

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**20TH AUGUST 2023**

# PARISH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT



We are very blessed in our parish to have so many parishioners who have come from, or have family origins in, many countries throughout the world. We give thanks for the great gift of the universality of our Catholic Faith, but also the diverse cultures which make up our parish.

To celebrate the great diversity of cultures we have in our parish we will hold a **Parish International Night on Friday 8th September beginning with Mass at 6.30pm** followed by an evening in the Parish Hall which will include food from various countries. This event proved to be such a success last year and we hope it will be a huge success this year too. It would be great to have a good number of parishioners coming along, and also to have food dishes from as many countries as possible which are represented here in the parish.

Fr Wylie asks that parishioners who originate from other countries, especially those who made meals last year, get in touch with him (either by email or speaking to him after Mass) and let him know if you would be able to cook a dish to be enjoyed at the International Night. It can be a simple starter, main course or dessert. Last year we had food from Fiji, Czech Republic, Germany, Australia, South Africa, Ireland, England, Poland, Scotland, Italy and a number of other countries. If you come from another country or know a dish from your country of family origin then please prepare something for this event. There of course can be more than one dish for each country. **Let Fr Wylie know if you are bringing a dish with you, by Thursday 31st August.**

On the night after the meal, there will be a simple quiz as well as a raffle. The Bar will also be open to purchase refreshments. Donations of raffle prizes would be very gratefully received. Please place them at the back of the church by Thursday 7th September.

**The Parish Hall will be set up for the event on the Thursday evening (7th September) at 6.30pm, so if you could lend a hand to decorate and move furniture it would be really appreciated.** If anyone has a flag of their home country or the country of their family origin, then please bring it along on 7th September so that the Hall can be set up that evening.

These social events are a perfect opportunity for us to invite friends, family and neighbours who have maybe lapsed from their practice of their faith, or to those who live in our communities who are of another faith or no faith at all. So please, consider inviting them, but please include them on the sign up sheet, so we know numbers in order for us to prepare and set up accordingly. Today 8th September is also the Feast of the Birthday of Our Lady, so it's a very fitting day for us to come together as one parish family, made up of people from various cultures and countries.

# THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

**Sunday 20th August** *St Mary's open 9.00am until 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am until 5.45pm*  
10.00am **Holy Mass for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (St Mary's)  
12noon **Holy Mass for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Our Lady & St John's)  
5.00pm **Holy Mass for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time** (Our Lady & St John's)

**Monday 21st August** *Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm*  
11.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)  
12noon Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Pius X (St Mary's)

**Tuesday 22nd August** *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 Memoria of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (OLSJ)

**Wednesday 23rd August** *Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm*  
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 Memoria of St Rose of Lima (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 Memoria of St Rose of Lima (Our Lady & St John's)

**Thursday 24th August** *Both churches open 9.00am until 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 Feast of St Bartholomew (Our Lady & St John's)

**Friday 25th August** *Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm*  
9.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)  
10.00am Holy Mass for Friday of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**Saturday 26th August** *St Mary's open 9.00am until 6.00pm; OLSJ closed*  
4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)  
5.00pm **Vigil Mass for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time** (St Mary's)

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**21st August - Memoria of St Pius X** - Giuseppe Sarto was born in 1835 of humble parents in Riese, near Venice and was ordained a priest in 1858 and successively became bishop of Mantua in 1884, Cardinal Patriarch of Venice in 1893 and then Pope in 1903. He fostered liturgy as a pastoral gift, encouraged frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist and decreed that First Communion should take place around the age of seven. The movement called Modernism became widespread in various areas of the Church and Pius X issued severe condemnations of it and excommunicated several of its prominent adherents. He died in 1914, a few weeks after the outbreak of the First World War, which many said broke his heart seeing Europe plunged into a brutal war. He is known for saying - "I was born poor, I lived poor, I will die poor." He is the patron saint of First Communicants and pilgrims.

**22nd August - Memoria of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - During the Middle Ages, Mary was venerated as Queen of the angels and saints. Pope Pius XII instituted this Feast in 1954, to conclude what was then the Octave of the Assumption. We remember that the Blessed Virgin reigns in Heaven, together with her Son; she reigns not because she is equal to God but because she is mother of Christ the King. All her privileges come from her Motherhood of God and the unique role she played in our redemption.

**23rd August - Memoria of St Rose of Lima** - St Rose was born in Lima, Peru in 1586. She lived a life of prayer, penance and severe asceticism. She admired St Catherine of Siena and, since her father forbade her to become a nun, she became a member of the Third Order of St Dominic. In addition to her personal piety, she dedicated much time to helping the poor and the marginalised. She was the first person from the Americas to be canonised. She died in 1617 and is honoured as the patron saint of embroiderers, gardeners, florists, people who are harassed for their piety, and those suffering family problems.

**24th August - Feast of St Bartholomew** - St Bartholomew is one of the twelve apostles and commonly named with St Philip. We know nothing in detail of his life. His statue in the Lateran Basilica depicts the story that, at his martyrdom, he was flayed alive.

## PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£900.00
Standing Orders:	£325.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£1,225.00</b>

**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.*

## CHURCH BUILDING FUND

The next collection for the Church Building Fund will be taken up on the weekend of 19th/20th August. With the age of our church properties there are necessary repairs and maintenance which must be carried out regularly to ensure that our buildings are kept in good condition. Please be as generous as possible to help us keep our properties well maintained and managed well into the future.

## SECOND COLLECTION FOR ECCLESIASTICAL STUDENTS

Throughout the diocese a second collection will be taken up on Saturday/Sunday 9th/10th September to help cover the costs of training our future priests. Please give as generously as you can to this collection. At present it costs £25,000.00 a year to train one seminarian each year, so anything you can give would be very gratefully received.

## PARISH FORTY HOURS ADORATION

Each year as a parish we set aside three days for extended periods of adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, and this year this period of prayer and adoration will take place from **Sunday 10th September until Tuesday 12th September in Our Lady & St John's**. This is an opportunity for each of us to spend some time with the Lord, present before us in the Most Holy Eucharist. There will be half hour slots each of the days for people to sign up and watch before the Blessed Sacrament for that allotted time, to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left alone. You will find the sign up sheets at the back of Our Lady & St John's from 26th/27th August.

### SUNDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

<b>12noon</b>	<b>High Mass</b>
<b>12.45pm</b>	<b>Blessed Sacrament Procession</b>
1.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5.00pm
4.00pm	Confessions until 4.45pm
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
5.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.30pm
<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Solemn Sung Vespers followed by Benediction</b>

### MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

8.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.30am
<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass</b>
8.45am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 12noon
8.45am	Confessions until 9.30am
10.30am	Confessions until 11.30am
<b>12noon</b>	<b>Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick</b>
1.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00pm
6.00pm	Recitation of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.50pm
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Hour concluding with Benediction</b>

### TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

8.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30am
<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Holy Mass with Commissioning for the Pope Francis Faith Award</b>
10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.00pm
12noon	Recitation of the Holy Rosary
3.00pm	Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
6.00pm	Recitation of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.30pm
<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Closing Mass with Blessing of the new statue of Our Lady &amp; Community Garden</b>
8.00pm	Teas, coffees, sandwiches & sausage rolls in the Parish Hall



## 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** - Jacqueline Smith, Kathleen McCluskey (Hamilton)

**MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES** - Anne Wilson, Margaret Girvan

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

## DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

On Thursday 31st August at 7.00pm the Annual Vocations Mass will take place in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell celebrated by His Lordship Bishop Toal. The Bishop extends a warm invitation to all those in the diocese to come along and join him in praying for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life.

## EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Fr Wyllie has misplaced (lost!) the list of the sick and housebound parishioners who receive Holy Communion at home or in nursing homes. Could all Extraordinary Ministers please drop a note into the sacristy or send an email to the parish email address with the name, address and telephone number of the sick they visit. It would be great to have this by the end of this week (25th August).

## NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

The National Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto will take place on Sunday 3rd September with the Bishops of Scotland celebrating Mass at 3.00pm. The bus will leave from Our Lady & St John's at 1.30pm that day and then leave St Mary's at 1.50pm; returning after the Mass.

## PROPOSED PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2024

Fr Wyllie would like to invite all those who intend to travel on the Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima & Salamanca next year to a meeting on **Wednesday 30th August after the 7.00pm Mass**. The meeting will take place in the Parish Hall and will allow us time to discuss dates, itinerary and for more information to be given about costs, logistics etc.

## 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.

## COMING FORWARD FOR A BLESSING

If you are a non-Catholic or a Catholic who does not regularly come to Mass and hasn't been to confession, or are a child who has not yet made their First Holy Communion, you are more than welcome to come forward at Communion time for a blessing, please come to the priest with your arms across your chest. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion cannot give blessings.

## FR HUGH KELLY

Fr Hugh Kelly will celebrate the Sunday Masses next weekend while Fr Wyllie is away from the parish at a wedding. Fr Hugh is a native of Larkhall and is currently an active retired priest who helps with supply across the diocese. We look forward to welcoming him to the parish.