

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY
15TH JUNE 2025**

DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

For as long as history has been written, the world has never been without struggle and suffering. Through the lens of television and social media, however, the suffering of the whole world appears on our personal devices. Many of us find it hard to make sense of a world in which suffering seems to press down from every direction: pandemic; war; homelessness; violence, addiction. Then, often without warning, we find ourselves when serious illness comes into our own lives.

Suffering touches every person at some point in their lives. It is often associated with illness, grief, and loss. It is not only caused by physical pain but includes emotional suffering as well as 'soul pain', such as depression and despair. Christians are not immune to this mystery and we often struggle to know how best to respond to it, and where we can find hope.



"Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Rom 5:5-6). St Paul invites us to see that Christian hope is not just naïve optimism but, rather, an unshakeable trust in the power and presence of God who is with us always. This hope can endure the darkness of human suffering and Day for Life presents an opportunity to celebrate the dignity of all human life from conception to natural end. The theme for 2025 is 'Hope Does Not Disappoint: Finding Meaning in Suffering'. That is because Christian hope is anchored in God who is Love and whose love reaches out to us and lifts us up...

Care for the sick and suffering was central to the ministry of Jesus. Jesus told the parable of the Good Samaritan as a way of explaining what it means to be a "neighbour" to another person. The Good Samaritan is someone who sees and is moved to compassion (while others turn away), who draws close, who "binds up wounds", who accompanies the person in need, and who continues to care for as long as it is needed. Often the healing Jesus offered was much more than just a physical cure; it included emotional and spiritual healing as well, because for Jesus, the human person is more than just a body needing to be fixed. Jesus invites us to "Go and do likewise" (Lk. 10:29-37).

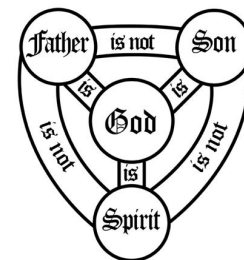
The alleviation of suffering is good and must always be part of our focus. But there remains, for many people, a suffering that cannot be taken away and has to be endured. How do we make sense of that? The claim that it is better to die than to suffer leads some people to suggest that euthanasia or assisted suicide might be more compassionate. As Christians, however, we follow Jesus who lived his entire life, including his suffering, in the confident hope that His Father loved him and would raise him up, and He did! The cross, which Jesus did not ask for and did nothing to deserve, has become a sign of hope for countless millions of people in every generation. The death and resurrection of Jesus leads us to believe that, far from being futile or absurd, a life marked by suffering, when it is lived with generosity and patience, is full of meaning...

This year's Day for Life is an invitation to pray for those who suffer and to remain with them like the Good Samaritan, bearing witness to their unique and unrepeatable value. We see this closeness in the generous and fruitful service of healthcare professionals, whose mission continues even when there is no longer any prospect of physical healing.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 15th June (St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 5.45pm)

10.00am Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity (Our Lady & St John's)
 2.30pm Baptisms (St Mary's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity (Our Lady & St John's)



Monday 16th June (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)

11.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
 12noon Holy Mass for the Feast of All Saints of Scotland (St Mary's)

Tuesday 17th June (St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)

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)
 9.55am Novena to St Anthony (Our Lady & St John's)

Wednesday 18th June (St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 7.45pm)

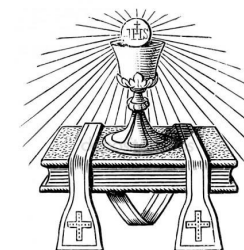
9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am (St Mary's)
 9.30am Confessions until 9.50am (St Mary's)
 10.00am Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
 6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm (Our Lady & St John's)
 6.30pm Confessions until 6.50pm (Our Lady & St John's)
 7.00pm Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

Thursday 19th June (St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 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 Thursday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)

Friday 20th June (St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)

9.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
 10.00am Holy Mass for Friday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



Saturday 21st June (St Mary's open 9.00am - 5.45pm; OLSJ closed)

4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

16th June - Feast of All Saints of Scotland - This new feast in our liturgical calendar of All Saints of Scotland recalls the many local Saints throughout Scotland's Christian history whose number is too great to be commemorated individually. It celebrates the glory of God in these many holy men and women, as well as their sharing in the Paschal Mystery of Christ. It is a calling to mind of the spiritual solidarity of the Communion of Saints, a reminder of their constant intercession for us, and of the sustaining power of the Eucharist in our pilgrim journey towards the New Jerusalem. The Feast of All Saints of Scotland was added to the Liturgical Calendar for Scotland, after approval by the Bishops of Scotland, by the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments at the Vatican in 2024.

BLESSED SACRAMENT PROCESSION

A Diocesan Blessed Sacrament Procession will take place from St Teresa's Newarthill to Carfin Grotto on the Solemnity of Corpus Christ, Sunday 22nd June. The procession will begin at 3.00pm leaving St Teresa's and making its way through the streets to finally arrive at Carfin Grotto. A special invitation is extended to the children who have received their First Holy Communion in recent weeks to take part. Fr Wyllie is considering running a bus from the parish to this special event, so if you'd like to be a part of it please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church. If there is enough uptake a bus will be booked. **There will be no 5.00pm Mass next Sunday.**



OUR PARISH MASS ATTENDANCE CENSUS FOR LAST WEEK

5.00pm - 93 10.00am - 115 12noon - 90 5.00pm - 43 **Total - 341**

PETER'S PENCE SECOND COLLECTION 12TH/13TH JULY

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations: £980.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers £420.00
Total: £1,400.00

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.

NEW GIFTAID ENVELOPES AVAILABLE

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**



LEAVERS MASSES

This week we will formally say goodbye to the Primary 7 pupils who will leave our primary schools to move to secondary school. We keep the young people in our prayers as they prepare for this transition and to implore God's blessings upon them in this new chapter in their young lives. The Leavers Mass for the pupils of St Mary's will take place on Tuesday at 1.30pm in the church and for the pupils of St John's on Thursday at 1.30pm in the school.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION

A second collection for the Church Building Fund will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Please give as generously as you always do. This collection helps with the cost of repairs and maintenance of both churches, both parish houses and both church grounds.

ABORTION LEGISLATION

This coming week in Westminster, proposals will be put forward to decriminalise abortion, meaning that abortions would be legally permitted up to the moment of birth. As Catholics we are called upon to protect and safeguard human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. We are asked by our bishops to contact our MP's to express our opposition to this bill. Please visit righttolife.org.uk/uptobirth to contact our MP Imogen Walker.

NO BULLETIN

There will be no parish bulletin for the weekends 28th/29th June and 5th/6th July as Fr Wyllie will be on holiday. Any anniversaries, months minds, notices or intimations should be handed in by this Thursday at 12noon for inclusion in the bulletin for next weekend. The next bulletin after next week will be for the weekend of 12th/13th July.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Fr Wyllie and the pilgrims from our parish will travel on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Monday 14th July - Monday 21st July and will join with the pilgrims from St Mary's in Lanark in sharing a bus to and from the airport. If any parishioner has any intentions they would like brought to Our Lady's shrine at Lourdes then please hand them to Fr Wyllie by Sunday 13th July. Fr Wyllie will offer up Mass in Lourdes for the intentions of all parishioners.

PARISH LUNCH CLUB

The Parish Hall

THURSDAY 26TH JUNE

MASS AT 12.30PM

FOLLOWED BY LUNCH IN THE PARISH HALL



SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE XAVERIAN FATHERS 28TH/29TH JUNE

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

RIP - Frank Flannigan, Tommy Nayles (Shotts), George Hutchieson, Christopher Ramsey, Gerard Dorrian

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - Michael James Fleming, Anne Smith Morton, Alec Morton, Margo Munn, Frank McCorry,

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

PARISH FRIDAY DRINKS

Due to the success of the Parish Friday Drinks in bringing people together and generating great income for the parish, the Parish Friday Drinks is extended to every Friday. In order to make things easier for those working behind the bar it will be card only at the bar or exact cash. Parish Friday Drinks will take place unless there is a private function or parish event on the Friday evening or when the hall needs to be set up and arranged for a function on the Saturday. All parishioners are invited to come along and enjoy some beverages, good company and support the parish.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Saturday 16th August	Parish BBQ	Parish Hall	7.00pm
Friday 5th September	Parish International Night	Parish Hall	7.00pm
Sunday 7th September	Parish Forty Hours	OLSJ	12noon
Friday 3rd October	Parish Race Night	Parish Hall	7.00pm
Saturday 1st November	Parish Family Halloween Party	Parish Hall	6.30pm
Friday 28th November	Parish Grown-up's Ceilidh	Parish Hall	7.00pm
Monday 8th December	St Mary's Patronal Feast Day	St Mary's	11.00am
Wednesday 31st December	Parish Hogmanay Party	Parish Hall	8.00pm

JUNE - MONTH OF THE SACRED HEART

The month of June is dedicated to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, reminding us of the love and mercy with which we are loved by Christ. We also pray in a particular way for priests during this month, that they may have hearts to love and serve God and His people. Each day during this month we will pray for the priests of our diocese. This week we pray for:

15th June	Fr Dominic Quinn	Parish Priest of St Leonard's East Kilbride, Dean of East Kilbride & Rutherglen
	Fr Kenneth Campbell	Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes East Kilbride
	Fr Romanus Enyinnia	Administrator of St Vincent de Paul East Kilbride
16th June	Fr Michael Brown	Parish Priest of Our Lady & St Joseph's Glenboig
	Fr Cyril Rodrigues	Parish Priest of St Cadoc's Halfway
17th June	Fr Harry O'Brien	Parish Priest of St Mary's Hamilton
	Fr Charles Dornan	Parish Priest of St Ninian's Hillhouse
18th June	Fr Charles O'Farrell	Parish Priest of Our Lady & St Anne's Hamilton, Diocesan Vocations Director, Dean of Hamilton
	Fr Francis King	Parish Priest of St Peter's Hamilton
19th June	Fr John-Paul McShane	Parish Priest of St Mary's Lanark, Chaplain to the State Hospital, Carstairs & Dean of Wishaw
	Fr Sean Wyllie	Parish Priest of St Mary's Larkhall & Our Lady & St John's Blackwood, Diocesan Vocations Promoter
20th June	Fr Emmanuel Ikpa	Administrator of St Michael's Moodiesburn
	Fr Krzysztof Garwolinski	Parish Priest of Holy Family Mossend, Diocesan Polish Chaplain
21st June	Fr Kenneth O'Brien	Parish Priest of St Barbara's Muirhead & St Joseph's Stepps, Diocesan Canonical Advisor
	Fr Daniel Rooney	Assistant Priest of St Barbara's Muirhead & St Joseph's Stepps
	Fr Charles Coyle	Co-ordinator of Pastoral & Spiritual Formation at St Andrew's Foundation Glasgow University