

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

**Saint Mary Immaculate Larkhall &  
Our Lady & Saint John's Blackwood**

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**SOLEMNITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI  
7TH JUNE 2026**



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## THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

There are many things in this world that are truly priceless. You cannot put a price on the beauty of the mountains or other wonders of nature. You could never put a price on a parent's love or on the precious gift of a child. You cannot put a price on a faithful friend or a heroic act of charity. And you cannot put a price on the gift of the Most Holy Eucharist!

The Eucharist is an incredible mystery.

The Last Supper was the beginning act of the Sacrifice of the Cross. At that first Mass, Jesus took bread and said, "Take this, all of you, and eat of it. This is my Body." He then took the precious chalice of wine and said, "This is my Blood."

It's important to see that this Last Supper, the first Mass, continued from that Holy Thursday evening through Friday on the Cross and culminated in the Resurrection on Sunday. The Mass is this entire event of Jesus' life, death and resurrection all in one.

The fruit of the Mass is the gift of His True Presence under the appearance of bread and wine. This is the Sacrament of His Body and Blood. By "Sacrament" we mean here that the same God in Heaven, the same Eternal Son, is made present to us under the form of bread and wine.

*The Bread of Life Discourse (John 6):* In this passage, Jesus repeatedly emphasises that believers must eat his flesh and drink his blood to have eternal life. When his listeners revolted at this "intolerable language," Jesus did not correct them or clarify it as a metaphor; instead, he allowed those who could not accept it to leave.

*The Last Supper Accounts:* In the synoptic gospels (Matthew 26:26-28, Mark 14:22-24, Luke 22:19-20) and Paul's letters (1 Corinthians 11:23-26), Jesus holds bread and wine and states clearly: "This is my body" and "This is my blood." He does not say "this represents" or "this is a symbol of" my body.

*St. Paul's Warnings:* In 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, Paul warns that anyone who eats the bread or drinks the cup unworthily is "guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord." Catholics reason that one cannot profane Christ's body if the elements are merely symbolic.

*The earliest Christian communities* who had been directly taught by the apostles believed in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist: St Ignatius of Antioch, a disciple of the Apostle John, and appointed a bishop by St Peter, wrote against heretics who "abstain from the Eucharist... because they do not confess that the Eucharist is the flesh of our Saviour Jesus Christ." St Justin Martyr, writing of the early Christian Mass between 153 and 155 wrote: "that the food which is blessed by the prayer of his word... is the flesh and blood of that Jesus who was made flesh." They believed that after the words of institution, the bread and wine become body and blood.



# THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

**Sunday 7th June** (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 5.45pm)

**10.00am** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (OLSJ)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi (OLSJ)

**Monday 8th 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 Tenth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

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

**Tuesday 9th June** (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 5.00pm)

9.00am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)

9.30am Holy Mass for the Feast of St Columba (Our Lady & St John's)

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

**Wednesday 10th June** (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 7.45pm)

No Adoration or Confessions this morning

Please note that Mass this morning will be celebrated at 10.30am

10.30am Requiem Mass for Louise Gonnella (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 Vocations to the Priesthood (Our Lady & St John's)

**Thursday 11th 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 the Memoria of St Barnabas (Our Lady & St John's)

**Friday 12th June** (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)

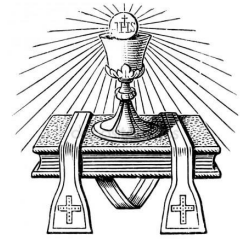
9.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)

10.00am Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (St Mary's)

**Saturday 13th 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 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**9th June - Feast of St Columba** - St Columba was born of royal blood in Gartan, County Donegal, Ireland. In the year 563 he left for Iona where he founded a monastery from which the Faith was preached in the Highlands and Islands of Scotland. He died in 597 and was buried on Iona.

**11th June - Memoria of St Barnabas** - St Barnabas was a Levite of Cypriot origin who sold land he owned and gave the money to help the early Church. He smoothed over the first meetings between Saint Paul, the former persecutor, and the Apostles. The growing Church in Antioch was entrusted to his care. He went to Tarsus to have St Paul join him and they go together on the first of the long missionary journeys. On their return they go to the Church's first Council at Jerusalem which considered how to relate to the increasing number of Gentiles who were asking for Baptism. About to embark on a second missionary journey, Barnabas and Paul have a "violent quarrel" and Barnabas sets sail for his native Cyprus to preach the Gospel there. Tradition, which honours him with the title "Apostle" says he was martyred at Salamis in the year 61.

**12th June - Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus** - The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the most profound and deeply cherished celebrations within the Catholic Church. This feast invites us to contemplate the immense love of Christ, symbolised through His Sacred Heart. Rooted in centuries-old traditions, this solemnity encapsulates the core of our faith: God's infinite, compassionate and unconditional love for humanity. This Solemnity also marks the World Day of Prayer for the sanctification of priests. Please say a special prayer for priests on this day.

## PARISH FINANCE TEAM

The next meeting of the Parish Finance Team will take place on Tuesday 9th June at 2.30pm in the Parish House. Members of this team are: Fr Wyllie, Gerry McCaughey, Mary McDermott, Irene McGoldrick & Margaret Weir. Any points you'd like raised, please speak with one of them. The agenda will include a review of the income and expenditure for this year & grant funding.

## PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£820.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£2,132.00
Digital Giving:	£198.50
Votive Candles:	£620.00
	<b>£3,770.50</b>

### 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

We have now received the proposed costs of the necessary work to be carried out to repair the stained glass in Our Lady & St John's. The rose window on the sanctuary, the large west window at the back of the church, and the stained glass of Our Lady, St John, St Peter and St Joseph, the Visitation and other windows. The total cost is upwards of £40,000.00. We are looking at grant funding for this work. If you are in a position to make a donation to this work it would be very gratefully received. These windows date back to 1880 and are part of our rich parish heritage. A report is being sent to the diocese detailing the work to the stained glass and the stonework.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Tony and Charlene who were married in our parish last Tuesday.



## PARISH FRIDAY DRINKS

The Parish Hall

### EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON

2.00pm - 9.00pm

Card Payments preferable



## SCOTLAND V HAITI

The Parish Hall

### SUNDAY 14TH JUNE

Kick off 2.00am; Bar open from Midnight

Will only be shown if there is enough demand



## 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 (Requiem Mass - Wednesday 10th June at 10.30am), Anne Diamond, Charles Kennedy, Anne Bryceland

**MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES** - Elizabeth Gold, Christina McCluskey, Ann Reilly, Ina McManus

## 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.



## TIDYING OUR PARISH GROUNDS

We are very blessed to have large grounds with both our churches but it also comes with the necessity to maintain and keep them tidy. There are weeds, moss and litter around both grounds and it would be good to make an effort to clear them Any help would be greatly appreciated.

**FATHER'S DAY REMEMBRANCES TO BE HANDED IN BY THURSDAY 18TH JUNE AT 12NOON**

## BOOKING THE PARISH HALL

At the Parish Hall Team meeting on 27th May, it was agreed that the rental fees for booking the Parish Hall should be updated. The new booking fee will be £100.00 for 5 hours which includes a one hour slot to come in and set up the hall, any additional hours outwith those 6 hours will be charged at £25.00 per hour. All current hall bookings are unaffected by this change but all new bookings from 1st July 2026 will be charged at this new rate.

## GIFTAID

Last year we received an amazing £14,244.01 from the Giftaid scheme, and we thank all those parishioners who have signed up for this, but there are parishioners who pay UK Tax on their wages, pensions or savings who could be signed up and are not. It's so easy and costs nothing. All you have to do is sign a Giftaid Declaration form, with your name, address and National Insurance number, and if you wish to donate to the parish through standing order then fill out the second part of the sheet with the address of your bank, your bank details and the amount you wish to contribute each month and hand the form back to the parish.

## 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.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22nd June	<b>P7 Leavers Mass</b>	St Mary's	1.30pm
23rd June	<b>P7 Leavers Mass</b>	OLSJ	9.30am
16th August	<b>Solemnity of the Assumption</b>	Parish Masses	All Masses
22nd August	<b>Parish BBQ</b>	The Parish Hall	6.30pm - Late
11th September	<b>Parish International Night</b>	The Parish Hall	Mass at 6.30pm
13th September	<b>Parish Forty Hours Adoration</b>	St Mary's	10.00am Mass
30th October	<b>Parish Halloween Party</b>	The Parish Hall	7.00pm - Late
TBC	<b>Parish St Andrew's Night</b>	The Parish Hall	TBC