

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9TH JULY 2023**

SEA SUNDAY

Every year churches around the world celebrate Sea Sunday. It is a day for people to come together to pray for seafarers and fishers, and thank them for the vital role they play in all of our lives.

Crews can spend months away working long hours with little respite or contact with home. On top of the daily pressures, the threat of piracy, shipwreck and abandonment are ever present for the men and women who serve us at sea.

In recent years, this challenging job has become even harder. Increased **STELLA MARIS** restrictions and lockdowns (due to the global covid-19 pandemic) saw many seafarers working beyond the end of their contract, facing months of uncertainty and further separation from loved ones. That's months of missed birthdays, anniversaries, funerals, and family celebrations.

Amid these challenges, the Apostleship of the Sea and other organisations have been a constant source of practical support and reassurance. Through their teams worldwide, they've been supporting the 1.5 million unseen keyworkers who have helped to keep the economy afloat and transport the essentials we need to survive.

The port centres have always been a haven for mentally and physically exhausted seafarers. For those who can't make it into the centres, our chaplains and ship visitors take a warm welcome and listening ear onboard. And when that's not been possible, email, social media, and WhatsApp have been a lifeline of support.

If a seafarer wants to get to the shops, they need the right documentation, permission for shore leave, transportation, and enough time to get there and back – none of which is easy.

This is where Apostleship of the Sea and other organisations come in. When seafarers can't get to us, we go to them. Over the years, especially the past few years when there was no shore leave, our team became masters of logistics, working against the clock to get shopping to crews before they moved on.

We bought everything from fresh fruit and medication to musical instruments and computers. These items helped to preserve the dignity of our seafarers, bringing joy to their families, and reminded them that we care.

On this Sea Sunday, please remember the contribution that seafarers make to our daily lives, and the Apostleship of the Sea that supports them.

A Prayer for Sea Sunday:

Heavenly Father, we give thanks to you for your creation and all the beauty in this world. We thank you for the ocean, in its abundance, and for the people who toil on its surface. Without our brothers and sisters who are seafarers, we would not be able to enjoy all the blessings of this world. Enfold them in your fatherly love, guide their passage through storm, swell and darkness. May we always be mindful of our Global Family and be truly grateful for the sacrifices seafarers make each day. Amen



THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 9th July *St Mary's open 9.00am until 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am until 5.45pm*
10.00am Holy Mass for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

Monday 10th July *Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm*
11.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
1.30pm Wedding Mass (St Mary's)

Tuesday 11th July *Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm*
9.00am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am Holy Mass for the Feast of St Benedict (Our Lady & St John's)

Wednesday 12th July *St Mary's open 9.00am until 4.00pm; OLSJ 9.00am until 6.15pm*
9.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
5.45pm Receiving of Body (Our Lady & St John's)

Thursday 13th July *Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm*
11.00am Requiem Mass for Geoff Davies (Our Lady & St John's)

Friday 14th July *Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm*
NO MASS IN THE PARISH

Saturday 15th July *St Mary's open 9.00am until 6.00pm; OLSJ closed*
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**IF YOU HAVE A DAY OFF, ON HOLIDAY, RETIRED OR UNEMPLOYED,
PLEASE CONSIDER COMING TO WEEKDAY MASS, IT'S A BEAUTIFUL WAY TO BEGIN YOUR DAY.**

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

9th July - Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen - As this Feast falls on a Sunday, it is only celebrated in Aberdeen City itself, as the Sunday takes precedence. Devotion to Our Lady of Aberdeen stems back at least to Bishop Gavin Dunbar (1514-1531) when a statue of the Madonna and child was placed by him in a chapel near the Bridge of Dee. It was saved from destruction during the Reformation, and eventually found its way to Brussels. It continues to be venerated there under the title of Notre Dame du Bon Succes (Our Lady of Good Success). A number of copies are the object of devotion here in Scotland. In our own diocese, the statue on the sanctuary of Motherwell Cathedral is that of Our Lady of Good Success, under the title Our Lady of Good Aid.

11th July - Feast of St Benedict - St Benedict was born at Norcia, north-east Rome in 480, where he went to study law. He was appalled by the immorality of the city, and abandoned it, going to Subiaco, east of Rome, where he became a religious hermit. Gradually others were attracted to join him and communities were set up which he directed. Local jealousies made it unwise for him to stay so he set up anew at Monte Cassino, south of Rome. His influence was widespread: many came from Rome to consult him, and many monasteries were founded elsewhere, so that his way of life and thinking had a huge civilising effect on Europe, which made Pope Paul VI name him Patron of Europe in 1964. He died in 547. He is also the patron of students.

15th July - Memoria of St Bonaventure - St Bonaventure was baptised John in 1221. St Francis of Assisi was credited with curing him from a serious illness while still a child, and so his mother nicknamed him "Buona Ventura" (Good fortune). He joined the Franciscans and, aged 35, was elected Minister General or superior of the Franciscans. He provided them with a good structure for running their affairs and a clear spirituality based on the sayings of St Francis. He wrote many works on philosophy and theology, intertwining the two. Among theologians he is called the Seraphic Doctor. He died in 1274 and is honoured as the patron of bowel disorders.

FR WYLLIE

Fr Wyllie will be away from the parish from Friday 14th July until Saturday 22nd July. During his absence the Mill Hill Missionaries from Cardonald will celebrate the Sunday and weekday Masses. We thank the Mill Hill Fathers for agreeing to come to the parish to celebrate our Masses for us during this time.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£1,200.00
Standing Orders:	£1,477.00
TOTAL:	£2,677.00
Peter's Pence:	£600.00

Many thanks for your very generous support

To set up a Standing Order for your collection:

Account Name - **Our Lady of Fatima Parish**

Account No - **00499758** Sort Code - **800877**

Giftaid forms available at back of the church.

LUNCH CLUB

As the Lunch Club takes a break for the summer holidays, we would like to thank the volunteers who organise and run the monthly event for the residents of Auchlochan as well as other parishioners. The time, effort and energy which all of the volunteers give so generously is much appreciated and valued by all who attend. The next Lunch Club & Mass will take place in October, new volunteers are always very welcome.

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 or speak to Suzanne Sherry.



PARISH SUMMER BBQ

OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S

SATURDAY 19TH AUGUST

6.30PM UNTIL LATE



PARISH INTERNATIONAL MASS & MEAL

Our Lady & St John's Parish Hall

FRIDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

MASS BEGINNING AT 6.30PM FOLLOWED BY
FOOD FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN OUR PARISH



ST ANDREW'S NIGHT CEILIDH

Our Lady & St John's Parish Hall

Friday 24th November

More details to follow soon.
Celebrating our National Patron Saint.



St John's Patronal Feast Day

Our Lady & St John's Parish Hall

WEDNESDAY 27TH DECEMBER

HOLY MASS AT 12NOON
Followed by a Celebration from
1.00pm - 6.00pm



Soup, Sandwiches, Sausage Rolls, Tea & Coffee

Glass of Prosecco/Orange Juice on arrival & Bar open

Activities for the Children & Music throughout the afternoon

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SICK - Paul McMurray, Gavin McTaggart, Robert Deveny, Paul Totman, Chris Dawes, Heather McMillan, Elizabeth McCann, Sharon Campbell, Douglas Russell, Catherine Murray, Robert Ferguson, Margo Higgins, Alice Pisacane, Anne O'Neill (Belfast), Jimmy Crawford (Belfast), Joanne Kennedy, Anne Dempster, Joyce Heeley, Phyllis Nicholson, Selina Gold, Pat Whalin, Charles Kennedy (Florida), Janet McIntosh, Annette Thomson, Kathleen Brannigan, Mandy Murray McVie, Kevin Feeney

RIP - Geoff Davies (*Receiving Wednesday 5.45pm; Requiem Mass Thursday 11.00am*), Bernard Shields (*Requiem Mass Thursday 20th July 9.30am*), Arthur Kane, Fred Zenna, Charles Marshall, Cathy Gallagher, Jim Berry (Craigneuk)

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - John C. Gowans, Michael Weir, Willie & Lizzie Stewart, Grace Girvan

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

PETER'S PENCE

Many thanks for your generous response to the collection for Peter's Pence last weekend. The total raised was £600.00 which will be forwarded to the Holy Father to help with the administration of the Holy See and the Vatican City State. This collection dates back to the 7th or 8th century, beginning in England, and has always been a way of Catholics supporting the Pope in his work as the successor of St Peter and the Sovereign of the Vatican. Our contribution to Peter's Pence shows our showing of concern for the ministry of the Pope in our world today.

PROPOSED PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2024

So far there have been 17 parishioners who have expressed some level of interest in travelling, the majority opting for Fatima and Salamanca.

A proposed itinerary which we could use has been sent to us by Alba Tours, this can be altered, edited or added to as we see fit, but it gives a sample of what we could do while in **Salamanca and then Fatima**, on a bed, breakfast and evening meal basis:

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| Day One | Travel to Madrid then to Salamanca |
| Day Two | Leisurely stroll & semi-guided tour around Salamanca
Time to enjoy College facilities & Mass |
| Day Three | Day Excursion to Segovia with Mass at the tomb of St John of the Cross |
| Day Four | Day trip to Madrid or Free day |
| Day Five | Day Excursion to Avila with Mass at the convent of St Teresa |
| Day Six | Free Day in Salamanca |
| Day Seven | Travel to Fatima - Torchlight Procession & Mass |
| Day Eight | Rosary, Mass, Lunch & Departure |



The proposed itinerary for **Rome and then Assisi**, on a bed and breakfast basis would be:

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| Day One | Travel to Rome, Mass & evening stroll |
| Day Two | Mass at the Vatican then leisurely walk through the city |
| Day Three | Papal Audience at the Vatican, St Paul's Outside the Walls |
| Day Four | Leisurely Day in Rome |
| Day Five | Transfer to Assisi with Mass |
| Day Six | Walking tour of Assisi |
| Day Seven | Visit to San Damiano with Mass, Leisurely afternoon |
| Day Eight | Departure |



If any parishioner would like to travel on this joint parish pilgrimage with St Mary's Lanark, then please speak with Fr Wyllie or email the parish email address by Sunday 30th July to express an interest so that the necessary arrangements can be made as soon as possible and then details given to all those who wish to travel so they can make a decision on whether they would like to travel on the pilgrimage which will take place in summer 2024.

NO PARISH BULLETIN ON 23RD JULY. ALL INTIMATIONS TO BE INCLUDED NEXT WEEK.