

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**16TH FEBRUARY 2025**

## THE FIRST & SECOND ARTICLES OF THE CREED

### *"I believe in God the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth"*

The first article of the creed grounds and informs the other eleven. During the first 200 years of Christianity, people outside the Church scoffed at the idea of one God who was all-powerful and the source of everything. Many gods were taken for granted then. Today, some people simply dismiss the notion of a god altogether. Nevertheless, the creed proclaims that there is one God and there are no others. Jesus taught the same: there is one God and him alone (Mk 12:29-30; cf., Dt 6:4-5).

This one God is "the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth." As "Father," God is both the source of all and the loving sustainer of creation. In other words, he both transcends his creation and is intimately involved with it. As "Creator of heaven and earth," God brought all things into being; out of nothing he created the angels, the universe, the planets, and human beings. Therefore, creation is not God, but it does bear the mark of his hands (cf. Gn 1-2).

But what about the Son and the Holy Spirit? Does their inclusion later on in the creed undermine the teaching of one God? Not at all. Again, one needs to remember that the creed summarises the apostolic faith, which clearly taught that God is one God in three persons (cf. Mt 28:19). Even the structure of the creed in three parts proclaims the Trinity. Certain works are attributed to one person or the other of the Holy Trinity, but Father, Son and Holy Spirit remain one, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us. The creed may not spell out every facet of the Faith, but it provides a bulwark for teachings that follow from its assertions.

### *"... and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord ..."*

The titles for Jesus in the second article of the creed could be applied to other people in certain contexts. However, Scripture applies all three to Jesus in a unique way, declaring his divinity.

The name "Jesus" was a common name in first century Galilee, and it appears in the Old Testament a few times (as "Jeshua," a transliteration of "Jesus"). The name means "God saves," which is understood literally through Jesus' death and resurrection.

"Christ" comes from the Greek for "Messiah," which is Hebrew for anointed. In one sense the title could be applied to kings and prophets "anointed" for a special mission for God. "Christ" also meant the Saviour of Israel, whom the people longed for. Peter, inspired by God, names Jesus the Christ: "the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Mt 16:16).

"Son of God," like "Christ," was used for people who were in relation to God, such as the people of Israel. However, the creed names Jesus as the "only Son of God," clearly distinguishing his sonship. Jesus would often speak of an exclusive relationship with the Father. Indeed, he distinguished God as "my father" versus simply "your father" when talking to the disciples.

It follows that if Jesus is divine, he is also "Our Lord," a word that clearly points to his divinity since it was a transliteration of the tetragrammaton (YHWH), which referred to the God of Israel. Since Jesus is "Lord," his followers owe obedience and adoration to him as God.



# THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

<b>Sunday 16th February</b>	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 5.45pm)</i>	
<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Holy Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (St Mary's)	
<b>12noon</b>	<b>Holy Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Our Lady & St John's)	
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Mass for the Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> (Our Lady & St John's)	
<b>Monday 17th February</b>	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>	
11.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)	
12noon	Holy Mass for Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)	
<b>Tuesday 18th February</b>	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>	
9.00am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)	
9.30am	Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)	
<b>Wednesday 19th February</b>	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>	
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 Sixth 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 Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)	
<b>Thursday 20th February</b>	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>	
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 Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)	
<b>Friday 21st February</b>	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>	
9.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)	
10.00am	Holy Mass for Friday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)	
<b>Saturday 22nd February</b>	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ closed)</i>	
4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)	
<b>5.00pm</b>	<b>Vigil Mass for the Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> (St Mary's)	



## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**17th February - Optional Memoria of The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order** - In the early thirteenth century, seven young merchants of Florence decided to help one another live more perfect Christian lives. As a result of a vision, they became known as the 'Servants of Mary' and followed the Rule of St Augustine. They led an austere life of prayer and mortification, meditating constantly on the Lord's Passion.

**21st February - Optional Memoria of St Peter Damian** - St Peter Damian was born in Ravenna in 1007 and joined the monastic community after a short career in teaching. Having served as Abbot, St Peter was created Cardinal Bishop of Ostia in 1057 and took a leading part in Church reform. He died in 1072. An important theologian and poet, he was declared a Doctor of the Church in 1828.

**22nd February - Feast of the Chair of St Peter** - The celebration of the Cathedri Petri, the Chair of St Peter, recalls the ministry conferred by Christ on the Prince of the Apostles and continued in an unbroken line down to the present Pope. It is an opportunity for all of us to renew our communion with the Roman Pontiff and to follow closely the teachings of the Church.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

The next Theology on Tap will take place this Monday beginning at 6.30pm with the talk commencing at 7.00pm. The speaker will be Doctor Valerie Fleming, a Judge on the Scottish Marriage Tribunal which deals with the Nullity Process for marriages. This is a subject which generates much interest and can be clouded by intrigue and speculation, so please come along and learn more about Annulments and the Nullity Process and support this event. Confirmed future talks:



24th March	Anne Marie Clements	Catholic Social Teaching - Love one another
10th April	Fr Andrew Robinson	The Passion Gospel of Luke - Luke's perspective
19th May	Anthony Horan	Church & State - Separate or not?

## PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations: £996.00  
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers £265.00  
**Total: £1,261.00**

**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**



## DIOCESAN VOCATIONS EVENING

The next Vocations evening for those young men considering the priesthood will take place in the Cathedral House this Tuesday, 18th February at 7.00pm. Any young man who is considering the diocesan priesthood is invited to come along for this time of discussion and prayer.

## SACRAMENT OF FIRST CONFESSION

The boys and girls of P3 from both our schools will receive the Sacrament of Confession for the first time on 25th & 26th February. The children from St John's Primary on 25th February at 6.30pm in the church, and St Mary's Primary on 26th February at 1.30pm in the school. Please keep our young people in your prayers that they will always know and appreciate God's love, mercy and peace given to us in this beautiful sacrament.

## CHURCH WORKERS SOCIAL

The Church Workers Social will take place this Friday beginning with a drinks reception at 6.45pm.

## ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL SHARED CAR PARK

Fr Wyllie together with the Parent Council of St John's Primary made contact with South Lanarkshire Council regarding the overgrown area at the perimeter fence on the school side of the carpark. Many thanks to the Council for working so quickly to make it look much better.



## CHURCH WORKERS SOCIAL

The Parish Hall

**THIS FRIDAY (21ST FEB)**

Drinks Reception beginning at 6.45pm



## AUCHLOCHAN MASS & LUNCH

The Parish Hall

**THURSDAY 27TH FEBRUARY**

Mass at 12.30pm followed by Lunch in the Parish Hall



## PARISH FRIDAY DRINKS

The Parish Hall

**FRIDAY 28TH FEBRUARY**

2.00pm - 7.00pm



## LIGHT BITE AFTER 12NOON MASS

The Parish Hall

**SUNDAY 2ND MARCH**



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK** - Pat Whalin, Declan McDonald, Gary Biggar, Paul McMurray, Annette Thomson, Margaret Craig, Aaron Mulligan, Stephen Fleming, Marion Bryson, William Young, James Thomson, Marilyn McLearn, Andy McGarvey, Julia Brassington, Moira Corr, Maureen Crank, Robbie Frew

**RIP** - Dan Dillon (Carfin), Irene Kennedy, Rita Bennett

**MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES** - Jim Higgins, Nancy & David O'Neill, Eileen & Michael Walker, Guy Mitchell

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

## ASH WEDNESDAY

The Season of Lent begins this year on Wednesday 5th March with Ash Wednesday, a day of fasting and abstinence. To mark this special day, the Masses in our parish are as follows. Please make a special effort to join us:



<b>8.00am</b>	Brief Mass	(St Mary's)
<b>9.30am</b>	School Mass	(OLSJ)
<b>10.30am</b>	School Mass	(St Mary's)
<b>7.00pm</b>	Holy Mass	(OLSJ)

## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

'Courage to be Catholic', a conference run by Aid to the Church in Need, will be held on Saturday 29th March at Glasgow Royal Concert Hall from 9.30am until 4.00pm. The conference will include inspiring speakers, representatives of Catholic organisations around Scotland. It promises to be a unique opportunity for the Catholic Church in Scotland to get together at such an event. To register for this event then please go to <http://www.trybooking.com/uk/EHSR>

## PILGRIMAGE TO IONA

A pilgrimage to Iona will take place from 17th-18th May led by Bishop Toal. The pilgrimage will include pickup points at Motherwell and Glasgow Cathedrals, dinner, bed and breakfast in the Royal Hotel Oban, coach travel and ferry crossings, entry to Iona Abbey, travel to Oban on the Saturday and stay overnight in Oban then on to Iona on the Sunday with a special celebration of Holy Mass in Iona Abbey at 1.00pm. For more details please contact Jim McKelvie on 07957847290 or email [j.mckelvie@holyear2025.org.uk](mailto:j.mckelvie@holyear2025.org.uk)

## PARISH FINANCE TEAM

The Parish Finance Team will meet this Tuesday at 2.45pm at the Parish House in Larkhall. This meeting will be to analyse and sign off the accounts for 2024. If you have any questions, queries or ideas you would like brought to this meeting please speak with Fr Wyllie, Mary McDermott, Irene McGoldrick, Gerry McCaughey or Patricia Weir.

## PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Planning Team will take place on Tuesday 11th March at 7.00pm in the Parish House at Larkhall. If you have any items you would like discussed at the meeting please speak with Fr Wyllie, Laura Steele, Russell McAllister, Suzanne Sherry, Scott Smith, Mary McDermott or Ciaran Reilly.

## CRUCIFIX & CELTIC CROSS NECKLACES

Our stalls have crucifix and Celtic cross necklaces for sale which would make a perfect gift for a child who is to receive their First Holy Communion, First Confession or Confirmation. The crucifix is 18 carat plated gold, the Celtic crosses are small and silver. Why not have a look?

## ST ANDREW'S HOSPICE

St Andrew's Hospice have written to thank the parishioners who donated to the Light Up A Life Badges during the month of December. On behalf of the patients and their families that are cared for and supported by the hospice they thank us for the generous response to this appeal.