

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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

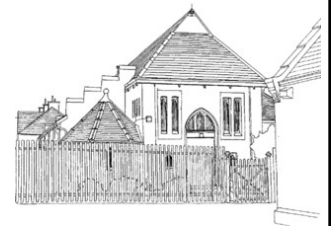
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
28TH AUGUST 2022

St Mary's
Raploch Road
Larkhall, ML9 1AN

PARISH FORTY HOURS NEXT WEEK

SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

- 10.00am** Solemn Mass to begin the Forty Hours
10.50am Blessed Sacrament Procession around
the grounds of St Mary's
11.00am Adoration until 6.30pm
3.00pm Confessions until 4.00pm
6.30pm Sung Vespers with Solemn Benediction

MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

- 8.00am Adoration until 8.30am
8.30am Holy Mass
8.50am Adoration until 12noon
11.00am Confessions until 11.45am
12noon Holy Mass with anointing of the Sick
1.00pm Adoration until 8.00pm
1.30pm Visits by the school children
2.30pm Confessions until 3.15pm
3.00pm Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
6.00pm Confessions until 6.50pm
6.00pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary
7.00pm Holy Hour for Families with Solemn
Benediction

TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

- 8.00am Adoration until 8.30am
8.30am Holy Mass
8.50am Confessions until 9.30am
8.50am Adoration until 7.00pm
12noon Angelus & Recitation of the Holy Rosary
1.40pm Visits by the school children
5.30pm Confessions until 6.15pm
6.30pm Benediction & Closing Mass



**LISTS AT THE BACK OF ST MARY'S FOR WATCHING BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.
PLEASE SIGN UP IF YOU'RE ABLE TO WATCH FOR A HALF HOUR PERIOD ANY OF THE DAYS.**

The Forty Hours this year will be led by Fr Gavin Landers, a priest of the Diocese of Salford (Manchester) and a contemporary of Fr Wyllie at seminary. He is currently the chaplain to the Manchester Royal Infirmary, the Royal Manchester Children's Hospital, St Mary's Hospital, the Christie Hospital and Trafford General Hospital. Please support Fr Gavin and our parish by coming along to all that you can over the period of the Forty Hours.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 28th August

- 10.00am Holy Mass for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
1.00pm Baptisms (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

Monday 29th August

- 12noon Holy Mass for the Memoria of the Beheading of St John the Baptist (St Mary's)

Tuesday 30th August

- 9.30am Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)

Wednesday 31st August

- 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 Twenty-Second 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 Twenty-Second Week in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)

Thursday 1st September

- 9.30am School Mass invoking God's blessing of the Academic Year (Our Lady & St John's)

Friday 2nd September

- 10.00am School Mass for the First Friday of the month (St Mary's)

Saturday 3rd September

- 4.45pm Confessions until 5.15pm
5.30pm Vigil Mass for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

22nd August - Memoria of the Beheading of St John the Baptist - St John the Baptist was imprisoned and decapitated by Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, for his heroic witness to the truth, thereby becoming the precursor of the Lord's own violent death, as he had been in his remarkable birth and prophetic preaching. He is the patron of builders, tailors, printers, baptism, converts, people dealing with storms, and people who need healing from spasms or seizures.

3rd September - Memoria of St Gregory the Great - St Gregory the Great was born in 540 of a noble Roman family, he had been Prefect of the city and then became a monk. He was sent as a papal ambassador to Constantinople for three years. In 590 he was called to be the bishop of Rome and pope. His work rightly earned him the sobriquet 'Great'. He was an excellent administrator and organiser in areas of doctrine and liturgy, as well as in disciplinary matters. He was known in England as the pope who sent Augustine to Canterbury. Pope Gregory was a preacher, an author, a homilist, and exegete, a theologian, a correspondent. He is rightly recognised as a Father of the Church. He is patron of musicians, singers, students, and teachers.

SECOND COLLECTION IN SEPTEMBER

A Second Collection will be taken up next weekend, 3rd/4th September, to help train our future priests. At present, the diocese has to pay in the region of £25,000 for each seminarian per academic year. Any donation you could give to help with the training of our future priests would be very gratefully received by the diocese. If anyone has seminarians and retired priest boxes at home please return them to the church next weekend to be included with this collection.

PROJECT GAMBIA

Working with a range of partners both in the UK and in The Gambia, Project Gambia has, since 2007, established a range of projects in schools, villages, and farms to provide education, support, and funding to enable people to find a sustainable solution to poverty. Project Gambia have asked to come and give us an update on the work they have been doing since their last visit before Covid. **After Mass on 10th/11th September there will be a bucket collection outside the church for us to contribute to the work they are doing in The Gambia.**

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

On Tuesday of this week, 30th August, Bishop Toal will celebrate Mass together with the priests and seminarians of the Diocese at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell. The Bishop encourages all those in the diocese to come together to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, the diaconate and the consecrated life.

OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S

After Sunday Masses this weekend, Our Lady & St John's will be closed to allow the work to begin on the laying of the new parquet flooring under the pews and the new tiled flooring to be laid at the back, centre aisle and the front of the church. During this time Masses will take place in the Parish Hall, with Requiem Masses being celebrated in St Mary's. The church is scheduled to re-open on 25th September for the weekend Masses. Any help after 5.00pm would be appreciated.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£1,115.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£110.00
Stall:	£60.00
Votives:	£157.00
'Sponsor a Tile' Donations:	£2,010.00
TOTAL:	£3,452.00

Many thanks for your very generous support

NO 5.00PM MASS

On Sunday 25th September, there will be no 5.00pm Mass in our parish due to the National Pilgrimage Mass at Carfin Grotto. The Bishops invite us all to make a special effort to be there and, as a result, Fr Wyllie will be accompanying the group travelling from our parish to the Mass.

PARISH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Our Parish International Night will take place in the Parish Hall on **Friday 9th September beginning at 6.30pm**. Raffle prizes would be gratefully received, please hand them into the sacristy. The bar for those attending to purchase refreshments. **All parishioners are warmly invited to come along and enjoy the evening.** So far we have food from Scotland, Poland, Ireland, South Africa, Fiji, the Philippines, Italy, Australia, The Czech Republic, Brazil, India, England, Germany and Portugal. If you are able to come along, for catering purposes, could you please place your name on the list at the back of the church. There is a very encouraging response so far, so please consider coming along on 9th September. If you would like to take part in preparing food from the country of your birth or where your heritage comes from then please contact Fr Wyllie as soon as possible.



SOLEMN CHORAL VESPERS

After the success of the Solemn Choral Vespers for the Solemnity of the Assumption, **the Schola Benedicti will be back here in the parish to lead the Solemn Choral Vespers for the Forty Hours on Sunday 4th September at 6.30pm**. The attendance at the last Vespers was excellent and so we are hoping that all those who came to the first Vespers will come out to the next celebration on 4th September, as well as those who weren't able to make it. Fr Wyllie invites and encourages everyone to come along.

PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

The Parish Pastoral Planning Team will meet this Tuesday at 7.00pm in St Mary's. Any opinions, ideas or thoughts that you'd like brought up, speak to Fr Wyllie, Russell McAllister, Suzanne Sherry, Ciaran Reilly, Scott Smith or Laura Steele (Kennedy) before the meeting on Tuesday.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION

Immediately after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 4th September there will be a Blessed Sacrament Procession which will take place in the grounds of St Mary's. Although some parishioners may attend another Mass, please make a special effort to come to the Blessed Sacrament Procession, which will begin around 10.45 - 10.50am, meeting the procession as it leaves the church. This is a beautiful expression of us proclaiming our faith and belief in Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist, and how we must take him from the church and into our world.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

On Sunday 25th September, the Bishops of Scotland together with the Papal Nuncio (Pope's representative in Britain) will celebrate Mass in Carfin Grotto at 3.00pm. All Scotland's Catholics are invited to attend Mass and venerate the relics of St Bernadette. A list for a bus from the parish can be found at the back of the church.

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 - Susan Martin (Lanark), Rita Freel (Airdrie)

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - Elizabeth Sherry, Ian Hare, Brendan Flynn, Joseph Flynn, The Hare & Flynn Families, Forgotten Souls, Babs McGurk, Jean Gordon, Milly Lynch, John Dickson, Pat O'Donnell, Thomas McDonagh, Patrick & Ann Grant, Jim & Helen Grant, Jack Hastie, Mary Goodwin, John (Tony) Goodwin

PARISH WEEKLY SCHEDULE

As the summer holidays are now over, our normal weekly parish schedule has resumed. Fr Wyllie would like to extend an invitation and an encouragement to all parishioners to support all that happens each week in our parish. Here are a few things he would like to encourage you to come along to:

The Wednesday Evening Mass

This was introduced to enable those who work during the day to attend Mass at least once a week. Although this Mass is quite well attended, there are very few parishioners attending who couldn't attend the morning Mass. So please, if you work during the day, try to make an effort to come along to Mass on a Wednesday evening.

The Monday 12noon Mass

Although this Mass was introduced because Fr Wyllie spent Monday mornings in the High School, it is a good opportunity for people who aren't great in the mornings to manage along to Mass during the week. Please try to come along to the 12noon Mass on a Monday.

The Morning Masses

Great emphasis has been placed on receiving Holy Communion as often as possible, but sadly, we have a dwindling number of parishioners attending weekday Mass, especially in Our Lady & St John's (some mornings we only have 5 or 6). If you are retired, part-time, on holiday or unemployed, please try to come along to Mass in the mornings to sanctify your day and to come before the altar to hear God's word and receive him sacramentally.

Confessions

We do well here in the parish with people coming to Confession. There are various opportunities each week for Confession so please avail yourself of this Sacrament of God's love and mercy. Each week confessions are heard in St Mary's on a Saturday evening from 4.45pm until 5.15pm and a Wednesday morning from 9.30am until 9.50am; Our Lady & St John's on a Wednesday evening from 6.30pm until 6.50pm and a Thursday morning from 9.00am until 9.30am.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Spending time with the Lord exposed on the altar is a moment of grace for us as individuals and as a parish. Please make a special effort to come along for the periods of adoration which take place each week in both churches. Tuesdays & Wednesdays in OLSJ & Wednesdays in St Mary's.

THE LITTLE CHILDREN'S MARKET

The Little Children's Market is coming to Larkhall. We bring you quality, preloved baby & children's items to support the local community. Our next event is in Larkhall Leisure Centre on Sunday 9th October, 11.00am - 12:30pm. Parishioners from St Mary's & Our Lady & St John's are invited to pop along and support this event. We are also collecting baby toiletries to help families in need which can be handed in on the day. If anyone would like to book a table, please contact Dana Hill on 07841610100. Your support is greatly appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The grassy area behind St Mary's is rather overgrown with weeds around the perimeter and could be doing with a good tidy up (weeding, strimming and cutting back some of the hedges). If you would be willing to help please contact Fr Wyllie and we can arrange a day to do this.