

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14TH JUNE 2026

ETIQUETTE IN THE CHURCH

For Catholics, the Mass is a very solemn and sacred event in which we are renewed in faith by our encounter with the Real Presence of Jesus Christ and grow as a communion together with the universal Church. During this sacred moment of prayer it is important to keep a few things in mind when attending Mass:

Arriving & Leaving The Mass is a sacred event and we should prepare ourselves by arriving in good time so as to find our seat and say a private prayer before Mass begins. We should stay in our place until the priest has left the sanctuary.

Maintain a sacred silence: Out of respect and love for the Lord and conscious of others who might be praying, we should keep noise in the church to a minimum. The Church is, above all, a House of Prayer.

Snacks for children & chewing gum for adults: Sometimes to keep children quiet we can offer them a small snack during the Mass if necessary. Snacks should not be in noisy foil wrappers and any mess should be cleared up out of respect for the church as a sacred space. Adults should not chew gum in the church especially if they are to receive Holy Communion.

Mobile phones & electronic devices: All mobiles and electronic devices should be turned to silent or vibrate and kept in pockets or bags unless they following the readings from their phone.

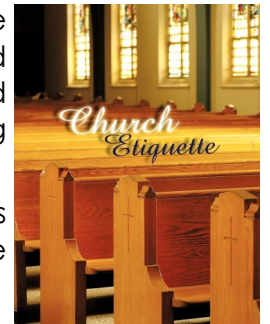
Dress Code: Men must never wear a hat or cap in the church except the priest, bishop and uniformed members of the armed forces, while women are allowed to wear something covering their heads (e.g. a hat, fascinator or mantilla).

Genuflection or profound bow: As we find our seat, it is important to make a genuflection as we enter the row as a sign of reverence and respect for the Real Presence of Jesus in the tabernacle. To make a proper genuflection bend the right knee to touch the ground, a sign of our acknowledgement of Jesus' Divinity. If you are unable to genuflect, please bow profoundly.

Standing, kneeling and sitting: We have different postures for various moments of the Mass. We sit to listen, stand out of respect and kneel in adoration. The Mass is not a concert we just sit back and enjoy, it is a sacred ritual which we show our participation by our bodily posture.

The Consecration & Eucharistic Prayer: When the *Holy, Holy, Holy* (Sanctus) has been concluded and we kneel, this is the sacred moment when the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of the Lord. There should be no movement in the church up until the end of the *Through him, and with him, and in him* (Doxology) as a sign of our participation in this great mystery and out of deep respect and reverence for the Body and Blood of Christ on the altar.

Reception of Holy Communion: This is the moment we receive Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. Everyone should respond 'Amen' before receiving Communion. We should never take Holy Communion with our fingers but receive Holy Communion either on our tongue or on the palm of our left hand. In this parish we receive either standing or kneeling. The Communion procession should be kept moving so it is not appropriate for us to delay the distribution of Holy Communion by getting to the front and then signalling for others to go before us.



THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 14th June (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 5.45pm)

10.00am Holy Mass for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)



Monday 15th June (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 Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

12.25pm Novena in honour of St Peregrine (St Mary's)

Tuesday 16th June (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 Feast of All Saints of Scotland (Our Lady & St John's)

9.55am Novena in honour of St Anthony (Our Lady & St John's)

Wednesday 17th June (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 7.45pm)

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 Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (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 Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

Thursday 18th June (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 Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

Friday 19th June (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 Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Saturday 20th June (St Mary's 9.00am - 5.45pm; OLSJ Closed)

4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)

5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

16th June - Feast of All Saints of Scotland - This feast day commemorates in one celebration the many local saints throughout Scotland's Christian history whose number is too great to be commemorated individually. It celebrates the glory of God in these many holy men and women, as well as their sharing in the Paschal Mystery of Christ. It is a calling to mind of the spiritual solidarity of the Communion of Saints, a reminder of their constant intercession for us, and of the sustaining power of the Eucharist in our pilgrim journey towards the New Jerusalem. The Feast of All Saints of Scotland was added to the Liturgical Calendar for Scotland, after approval by the Bishops of Scotland. It is a day to celebrate the great cloud of witnesses of faith in our country.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Next Sunday in Scotland, England & Wales and Ireland we observe the Day of Prayer for Life, praying for a greater respect for the gift of human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. There will be an opportunity for parishioners to support the invaluable work of the pro-life movement by donating to the box at the back of the church.

MANY THANKS

Many thanks to all those who made the Ladies Day such a great success. Everyone had a great time and enjoyed the day immensely. A special word of thanks to all those who came along, planned, prepared, set up and worked on the day itself and cleared up afterwards.

FATHERS DAY REMEMBRANCES

If you wish your deceased father remembered at Mass on Fathers Day, please hand their name in an envelope marked 'Fathers Day Remembrances' by Thursday of this week at midday.

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£840.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£700.00
Digital Giving:	£338.00
Stall:	£30.00
	£1,908.00

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**



STAINED GLASS

Following on from the Parish Finance Team meeting last week, we have submitted a detailed report to the diocese asking for permission to go ahead with the major and essential repairs of the stained glass at Our Lady & St John's. We are currently applying for grant funding, so please spare a prayer that it will be successful. The total cost of the work to the stained glass, not including the stonework which will need done and the cost of the scaffolding, is £40,000.00. If you are in a position to make a contribution to the cost of this work it would be very greatly appreciated indeed.

GIFTAID SCHEME

If you pay UK Tax why not join the Giftaid scheme? For every £1.00 donated we receive 25p at no extra cost to the donor. Giftaid forms are available at the back of the church and can be completed and returned to the parish. Please consider joining the Giftaid scheme.

PARISH SUMMER SCHEDULE

From Monday 29th June we will follow a parish summer schedule. No adoration and confessions on weekdays and no Wednesday 7.00pm Mass. There will be no 5.00pm Sunday Mass in July.



PARISH FRIDAY DRINKS

The Parish Hall

EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2.00pm - 9.00pm

Card Payments preferable



SCOTLAND V MOROCCO

The Parish Hall

FRIDAY 19TH JUNE

Kick off 11.00pm; Bar open from 2.00pm

Will only be shown if there is enough demand



SCOTLAND V BRAZIL

The Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY 24TH JUNE

Kick off 11.00pm; Bar open from 9.00pm

Will only be shown if there is enough demand



PARISH LUNCH CLUB

The Parish Hall

THURSDAY 25TH JUNE

Mass at 12.30pm, Lunch after in Parish Hall



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Raymond Hart, Margaret Mitchell, Meg Finlayson, Cathy Caven, Margaret McCormick, Marjory McMurray, Faith Lindsay, Pat Whalin, Declan McDonald, Paul McMurray, Aaron Mulligan, Stephen Fleming, Marion Bryson, William Young, Andy McGarvey, Julia Brassington, Maureen Crank, Robbie Frew, George Murphy, Phyllis Fleming

RIP - Louise Gonnella, Esther Agnew, Bill Allen, Jean Paterson, Nicki Hughes, Eileen Brown (Murray)

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Frank McCorry, John & Marion McGonagle, Willie & Lizzie Stewart

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

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 to all parishioners for your continued generosity to the parish.



PRAYING FOR THE SICK

The list of those who are sick and needing prayers in our bulletin is growing. Some names have been on the list for a long time and may now have recovered or even possibly are no longer with us. In order to keep the list up-to-date please resubmit the names of those you wish prayed for by Sunday 28th June. Please note that it is essential for the sick person to have given their express permission before their name can be added to the sick list.

PETER'S PENCE

This year we celebrate the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul on Sunday 28th June. As is customary on this day, we will take up a second collection at Mass for Peter's Pence, the proceeds of which will be sent to our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV to assist him in his task as successor of St Peter in running the Holy See and to help him send aid to the suffering Church throughout the world. Please be as generous as you always are to this collection which shows our solidarity with, and respect for, the Holy Father.

RCIA PROGRAMME

If anyone is considering becoming Catholic then please speak with Fr Wyllie over the next few months before the RCIA programme begins in late September. If you know someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic please ask them to get in touch with Fr Wyllie for an informal initial chat to find out more.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22nd June	P7 Leavers Mass	St Mary's	1.30pm
23rd June	P7 Leavers Mass	OLSJ	9.30am
16th August	Solemnity of the Assumption	Parish Masses	All Masses
22nd August	Parish BBQ	The Parish Hall	6.30pm - Late
11th September	Parish International Night	The Parish Hall	Mass at 6.30pm
13th September	Parish Forty Hours Adoration	St Mary's	10.00am Mass
30th October	Parish Halloween Party	The Parish Hall	7.00pm - Late
27th November	Parish St Andrew's Night	The Parish Hall	7.00pm - Late
31st December	Parish Hogmanay Party	The Parish Hall	8.00pm - 2.00am

RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT & LETTER FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

A risk assessment for the roles carried out by volunteers in our parish (cleaners, gardeners, hall & bar volunteers, odd-jobs etc) has been compiled and available for each of these roles, please find the report in the sacristy after Mass. A letter from Fr Wyllie to Extraordinary Ministers who take Holy Communion to the sick and housebound is available too in the sacristy after Mass.