner, Mary Winifred Taylor, Jim Somerville, John McManus

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

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

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 the Emperor's mother, St Helena.

15th September - Memoria of Our Lady of Sorrows - This Memoria recognises the seven sorrows of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Simeon's Prophecy, the Flight into Egypt, Losing Jesus in the Temple, Meeting the Lord on his way to Calvary, Standing at the foot of the Cross, holding the dead Lord, and placing him in the tomb.

16th September - Feast of St Ninian - St Ninian was born in Cumbria about the year 360 and was ordained Bishop in 394 in Rome. He landed at Whithorn in 397 and built a church called Candida Casa (White House). This church was a centre from which he and his disciples preached the Gospel in Scotland, south-east of the Highland line. He died in 432 and was buried in Whithorn.

18th September - Memoria of St Cornelius & St Cyprian - St Cornelius was elected Pope in succession to St Fabian and actively fought the errors of Novation, who denied that those who had lapsed from the faith could be reconciled. He died a martyr in exile in 253. St Cyprian was another leading opponent of Novationism. He was Bishop of Carthage and one of the earliest victims of the persecution under the Emperor Valerian. He died in 258.

SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

The St Peter Claver Sisters will visit the parish on the weekend of 3rd/4th October to sell their 2027 calendars to support the missionary work of the Church around the world. Please be as generous to the sisters and the great work they do throughout the world as you always are.

PRIMARY ONE BLESSINGS

The blessing of the new P1 pupils of St Mary's will take place in the school on Wednesday 23rd September at 2.30pm. The P1 pupils of St John's will be blessed at the school Mass on Thursday 1st October. We pray for all our young people who learn in our two wonderful primary schools.



PARISH FRIDAY DRINKS
The Parish Hall
EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON
2.00pm - 9.00pm



PARISH FAMILY HALLOWEEN PARTY
The Parish Hall
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER
7.00pm - Late



PARISH ST ANDREW'S NIGHT
The Parish Hall
SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER
Tickets £10.00, Adults Only, Live Music from The Broclairmers

