

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8TH SEPTEMBER 2024

PARISH FORTY HOURS ADORATION

Our annual period of Forty Hours Adoration begins this weekend in St Mary's. Everyone is warmly invited and encouraged to be a part of all that is going on over the next three days. Please support this special moment of prayer, adoration and love of the Blessed Sacrament.

SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

- 10.00am Opening Mass of the Forty Hours
10.40am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
until 6.30pm
12noon Recitation of the Holy Rosary
3.00pm The Divine Mercy Chaplet
3.00pm Confessions until 3.45pm
6.30pm Vespers with Benediction

MONDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

- 8.00am Brief Mass followed by
Adoration until 12noon
12noon Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick
12.45pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
12.45pm Confessions until 1.15pm
Afternoon visits from the school children
6.00pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm Confessions until 6.45pm
7.00pm Holy Hour concluding with Benediction

TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER

- 8.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
9.00am Confessions until 9.50am
10.00am Holy Mass followed by Adoration until 7.00pm
12noon Angelus & Recitation of the Holy Rosary
Afternoon visits from the school children
7.00pm Closing Mass of the Forty Hours



**THERE ARE STILL HALF HOUR SLOTS FOR WATCHING & ADORING OVER THE NEXT THREE DAYS.
IF YOU'RE FREE PLEASE COMMIT TO SPENDING SOME TIME BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.**

**THIS WEEK IS VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK,
PLEASE PRAY FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**



**Our Lady of Fatima Parish where we are inclusive
and all are welcome to live and grow in faith.**



THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 8th September

10.00am	Holy Mass for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

Sunday Monday & Tuesday schedule on front page of bulletin

No Mass in Our Lady & St John's on Tuesday 10th September

Wednesday 11th September

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 Twenty-Third 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 Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)

Thursday 12th September

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 Memoria of the Most Holy Name of Mary (Our Lady & St John's)

Friday 13th September

9.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass for the Memoria of St John Chrysostom (St Mary's)
6.00pm	Receiving of Body (St Mary's)

Saturday 14th September

10.00am	Requiem Mass for Margaret Brady (St Mary's)
4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm	Vigil Mass for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

9th September - Memoria of St Peter Claver - St Peter Claver was born in 1580 in Catalonia and, becoming a Jesuit, went to Latin America and specifically Columbia as his place of mission. For thirty-three years he worked among slaves, often going on board the ships as they arrived from Africa, their human cargo terrified, weak, starving and very sick. He showed care and compassion for them and gave them religious instruction. He is said to have baptised more than 300,000 slaves as well as offering them the other sacraments. He ensured the Christian slaves received their Christian and civil rights. He also evangelised the sailors and traders too. He died in 1654 and is the patron saint of African Americans and enslaved people.

12th September - Memoria of the Most Holy Name of Mary - The name of Mary is regarded as holy because it is the name of the Mother of God, her who brought the Saviour into the world. The Feast of the Most Holy Name of Mary was added to the Universal Calendar in 1684 by Blessed Pope Innocent XI, commemorating the defeat of the Turks as they tried to invade Europe through Vienna: a powerful example of the might of the Blessed Virgin Mary's intercession.

13th September - Memoria of St John Chrysostom - St John Chrysostom was born in 347. The adjective 'Chrysostom' by which he was known means 'golden mouthed', i.e., eloquent. He trained as an advocate but, after six years as a monk, took holy orders - deacon, priest and, in 398, Archbishop of Constantinople (modern day Istanbul). He built hospitals, reformed the clergy, sent monks to be missionaries and, for criticising the vices of the rulers of Constantinople, was deposed and banished in 403. Still in exile, he died for years later in 407. He was reburied honourably in Constantinople in 418. He is the patron of preachers.

14th September - Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross - The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross commemorates the rescue of the relic of the True Cross by Emperor Heraclius in 629 after it had been captured by the Persians; it also marks the original dedication of the Church of the Holt Sepulchre, where relics of the Cross were kept, in 335. The Feast celebrates the Cross, the instrument of our salvation. The Cross is a great and powerful sign of God's love for us - a love stronger than death - and also a daily reality in our lives: the only true path to holiness. We pray for the staff and pupils of Holy Cross High School on this day.

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations: £730.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers: £1,642.00
Total: £2,372.00

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.

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**



SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHURCH STUDENTS

This weekend at all Masses throughout the Diocese we are asked to support the annual collection for Church Students (Seminarians). It costs in the region of £25,000.00 to train one seminarian annually. Please be as generous as you can in helping train our future priests.

PROJECT WELLSRING PARISH DISCUSSION

The Parish Discussion, which is an opportunity for the parish to come together and speak about various aspects of parish life, will take place on Tuesday 24th September in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm with tea and coffee. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend and take part in this meeting on Tuesday 24th September. Please make a special effort to come along.

MARY'S MEALS

A representative from Mary's Meals will visit our parish next weekend to give us an update of all the work they are doing on our behalf in the poorest regions of our world. There will be a bucket collection outside the church next weekend for those who wish to contribute to the work Mary's Meals are carrying out. Louisa and Bethany will also be selling homemade jams and scones at the conclusion of the 12noon Mass. Please support these young girls in their efforts to raise funds for Mary's Meals.

BLESSING OF THE NEW PRIMARY ONE PUPILS

The blessing of the new Primary One pupils from both our primary schools will take place on:

Wednesday 18th September	2.30pm	St John's Primary School
Thursday 19th September	2.15pm	St Mary's Primary School

PARISH HALL TEAM UPDATE

The Parish Hall Team met on Wednesday of last week. It was agreed that the majority of the current PVC doors need replaced (the main doors, the back patio doors and the cellar door). This work will be completed in October. The roof of the cellar area is also in need of being replaced, this was carried out on Tuesday of last week, along with re-siting of some downpipes and the replacing of a few broken tiles and cracked lead on the main Hall roof.

CONGRATULATIONS

As a parish we offer our prayerful congratulations and best wishes to Charley Williamson who was received into full communion with the Catholic Church on Friday evening. May God bless her.

HUGE THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all those who planned, prepared, worked at and supported the Parish BBQ on 24th August. The evening was a huge success, bringing over 150 parishioners together and also generating over £2,600.00 for the parish. Thank you to everyone involved. Many thanks too, to all those who came along, organised, contributed, cooked and worked at the Parish International Night. It was a great success. Again, thank you so much for your support.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Rita Blair, Pat Whalin, Declan McDonald, Gary Biggar, Paul McMurray, Annette Thomson, Margaret Craig, Kathleen Brannigan, Aaron Mulligan, Noel Bennetts, Bill Sidzworth, Stephen Fleming, Marion Bryson

RIP - Margaret Brady (Receiving Friday at 6.00pm; Requiem Mass Saturday at 10.00am), Mary Tierney (Carfin), Kathleen McDougall, Paul Clark

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES & BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE - Phil Bryson, John McManus, Paul Keane, Rosina Canavan, Kathleen Burke

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

MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES

The Parish Hall

FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER

7.00pm until Late

Music with Jane Henderson

Tickets - £5.00



HOLIDAY WEEKEND DRINKS

The Parish Hall

FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER

2.00pm until 7.00pm

All parishioners are invited to pop in throughout the afternoon!



PARISH FINANCE TEAM MEETING

The next Parish Finance Team meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th September at 2.50pm in St Mary's Parish House. This meeting will primarily be for reviewing the income/expenditure of June, July & August as well as discussing the projects which will be undertaken on the Parish Hall and other small repairs required around our parish properties. The members of this group are: Fr Wyllie, Mary McDermott, Gerry McCaughey, Irene McGoldrick & Patricia Weir.

VOCATIONS PRAYER CARDS

In his role as Vocations Promoter for the diocese, Fr Wyllie has prepared prayer cards for each parish to have available for parishioners to take home and pray this prayer every day. In our parish we will use this prayer at the conclusion of our times of adoration, at the conclusion of the Holy Rosary and at the end of weekday and weekend Masses. Please bring this prayer card with you to Mass each week or leave some on the table at the back of the church for use each day. It is so important to listen to Christ's words - "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers into his harvest".



FOODBANK COLLECTION

Our monthly collection for the local foodbank will take place on Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd September. The foodbank would be grateful for good quality plastic bags for them to be able to bag up the foodstuffs to give out. All food, quality plastic bags and monetary donations will all be gratefully received.

AUCHLOCHAN MASS & LUNCH

The next Auchlochan Mass and Lunch will take place on Thursday 26th September with Mass beginning at 12.30pm. Please let Betty McGonagle know if you wish to attend.