

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTERTIDE
4TH MAY 2025**

THE CONCLAVE

The selection of a new pope is completed by what is known as a papal conclave.

A conclave is held by the College of Cardinals, which is made up of the most senior clergy in the Church who were selected by the pope. During a conclave, this group of leaders begins by discussing the needs and challenges facing the Catholic Church. Then, the cardinals gather in St Peter's Basilica to invoke the guidance of the Holy Spirit about who should be the successor of the chief apostle Peter.



Before the election begins, the cardinals enter the Sistine Chapel, take an oath of secrecy and seal the church's doors, meaning only the electors are allowed inside. As for the election itself, each cardinal votes by secret ballot. He says a prayer and then drops a twice-folded ballot in a large chalice.

Four rounds of voting are completed each day until one candidate receives two-thirds of the vote. Typically, a conclave is held 15-20 days after the death or resignation of a pope, this allows for the nine days of official mourning which takes place for the previous pope.

However, the length of a conclave is dependent on how long it takes for one candidate to receive two-thirds of the cardinals' votes.

The longest conclave in history lasted nearly three years (34 months, to be exact) with the election of Pope Gregory X in 1271. On the flip side, Pope Francis was elected just one day after the conclave began in 2013 and Pope Benedict, before him, was elected in almost the same amount of time.

Though conclaves are held in secret, members of the general public are informed of the cardinals' decision each day by black or white smoke that billows from atop the Sistine Chapel. If one candidate doesn't receive the necessary two-thirds vote for the day, the ballots are burned in a stove mixed with chemicals to produce black smoke. This indicates another day of voting ahead.

If a candidate is selected, the ballots are burned with chemicals to produce white smoke. To help with clarification the great bells of the Basilica ring out alerting the city of Rome and the world that we have a new Holy Father. Afterward, the senior cardinal deacon will announce the new pope from the balcony of St Peter's telling us we have a new pope, announcing in Latin 'Habemus Papam', who he is and the regnal name he has chosen.

The new pope then emerges onto the balcony to present himself to the world and deliver his first blessing to the crowd gathered below in St Peter's Square. Although the elected pope immediately has full authority and jurisdiction, a Mass to install the new pope is held about a week after his election, either in St. Peter's Square or St Peter's Basilica, with cardinals, bishops and other international dignitaries present. Up until the middle of the last century the installation was a coronation with a three-tiered crown known as the Papal Tiara.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 4th May (St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 5.45pm)

10.00am Holy Mass for the Third Sunday of Easteride (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the Third Sunday of Easteride (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Third Sunday of Easteride (Our Lady & St John's)



Monday 5th May (St Mary's 9.00am - 3.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)

11.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for Monday of the Third Week of Easter (St Mary's)

Tuesday 6th May (St Mary's open 9.00am - 3.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)

9.00am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter (Our Lady & St John's)
9.55am Novena to St Anthony (Our Lady & St John's)

Wednesday 7th May (St Mary's open 9.00am - 3.00pm; 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 Third Week of Easter (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 Election of a New Pope (Our Lady & St John's)

Thursday 8th May (St Mary's open 9.00am - 3.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN GROTTO

Friday 9th May (St Mary's open 9.00am - 3.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)

9.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am Holy Mass for Friday of the Third Week of Easter (St Mary's)

Saturday 10th May (St Mary's open 9.00am - 5.45pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 1.30pm)

12noon First Holy Communions (Our Lady & St John's)
4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Easteride (St Mary's)



MASS FOR A NEW POPE

Fr Wyllie invites all parishioners to Mass in Our Lady & St John's on Wednesday evening at 7.00pm to pray for the cardinals as they meet to elect a new pope. If the pope has already been elected by then, this Mass will be a Mass for the new pope as he assumes his responsibility as the new successor of St Peter. Please pray for the cardinals in your daily prayers as they gather in Rome to elect a new Bishop of Rome and Vicar of Christ.

Today in Carfin Grotto at 3.00pm, Bishop Toal will celebrate a Diocesan Mass to pray for the cardinals as they prepare for the conclave. All parishioners are warmly invited to this special Mass.



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN GROTTO

Our Parish Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto will take place this Thursday with the bus leaving around 9.30am from Blackwood and around 9.45am from Larkhall and returning back to the parish mid-afternoon. The day will include tea/coffee on arrival, time for personal prayer, a visit to the large reliquary, recitation of the Rosary, Mass, Stations of the Cross and lunch. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church.



ST MARY'S PRIMARY - BINGO NIGHT

The Parent Council of St Mary's Primary are organising a Bingo Night to help raise funds for the school, to help with the cost of outings and other necessary expenses for the boys and girls. The Bingo Night will take place on Friday 9th May at 6.30pm in Raploch Bowling Club. All welcome.

PLEASE SWITCH YOUR PHONES ONTO SILENT DURING MASS.

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations: No Data
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers £1,422.00
Total: £1,422.00

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**



FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS

On Saturday 10th May in Blackwood and Saturday 17th May in Larkhall we will celebrate First Holy Communion Masses for the boys and girls who have been preparing over the past few months for this Sacrament by learning more about the Eucharist and by coming along to Mass. Please keep the young people and their parents/carers in your prayers.

NEW ALTARS SERVERS

Any young person who would like to serve on the altar is asked to speak with Fr Wyllie over the next few weeks to begin the training required, especially those who will receive their First Holy Communion this month and those who are working toward the Pope Francis Faith Award.

PARISH LIGHT BITE AFTER MASS

The Parish Hall

THIS AFTERNOON (SUNDAY)

After the 12noon Mass



THEOLOGY ON TAP

The Parish Hall

MONDAY 19TH MAY

Anthony Horan on the relationship between Church & State



PARISH FRIDAY DRINKS

The Parish Hall

FRIDAY 23RD MAY

2.00pm - 7.00pm



SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

The Parish Hall

SATURDAY 24TH MAY

Time TBC

Tickets £5.00

Pies at Half-time



LADIES PROSECCO AFTERNOON TEA

The Parish Hall

SATURDAY 31ST MAY

1.00pm - 7.00pm

Tickets - £20.00

Bar, Sandwiches, Sausage Rolls, Cakes, Scones
Bottle of Prosecco for tables or 4+, Live Singer



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Pat Whalin, Declan McDonald, Paul McMurray, Annette Thomson, Margaret Craig, Aaron Mulligan, Stephen Fleming, Marion Bryson, William Young, James Thomson, Andy McGarvey, Julia Brassington, Moira Corr, Maureen Crank, Robbie Frew

RIP - His Holiness Pope Francis, Michael Fitzpatrick (Requiem Mass - Monday 19th May 12noon), Eddie Rae, Bridget Callaghan

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - Mary & John Brennan, Ray & Mary Brennan, John Beckett, Helen Burns

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

EASTER REMEMBRANCES

**May the souls of the faithful departed through the
Risen Christ rest in peace and rise in glory**



His Holiness Pope Francis; Alice & Cornelius Weir & Family; David Yardley Kennedy, Robert Kennedy Snr, Robert Kennedy Jnr, Gordon Hotchkiss, Graham Hotchkiss, Sharon Campbell, Christine McCluskey, Christine Weller, Christine Fuller, Louis Fuller, James Hotchkiss, Margaret Hotchkiss, Alexander Young; John & Catherine Deerin, Gerard Wyllie,

Hugh & Margaret Wyllie, Martin Wyllie, George Wyllie, Annie Mulhearn, Kevin Wyllie, David James, Jim McShane, Paul McKenna, Frank Lyons, Ellen Mullen, Very Reverend Kieran Canon O'Farrell, Very Reverend William Canon Dunnachie, Very Reverend Giles Canon Goward, Eleanor Morrison, Tommy Ferrie; John Creechan, Thomas & Catherine Kennedy, Michael & Annie Creechan, Kennedy Family, Creechan Family; George & Rose Rodger, Tommy & May McMahon; Michael Simpson, Simon Cheresna; John & Letty Gonnella; Ian Quinn, Robert Maguire, Isabella Freeland; Martin Gibney, McLaughlin Families, Duncan Families; Paul Murphy; Jamie Dunn, Jerry Dunn, Marion Houston, Desmond Houston, Ellen Richardson, Barbara McLean, Joyce O'Neill, Christine Morris; Chris Crumley; Elizabeth & James Sherry, Logan Ross, Elizabeth & Frank Lynch, Elizabeth & Francis Caraher, Jim Wotherspoon; The McGonagle, Stewart & Wright Families; Emily Leonard, John Leonard, Alan Brotherton; James Rafferty; All forgotten souls.

May their souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

MANY THANKS

Many thanks to the Xaverian Fathers who celebrated the Masses in our parish over the past week. Please pray for the work of the Xaverian missionaries throughout the world and the Xaverian Fathers who work here in our own diocese.

JUSTICE & PEACE SCOTLAND

Motherwell Diocese has a history of active support for Justice & Peace, and Bishop Toal is keen to revitalise this as part of Project Wellspring. Accordingly, we are having a launch meeting on 22nd Mass at 7.30pm in the Diocesan Centre, Coursington Road, Motherwell. This will be preceded by Mass at 7.00pm in the Cathedral, celebrated by Bishop Toal. This meeting will give people a chance to explore the wider agenda of Justice & Peace, consider how it impacts people in our Diocese, determine how we can best take this work forward. Contact paulfoley@rcdom.org.uk.

ASSISTED DYING SCOTLAND

A meeting to explore the concerns and constructing a moral response to the legislation to be debated in the Scottish Parliament on Assisted Dying will take place in St Ninian's Church Hall, Hamilton on Thursday 6th May at 7.30pm. This meeting is being organised by the Diocesan Marriage, Family & Life Commission. All parishioners are warmly invited.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

Today is the Day of Prayer for Life. Mass in St Augustine's Coatbridge at 5.00pm.