

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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Our Lady & Saint John's Blackwood

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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
13TH NOVEMBER 2022

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PARTICULAR & FINAL JUDGEMENT

Jesus will come at the end of time to judge all human beings. This is called the *parousia*, His second coming. It was foretold by the angels as He ascended: "This Jesus who is taken up from you to heaven, will come in the way in which you saw Him going into heaven" (Acts 1:11). At Mass we proclaim "until he comes again". It is our belief and our hope.

However, those who die before the *parousia* will be judged immediately at their deaths. This is known as the particular judgment. The Epistle to the Hebrews (9:27) says: "It is appointed to men to die once, and after that comes the judgment". Then, "Each one will receive his pay, according to his works" (1 Cor 3:8).

There are three possible outcomes to the particular judgment. Those whose love for God has been perfected in this life are taken **straight to heaven**, where they enjoy endless happiness in the face to face vision of God.

Those who die in God's love but still love Him imperfectly must be purified in the intermediate **state of purgatory**.

Those, however, who reject God's love by mortal sin and die without repenting are condemned to the everlasting **torments of hell**.

The general judgment (or Final Judgment) at the end of time simply solemnly confirms the particular judgments of each one, with the difference that then the body as well as the soul will receive what is due it. And all God's judgments will be revealed as most just.

This might sound scary to us, but Pope Benedict XVI in his encyclical letter 'Spe Salvi' speaks of the judgement in a beautiful and powerful way when he wrote:

At the moment of judgement we experience and we absorb the overwhelming power of his love over all the evil in the world and in ourselves. The pain of love becomes our salvation and our joy. It is clear that we cannot calculate the 'duration' of this transforming burning in terms of the chronological measurements of this world. The transforming "moment" of this encounter eludes earthly time-reckoning - it is the heart's time, it is the time of passage to communion with God in the Body of Christ. The judgement of God is hope, both because it is justice and because it is grace. If it were merely grace, making all earthly things cease to matter, God would still owe us an answer to the question about justice - the crucial question that we ask of history and of God. If it were merely justice, in the end it could only bring fear to us all... Nevertheless grace allows us all to hope, and to go trustfully to meet the Judge who we know as our "advocate".

The most famous work of art depicting the second coming of Christ (Final Judgement) is to be found in the Sistine Chapel in Vatican City (see above), known as the place where the cardinals meet in conclave to elect a new Pope. Christ is portrayed at the centre with the saints and the just at the top and the devils and the damned at the bottom.



THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 13th November

- 10.00am Holy Mass for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

Monday 14th November

- 11.30am Recitation of the Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for Monday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Tuesday 15th November

- 9.00am Recitation of the Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

Wednesday 16th November

- 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 the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland (St Mary's)
7.00pm Holy Mass for the Feast of St Margaret of Scotland - SSV Mass (Our Lady & St John's)

Thursday 17th November

- 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 of the Memoria of St Elizabeth of Hungary (Our Lady & St John's)

Friday 18th November

- 9.30am Recitation of the Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am Holy Mass for the Memoria of the Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & Paul (St Mary's)

Saturday 19th November

- 4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (St Mary's)

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

16th November - Feast of St Margaret of Scotland - St Margaret, Queen of Scotland, was born around 1045 in Hungary to an exiled family who, when they returned to England, had to flee to Scotland. Young and pious, she married King Malcolm III at Dunfermline; they had eight children. Noted for her generosity to the poor and recognised for her exemplary way of life as wife and mother, she also worked to bring the old Celtic Church into the mainstream of the Church in the rest of Europe. She died in 1093. Pope Innocent IV canonised St Margaret in 1250 in recognition of her personal holiness, fidelity to the Roman Catholic Church, work for ecclesiastical reform, and charity. On 19th June 1250, after her canonisation, her remains were transferred to a chapel in the eastern apse of Dunfermline Abbey in Fife, Scotland. She is honoured as the second patron of Scotland.

17th November - Memoria of St Elizabeth of Hungary - St Elizabeth of Hungary was born in 1007, the daughter of Andreas II of Hungary, was betrothed aged four, married Louis IV of Thuringia when aged fourteen, bore three children, widowed when twenty (her husband dying while on crusade). Accused of wasting the state's wealth by her charity to the poor, she was deprived of the regency and exiled. She lived in a convent for a time, then retired to a cottage. Throughout her life, she was noted for her constant prayer and generous almsgiving. She died in 1031 at the age of 24. She was canonised by Pope Gregory IX on 24 May 1235. She is the patron of Budapest and is also honoured as the patron saint of hospitals; nurses; falsely accused people; bakers; brides; countesses; dying children; exiles; homeless people; lace-makers and widows.

18th November - Memoria of the Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul - The Basilicas of St Peter & St Paul are two of the four major basilicas of Rome (the others being St John Lateran and St Mary Major). The original church of St Peter was built in 323 by the Emperor Constantine over the apostle St Peter's tomb (the tomb was rediscovered by excavations in the crypt from 1942); the present basilica was dedicated by Pope Urban VIII in 1626. The first church of St Paul was built over his grave in 324, enlarged in 395, burnt down in 1823 and replaced by the present building, dedicated in 1854.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

A WARM WELCOME

This weekend we extend a warm welcome to the Holy Ghost Fathers who are covering Masses over the next few days during Fr Wyllie's absence from the parish as he attends a clergy gathering in Leeds. The Holy Ghost Fathers are based in Carfin and provide supply throughout the diocese. We are very grateful to them for coming this weekend to celebrate our Masses.

YOUNG ADULTS RETREAT EVENING

Young Adults Retreat Evening - An evening for young people aged between 16 and 35 will take place in St Bride's Hall, Motherwell, on Wednesday 23rd November from 7.00pm until 9.00pm. The evening will include inspirational talks, prayer, social, live music and pizza. Entry is free but please email Mishal if you intend on going. mishal@rcdom.org.uk

PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£1,681.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£375.00
Votive Candles:	£134.00

TOTAL: £2,190.00

Many thanks for your very generous support

Sisters of St Peter Claver: £1,265.82

Last week there were three donations given by parishioners, £200.00, £250.00 and £100.00.

Many thanks to the generous donors.

SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER

The Sisters would like to thank the parishioners who contributed to their appeal last weekend. Your generosity helped the Sisters raise £1,265.82 for their mission appeal. They assure you all of their sincere thanks and their prayers.

PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

The proposed date of the next meeting is Tuesday 29th November at 7.00pm at St Mary's. Included in the agenda will be the Christmas programme and an update on various aspects of parish life. If you have anything you'd like brought up at the meeting then please speak with Fr Wyllie, Laura Steele (Kennedy), Scott Smith, Ciaran Reilly, Suzanne Sherry or Russell McAllister. They will be happy to bring anything you raise with them to the meeting on 29th November.

ST ANDREW'S DAY LUNCH

The St Andrew's Day Lunch hosted by St Mary's St Vincent de Paul Conference for all those over sixty years of age will be held at 1.00pm on Sunday 27th November in the Maltings. If you would like to attend then please enter your name on the notice board at the back of the church for catering purposes. Please indicate if you need transport.

ANNUAL REQUIEM MASS

Our Annual Requiem Mass will take place on Wednesday 23rd November at 7.00pm in Our Lady & St John's. At this Mass we will remember all those priests who served this parish and the parishioners who have died, remembering in a special way those who have died over the past twelve months. A candle will be burnt for each of the deceased who were buried/cremated from this parish over the past year. Tea will be served in the Parish Hall afterwards.

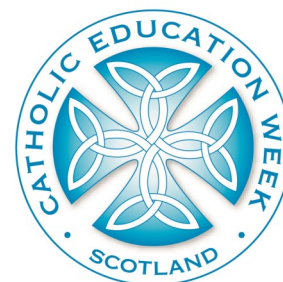
MASS ATTENDANCE CENSUS

Last weekend the Mass attendance census was taken to be returned to the diocese. The following numbers have been submitted:

5.00pm	110
10.00am	108
12noon	96
5.00pm	53
Total	367 +27 from last year

CATHOLIC EDUCATION SUNDAY

Next weekend, the Solemnity of Christ the King, we will observe Catholic Education Sunday. Representatives from our two primary schools and our high school will be present at Masses over the weekend and a second collection will be taken up for the work of the Scottish Catholic Education Service. Please only give to this second collection if you are able and wish to do so. A few months ago a special invitation was sent out to all the parents/carers of the children in our primary schools, there was little response. Although the partnership between school and parish is working well, the great challenge is for the parish and home to work together. Keep praying!



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

RIP - Archbishop Mario Conti (*Emeritus Archbishop of Glasgow*), Very Reverend William Canon O'Sullivan, Alex Muir (*former Head Teacher of St John's*), Ann McConville

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - John Gowans, Thomas Steele

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

UPDATE ON THE PARISH HALL

A meeting took place on Wednesday evening to gauge support for a new Hall & Social Team who would run the hall and organise social and fundraising events. It was a constructive meeting which provided an opportunity for those who attended to get on board with the mission of the Parish Hall. Fr Wyllie would like again to thank Bert Lynch and Angela Stewart for all that they have done to build up our Parish Hall and for the faithful and efficient leadership they provided over the last number of years. The new members of the Hall & Social Team are: **Joint Bar Manager/Hall Secretary** - Michelle Donnellan/Suzanne Sherry; **Hall Keeper** - Stevie Reilly; **Bar Stock Runners** - John Higgins & Stevie Reilly. The position of **Hall Janitor**, which needs to be filled, would be in charge of cleaning the Hall including the toilets & kitchen after each function and cleaning the inside of the windows regularly, this is a paid position with a wage of £25.00 per clean. If you or someone you know would be interested in this job, please speak with Fr Wyllie.

WARM WELCOME

A place to stay warm as the weather gets colder, starting Monday 31st October. 12noon until 2.00pm each day with tea, coffee, books, games and chat.

Monday - Chalmers Church

Tuesday - Larkhall Baptist Church

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Thursday - The Lighthouse

Friday - St Machan's Parish Church

Larkhall Christians Together: The Lighthouse, 2 King Street, Larkhall, ML9 1OP

Larkhall New Parish Church: St Machan's Church, Church Street, Larkhall, ML9 2XX

Larkhall Baptist Church: 27 Machan Road, Larkhall, ML9 1HX

MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN CHOIR - CAROL SERVICE

The Motherwell Diocesan Choir will lead a Carol Service in St Mary's on Wednesday 14th December beginning at 7.00pm. All parishioners are invited to come along to enjoy and take part in the carol singing and in the readings and reflections. It promises to be a wonderful event especially in the year that we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of St Mary's and the 140th anniversary of the opening of Our Lady & St John's. Please keep this evening free in your diary so that we can come together as a parish and give praise to the new born King.

PARISH STALL

Both our stalls have a variety of Christmas cards and 2023 calendars for sale. We also have beautiful crib statues for sale at £22.50. If you don't have a crib for your home or you need a new one then why not have a look at the crib statue today? Please try to keep Christ in Christmas by sending religious Christmas cards to your relatives, friends and neighbours. In purchasing from our parish stalls you are supporting the parish. Have a look after Mass today.

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF ST MARY'S PARISH

On Thursday 8th December, we will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of St Mary's parish back in 1872. This will be marked by a special Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Bishop Toal at 7.00pm followed by a reception in St Mary's Primary. All parishioners are warmly invited to this Mass and function afterwards. Fr Wyllie is looking for volunteers to help with serving drinks at the front of the church after the Mass as we are unable to have alcohol in the school.