

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF LENT
3RD APRIL 2022

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THE VEILING OF THE CRUCIFIX & STATUES

Covering crosses, statues and images or "veiling" with unadorned violet opaque cloths begins on the Saturday before the Fifth Sunday of Lent. It is an older custom of the Church that remains an option even to this day. The exact era it began no one is sure, but the origins seem to come from a medieval tradition of the "hunger cloth" which was a huge violet cloth hung in front of the altar to keep the congregation from viewing the altar. Originally Lent was a time that public sinners were "banished" from the church and had to do a public display of penance. Over time the understanding that everyone is a sinner prevailed and sinners were no longer restricted from the liturgy in church, but the hunger cloth gave all attending a "fast of the eyes." The cloths over time changed to smaller sizes and with more decorations.



The actual covering of images came later, perhaps continuing that theme of "fasting of the eyes." According to Adolf Adam's *The Liturgical Year*,

At the end of the thirteenth century Bishop William Durandus of Mende (Southern France) explains this custom by the fact that Christ veiled his divinity during his passion.

In the 1962 Liturgical Calendar (and before), Lent had a division, so that the last two weeks was considered "Passiontide" - time more focused on the passion and death of Christ. The Fifth Sunday of Lent was called "Passion Sunday." This was when the images were covered. Even in the revised liturgy, these last two weeks, especially Holy Week do continue to dwell more closely on the sufferings of Christ, but the name of Passiontide was removed. Again, from Adolf Adam:

On the other hand, we may not overlook the fact that the entire season of Lent speaks of the Lord's passage through suffering and death to resurrection. The decision to eliminate the name "Passiontide" is explained in the commentary on the General Norms for the Liturgical Year and the Calendar as based on the desire "to preserve the internal unity of Lent. The Sunday now known as the First Sunday of the Passion will henceforth be the Fifth Sunday of Lent, as in the Ambrosian Rite" (*The Liturgical Year*, 105-106).

In the Dioceses of Scotland, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from this Sunday may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil (Fifth Sunday of Lent, p. 256). Monsignor Peter J. Elliott explains the veiling like this:

The custom of veiling crosses and images in these last two weeks of Lent has much to commend it in terms of religious psychology, because it helps us to concentrate on the great essentials of Christ's work of Redemption. The episcopal conference decides whether this should be obligatory within its territory, but any pastor may choose to restore or maintain this wise practice in his own parish (*Ceremonies of the Liturgical Year*).

And even though the term "Passion Sunday" is no longer used, another remaining vestige of Passiontide is that the First Preface of the Passion is used during the Fifth Week of Lent, no longer the Lenten prefaces. This Sunday marks a change in our Lenten journey, we concentrate on the passion and death of the Lord, remembering the sufferings he endured for love of each of us.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Sunday 3rd April

10.00am	Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday of the Season of Lent (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday of the Season of Lent (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday of the Season of Lent (Our Lady & St John's)
6.30pm	Vespers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (St Mary's)

Monday 4th April

11.30am	Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent (St Mary's)
6.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm (St Mary's)
6.30pm	Confessions until 6.50pm (St Mary's)
7.00pm	Holy Mass for Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent (St Mary's)

Tuesday 5th April

9.00am	Stations of the Cross (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am	Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent (Our Lady & St John's)

Wednesday 6th April

9.15am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am (St Mary's)
9.20am	Confessions until 9.50am (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent (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 Fifth Week of Lent (Our Lady & St John's)

Thursday 7th April

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 of Lent (Our Lady & St John's)

Friday 8th April

9.30am	Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass for Friday of the Fourth Week of Lent (St Mary's)

Saturday 9th April

10.00am	Holy Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St Mary's)
3.45pm	Confessions until 5.15pm (St Mary's)
5.30pm	Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (St Mary's)

Sunday 10th April

9.15am	Confessions until 9.45am (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (St Mary's)
10.45am	Confessions until 11.15am (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Our Lady & St John's)
12.45pm	Confessions until 1.15pm (Our Lady & St John's)
4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm	Holy Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (Our Lady & St John's)
6.30pm	Vespers & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (St Mary's)
7.00pm	Confessions until 7.30pm (St Mary's)

SCIAF COLLECTION LAST WEEK

Many thanks to all those who contributed to the second collection last weekend for SCIAF's appeal for the people of Malawi. A total of £1,430.00 was collected to send to our poor brothers and sisters in Malawi to assist them as they deal with the consequences of Climate Change.

MANY THANKS

Thank you to the volunteers from Our Lady & St John's who tidied and cleaned up the grounds around the church, house and hall last week. The place looks very tidy and clean once more. Many thanks to you all for your efforts.

RELAXATION OF RESTRICTIONS

From tomorrow (Monday) there will be no obligation to wear a face covering when in church.

THE CHRISM MASS

Each year the priests of the diocese come together in Motherwell Cathedral on Holy Thursday morning to renew their priestly vows on the day that the Lord established the Priesthood and the Holy Eucharist and to gather with the Bishop who blesses the Holy Oils which are used in the parishes for Baptism, Confirmation, Sacrament of the Sick and the Last Rites. It is a beautiful and moving Mass to which all the faithful are invited. It takes place next Thursday, 14th April at 11.30am. Please consider coming along to this special Mass.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£777.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers :	£220.00
Stall:	£50.00
Votive Candles:	£103.00
TOTAL:	£1,150.00
SCIAF Collection:	£1,430.00

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If you or someone you know is struggling to make ends meet then please contact the SSVP of Our Lady & St John's who will be more than willing to assist in whatever way they can. The contact number is: 07522925723.

SYNOD RESPONSES

Many thanks to all those parishioners who completed the Synod Questionnaire either online or by hand. The responses you have submitted will be used by Fr Wyllie and the Parish Pastoral Planning Team to plan for the future and to help take the parish forward.

Many thanks to those parishioners who came out to the two meetings which were held in February and March. A big thank you to the Head Teachers of both our primary schools who gave time for the Synod Co-ordinators to speak with the children and get their opinions, ideas and thoughts. It was a very worthwhile exercise and proved to be very interesting. As a result of this, we are hoping to set up a Youth Parish Pastoral Committee which will feed into the adult one. Margaret Wilson & Vivien Stewart spent dozens of hours in training, planning, compiling and submitting in order to make the parish responses possible. Fr Wyllie would like to thank them sincerely for all the energy and time they have given to this exercise. The report which has been sent to the Diocese will be available at the back of the church next weekend for parishioners.

LIGHT BITE AFTER 12NOON MASS

One of the suggestions which has been made to Fr Wyllie for quite some time, and has now been requested by the young people, is that we have a little tea, coffee and light snack after the 12noon Mass on a Sunday. Fr Wyllie is looking for volunteers to take this initiative forward. If you would be willing to consider being a part of this venture then please contact him over the next few weeks. Some of the children from the school have offered their services so it would be great to support them.

CONFESSIONS

Over the next week and a half there are many opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession. If you haven't been to confession in a while please most the most of these extra opportunities to receive absolution in time for the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday). The times of Confessions for this coming week can be found on page two of this bulletin and the times of Confessions for Holy Week can be found on the back page. Some people get nervous and afraid of Confession, there is no need, God waits for us to turn again to him with love.

PARISH STALL

A delivery with new stock for our stall has arrived. You can now find:

- St Christopher Medals
- Mass for your Intentions
- Mass Bouquet Cards
- Anniversary of Ordination Cards
- Special Occasion Cards
- Sympathy Cards
- Passing your Exams Card
- Mass Cards
- Birthday Cards
- Birthday Mass Bouquet Cards
- Get Well Mass Bouquet Cards
- New Baby Cards
- Welcome into the Church Cards
- Christening Cards
- First Holy Communion Cards
- First Confession Cards
- Confirmation Cards
- First Communion Gift Bags
- Engagement & Wedding Cards

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SICK - Adrienne McEnhill, Kathy Newbound, John Rosato, Ernie Girvan, Pat Whalin, Charles Kennedy (Florida), James Ferguson, Alice Cumming, Janet McIntosh, Annette Thomson, Kathleen Brannigan, Mandy Murray McVie, Kevin Feeney

RIP - Roma Paton (Glassford)

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - Beatrice McGhee (*Mother's Day Remembrance*), James Lyons

Please remember to have your deceased loved ones prayed for on their anniversaries & months mind

THE SACRED TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY

(*Mass of Chrism in Motherwell Cathedral at 11.30am*)

7.00pm SOLEMN MASS OF THE LORD'S LAST SUPPER (St Mary's)
Watching at the Altar of Repose from immediately after Mass

10.00pm Night Prayer of the Church (Church closes at 11.00pm)

GOOD FRIDAY

10.00am Morning Prayer of the Church (St Mary's)

12noon Stations of the Cross (Our Lady & St John's)

3.00pm SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION & DEATH OF THE LORD (St Mary's)

7.00pm Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)



HOLY SATURDAY

10.00am Morning Prayer of the Church (St Mary's)

8.30pm SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF THE RESURRECTION (St Mary's)

EASTER SUNDAY

10.00am SOLEMN MASS OF THE RESURRECTION (St Mary's)

12noon SOLEMN MASS OF THE RESURRECTION (Our Lady & St John's)

NO EVENING MASS

PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO COME ALONG TO THE MASSES AND LITURGIES OF HOLY WEEK, PARTICULARLY ON HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY, HOLY SATURDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY.

CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

Saturday 9th April:

3.45pm Confessions until 5.15pm (St Mary's)

6.15pm Confessions until 6.45pm (St Mary's)

Sunday 10th April - Palm Sunday:

9.15am Confessions until 9.45am (St Mary's)

10.45am Confessions until 11.15am (St Mary's)

12.45pm Confessions until 1.15pm (Our Lady & St John's)

4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm (Our Lady & St John's)

7.00pm Confessions until 7.30pm (St Mary's)

Monday 11th April - Monday of Holy Week:

12.30pm Confessions until 1.15pm (St Mary's)

6.00pm Confessions until 6.50pm (St Mary's)

Tuesday 12th April - Tuesday of Holy Week:

9.00am Confessions until 9.20am (Our Lady & St John's)

10.00am Confessions until 10.30am (Our Lady & St John's)

Wednesday 13th April - Wednesday of Holy Week:

9.15am Confessions until 9.50am (St Mary's)

10.30am Confessions until 11.00am (St Mary's)

6.00pm Confessions until 6.50pm (Our Lady & St John's)

