

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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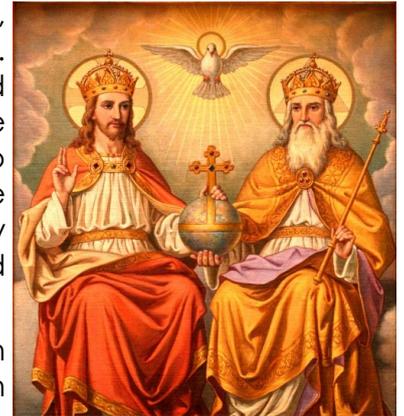


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SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
12TH JUNE 2022

THE MYSTERY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The fundamental dogma, on which everything in Christianity is based, is that of the Blessed Trinity in whose name all Christians are baptised. The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity needs to be understood and celebrated as an extension of the mysteries of Christ and as the solemn expression of our faith in this triune life of the Divine Persons, to which we have been given access by Baptism and by the Redemption won for us by Christ. Only in heaven shall we properly understand what it means, in union with Christ, to share as sons and daughters in the very life of God.



The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity was introduced in the ninth century and was only inserted in the general calendar of the Church in the fourteenth century by Pope John XXII. But the adoration of the Trinity is, of course, to be found throughout the liturgy. Constantly the Church causes us to praise and adore the thrice-holy God who has shown His mercy towards us and has given us a share in His life.

The dogma of faith which forms the object of the feast is this: There is one God and in this one God there are three Divine Persons; the Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God. Yet there are not three Gods, but one, eternal, incomprehensible God! The Father is not more God than the Son, neither is the Son more God than the Holy Spirit. The Father is the first Divine Person; the Son is the second Divine Person, begotten from the nature of the Father from eternity; the Holy Spirit is the third Divine Person, proceeding from the Father and the Son. No mortal can fully fathom this sublime truth. But I submit humbly and say: Lord, I believe, help my weak faith.

Why is this feast celebrated at this particular time? It may be interpreted as a finale to all the preceding feasts. All three Persons contributed to and shared in the work of redemption. The Father sent His Son to earth, for "God so loved the world as to give His only-begotten Son." The Father called us to the faith. The Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, became man and died for us. He redeemed us and made us children of God. He ever remains the liturgist par excellence to whom we are united in all sacred functions. After Christ's ascension the Holy Spirit, however, became our Teacher, our Leader, our Guide, our Consoler.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity may well be regarded as the Church's great hymn of gratitude over all the blessings of the Christmas and Easter seasons; for this mystery is a synthesis of Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension and Pentecost. This feast, which falls on the first Sunday after Pentecost, should make us mindful that actually every Sunday is devoted to the honour of the Most Holy Trinity, that every Sunday is sanctified and consecrated to the triune God. Sunday after Sunday we should recall in a spirit of gratitude the gifts which the Blessed Trinity is bestowing upon us. The Father created and predestined us; on the first day of the week He began the work of creation. The Son redeemed us; Sunday is the "Day of the Lord," the day of His resurrection. The Holy Spirit sanctified us, made us His temple; on Sunday the Holy Spirit descended upon the infant Church. Sunday, therefore, is the day of the Most Holy Trinity.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 12th June

- 10.00am Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity (Our Lady & St John's)

Monday 13th June

- 11.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Anthony of Padua (St Mary's)
7.00pm Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Anthony of Padua with Blessing of Lilies (St Mary's)

Tuesday 14th June

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

Wednesday 15th June

- 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 Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
7.00pm Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

Thursday 16th June

- NO MORNING MASS IN OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S**
12.30pm Holy Mass with the residents of Auchlochan (Our Lady & St John's)

Friday 17th June

- 9.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am Votive Mass in honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (St Mary's)

Saturday 18th June

- 4.45pm Confessions until 5.15pm (St Mary's)
5.30pm **Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi** (St Mary's)

IF YOU ARE RETIRED, OFF WORK OR ON HOLIDAY PLEASE CONSIDER COMING TO WEEKDAY MASS

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

13th June - Memoria of St Anthony of Padua - St Anthony was born in 1195 in Lisbon and baptised Fernando to well-to-do parents. He joined the Augustinian Canon at Coimbra and was ordained a priest aged 19. He was greatly impressed by the simplicity of the newly-founded Franciscans and their early martyrs in Morocco and joined them, taking the name Anthony. It was as a powerful and effective wandering preacher in Northern Italy and Southern France (from his base in Padua) that he gained his reputation for holiness. He is well-known as the patron of finding anything that has been lost - people, things and especially spiritual graces that have been squandered. He died in 1231 at the age of 35 and was canonised by Pope Gregory IX a year later.

BENEDICTION AFTER ALL MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

To celebrate the Solemnity of Corpus Christi next weekend there will be a short period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Solemn Benediction at the conclusion of Mass. This will replace the normal ending to Mass with the Benediction replacing the normal blessing at the end of Mass. This will be a moment, when as a parish, we will spend some time before the Lord present in the Most Holy Eucharist.



PARISH BARBECUE & SOCIAL

Fr Wyllie is hoping to hold a Parish Barbecue in the grounds of St Mary's on Saturday 13th August, the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary from after the Vigil Mass. If you would be able to help with organising this or being active on the evening to cook and help serve the food then please speak with Fr Wyllie as soon as possible so that plans can be made. All parishioners, from St Mary's & Our Lady & St John's, are warmly invited to come along and enjoy the evening, especially young families. There will be a list at the back of both churches during July and a bus will be booked if enough uptake.



LIGHT BITE AFTER THE 12NOON MASS

Many thanks to those parishioners who came along to the Light Bite after the 12noon Mass last weekend. It was a lovely afternoon and was good to see so many coming along. A special word of thanks must go to Suzanne, Brian, Emma, Michelle, Mia & Gracie for preparing, cooking and serving the food and for tidying up afterwards. We hope to set up a few teams to take on this responsibility, although we only have another three adults. The Light Bite will take place once a month but will take a break for the month of July, so the next one will be at the end of August.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£1,790.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£440.00
Votives Candles:	£330.00
TOTAL:	£2,560.00

Many thanks for your very generous support

ST MARY'S P7 LEAVERS MASS

This coming Wednesday there will be a Mass for the P7 pupils from St Mary's Primary School to give thanks to God for the past seven years of their education at St Mary's and to ask God's blessing upon them as they embark on their journey to secondary school. This Mass will be celebrated in the school.

GALA DAY QUEEN & CHAMPION

The Blackwood & Kirkmuirhill Gala Day took place yesterday (Saturday) and we were blessed to have two of our young parishioners, Gracie McCall as Gala Queen and Jack Whitefield as the Champion. We offer to Gracie and Jack our congratulations in the major roles they played in this important date in the life of the community. Well done!

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

5.30pm - 82	10.00am - 95	
12noon - 92	5.00pm - 43	Total - 312

AUCHLOCHAN MASS

The next Mass with the residents of Auchlochan will take place on Thursday 16th June at 12.30pm followed by a function in the Parish Hall. All parishioners are warmly invited to come along to the Mass & the Hall afterwards.

BUILDING FUND

The next collection for the Building Fund will take place next weekend, the Solemnity of Corpus Christi. This collection helps with the cost of maintaining our parish buildings and grounds. We are custodians of two beautiful churches so please give as generously as you can to this collection.

OLSJ 140TH ANNIVERSARY

The wooden panelling in Our Lady & St John's around the church, in the porch and on the sanctuary will be sanded and re-varnished over the next few weeks. There will be no need for the church to be closed during this time but please be aware that there will be noise and dust if you pop in for private prayer during the day.

New wooden radiator covers will be fitted to cover the existing white radiators at this time.

The red tarmac in the carpark, at the front and side of the church, will be rectified over the next month too. The carpark will have to be closed while this takes place but notification will be given of when the carpark will be closed nearer the time.

SPONSOR A TILE

At a meeting last Tuesday we decided to take the plans to tile Our Lady & St John's forward. It is the intention that this work will be completed for the 140th anniversary Mass on Friday 13th October. If you would like to sponsor a tile, as a family or individual, for a deceased loved one or in gratitude for something, then please place a donation of £25.00 per tile in an envelope clearly marked 'SPONSOR A TILE' with the names of the those you would wish the tiles dedicated to inside. Each tile will hopefully be dedicated to a particular person or family and a list will be compiled listing all those who the tiles are dedicated to. This work will be a much more permanent and worthy flooring than we already have.

FEAST DAY OF ST ANTHONY

There will be a special Mass to celebrate the Feast of St Anthony on Monday at 7.00pm in St Mary's. There will be the traditional blessing of the lilies at this Mass. **Parishioners are invited to bring along lilies** to the Mass and at the conclusion of the Homily the lilies will be blessed. St Anthony is almost always portrayed with lilies, a sign of purity. If you like lilies in the house or know of someone who would appreciate a blessed lily please come along.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SICK - 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 - Helen Mary Brannigan

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - Lizzie Stewart, John Gowans, Michael Weir, Christine McCluskey, Mary Gallacher, Frank McCorry

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

BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION FROM NEWARTHILL TO CARFIN

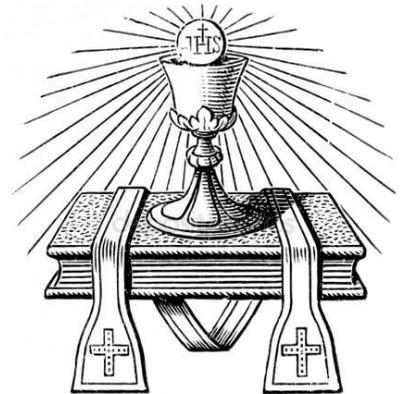
Next Sunday, there will be a Blessed Sacrament Procession from St Teresa's Newarthill, through the streets to Carfin Grotto, concluding with Benediction with Bishop Toal. This begins at 3.00pm and everyone is invited. All First Communicants and Altar Servers are invited to take a special part in the procession. Please try your best to go along to show our love for the Lord in the Holy Eucharist, to come together as a diocese with our bishop at Carfin Grotto and spend some time at our Diocesan Shrine to Our Blessed Mother.



PARISH SUMMER WEEKLY SCHEDULE

As from Monday 27th June the following reduced schedule will be in place throughout the summer until mid-August:

Monday 12noon	Churches open from 8.30am until 5.30pm Holy Mass (St Mary's)
Tuesday 9.30am	Churches open from 8.30am until 5.30pm Holy Mass (Our Lady & St John's)
Wednesday 10.00am 7.00pm	Churches open from 8.30am until 5.30pm Holy Mass (St Mary's) Holy Mass (Our Lady & St John's)
Thursday 9.30am	Churches open from 8.30am until 5.30pm Holy Mass (Our Lady & St John's)
Friday 10.00am	Churches open from 8.30am until 5.30pm Holy Mass (St Mary's)
Saturday 4.45pm 5.30pm	St Mary's open from 9.00am until after Vigil Mass; OLSJ closed Confessions (St Mary's) Vigil Mass (St Mary's)
Sunday 10.00am 12noon	St Mary's open from 9.00am until 6.00pm, OLSJ open from 11.00am until 6.00pm Holy Mass (St Mary's) Holy Mass (Our Lady & St John's) 5.00pm Holy Mass (Our Lady & St John's)



PARISH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

One of the suggestions which cropped up a number of times in the Synod deliberations was to hold an International Night in our parish. This would be an opportunity for us to get to know our parishioners who come from various countries throughout the world. We are very fortunate to have parishioners from different countries in Europe, Oceania, Africa and Asia. What a great blessing that is and one that we should really appreciate more. The evening would include food and snacks from the various countries, traditional dress, music and other entertainment in the Parish Hall. If you would be interested in helping to organise this event or taking part in this event then please speak with Fr Wyllie as soon as possible so that preparations can be made for holding this event after the summer holidays. Please try to support this event by taking part or helping to organise. We are hoping to have this Mass in Our Lady & St John's at the beginning of September, on Friday 9th September at 6.30pm, so please put it in your diary.

