

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
13TH AUGUST 2023

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

PARISH BARBEQUE

The Parish BBQ proved to be a great success last year and so, next Saturday evening, **19th August**, from 6.30pm we will come together again for some food, drink, chat and hopefully good weather. There will be games etc for the children too. If the weather is good to us the food will be served and eaten outside. The alcohol license permits us to have alcoholic drinks outside from 6.30pm until 8.30pm, drinks should be purchased from the Bar. After 8.30pm alcoholic drinks must be consumed in the Hall.

The food on sale will come with a small charge and the drinks from the Bar will be charged at normal prices. A raffle will take place too, and donations of raffle prizes will be very gratefully received. Please hand in any raffle prizes to either of the churches by this coming Friday morning.

Names on list by the end of this weekend please.

A short meeting for all those who would be able to help organise and set up this event, as well as allocate jobs, will take place tomorrow evening (Monday) at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall. Please give generously of your time and energy to help make this BBQ as much of a success as last years.



PARISH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Again, last year we had our first Parish International Night, to celebrate the many cultures which make up our parish community with dishes cooked from many different countries where our parishioners originate from. It would be great if those who took part in cooking last year would be able to do the same again, and also to any new parishioners to cook a dish from their country of family origin. If you could help with cooking dishes then please email Fr Wyllie or speak with him after Mass this weekend.

Last year we could not have a Mass prior to the food, but this year we will have a Mass beginning at 6.30pm on **Friday 8th September** followed by the International Night in the Parish Hall. The Mass will hopefully include prayers in the languages represented here in the parish.

There was a great number of parishioners who came along and supported this event last year, so please come along to the Mass and to the buffet-style meal afterwards.

At this event the Bar will be open and there will also be a raffle, so any donations of raffle prizes would be very gratefully received.

The Parish Hall will be set up for the event on the Thursday evening at 6.30pm, so if you could lend a hand to decorate and move furniture it would be really appreciated.



THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 13th August	<i>St Mary's open 9.00am until 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am until 5.45pm</i>
10.00am	Holy Mass for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
Monday 14th August	<i>Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm</i>
11.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Maximilian Kolbe (St Mary's)
Tuesday 15th August	<i>St Mary's open 7.45am until 7.45pm; OLSJ 9.00am until 4.00pm</i>
8.00am	Brief Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady (St Mary's)
9.30am	Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady (Our Lady & St John's)
7.00pm	Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady (St Mary's)
Wednesday 16th August	<i>St Mary's open 9.00am until 10.45am; OLSJ open 9.00am until 4.00pm</i>
9.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
Thursday 17th August	<i>St Mary's closed; OLSJ open 9.00am until 4.00pm</i>
9.00am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am	Holy Mass for Thursday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
Friday 18th August	<i>Both churches open 9.00am until 4.00pm</i>
9.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass for Friday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
Saturday 19th August	<i>St Mary's open 9.00am until 6.00pm; OLSJ closed</i>
4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm	Vigil Mass for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

14th August - Memoria of St Maximilian Kolbe - Raymond Kolbe was born in 1894. He was cruelly deprived of his father, hanged by Russians as a traitor. He joined the Conventual Franciscan friars, taking the names Maximilian Maria and studied in Rome. Ordained in 1918, he returned to Poland and taught in a seminary in Krakow. He had a special devotion to the Immaculate Virgin Mary and, in addition to operating a radio station, he published several periodicals, magazines and articles, mainly in Marian subjects. In 1941 the German occupying forces arrested him and he was interned in Auschwitz. When one prisoner escaped, the authorities (to deter further attempts) decided to starve ten others to death. One of those chosen implored to be exempt because he had a wife and children, and Maximilian volunteered to be his substitute. Two weeks later, nine had starved to death but Maximilian was still alive, so a guard was ordered to give him a lethal injection. He died on 14th August 1941. The man whose life was saved by St Maximilian was present at the Vatican when Pope John Paul II declared Maximilian a saint of the Church. St Maximilian is honoured as the patron saint of drug addicts and those with eating disorders.

15th August - Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - As early as the fourth century Christians believed that Mary, the mother of Jesus was assumed body and soul into heaven. This was solemnly defined by Pope Pius XII before a massive crowd in St Peter's Square on 1st November 1950. There is no scriptural account of this event, but Catholic and Orthodox tradition has observed this Solemnity from the earliest times. Throughout the world in many different countries today is celebrated as a nationwide public holiday in Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chile, Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cyprus, East Timor, France, Gabon, Greece, Georgia, Republic of Guinea, Haiti, Italy, Lebanon, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Republic of North Macedonia, Madagascar, Malta, Mauritius, Republic of Moldova, Monaco, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Slovenia, Spain, Syria, Tahiti, Togo, and Vanuatu.

FR HUGH KELLY

Fr Hugh Kelly will celebrate the weekend Masses on Saturday 26th and Sunday 27th August 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.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£915.00
Standing Orders:	£450.00
TOTAL:	£1,365.00

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.

ST MARY'S CARPET CLEANING & PAINTING OF CHURCH

The carpet in St Mary's will be professionally cleaned this Wednesday after the morning Mass. As a result of this, the church will be closed from after Mass on Wednesday morning until Friday at 9.00am to allow the carpet time to dry. The painter will also be here this week to give a quote for the repainting which we hope will take place late September/early October.

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

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

MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

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

TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER

8.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.30am
9.30am	Holy Mass with Commissioning for the Pope Francis Faith Award
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
7.00pm	Closing Mass with Blessing of the new statue of Our Lady & Community Garden
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 - James Kelly, Agnes McCluskie, Jim Campbell (Erskine), Mary Toal, Eilidh Toal

MONTHS MINDS, ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES - Mary Corr, Jennifer Cochran, William Tait, Jimmy Weir, Madge & Frank Flannigan, Gerard Wyllie

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.

NEW SCHOOL YEAR

On Wednesday of this week the boys and girls together with their teachers and school staff will begin a new school year. We ask God to bless each of them as they embark on this new academic session and all they undertake over the next few months. The children from St John's & St Mary's Primaries will be very involved with various initiatives, Sacramental preparation, attending Masses and other devotions here in the parish and in school. An invitation will be sent to the parents/carers of each child in our schools inviting them to Mass in our parish.

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. If you would be interested in travelling to the National Pilgrimage on a bus run from the parish then please place your name on the list at the back of the church by the end of today. If there are sufficient numbers then a bus will be booked. **There will be no 5.00pm Mass on Sunday 3rd September.**



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.