

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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Our Lady & Saint John's Blackwood

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**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**2ND OCTOBER 2022**

St Mary's  
Raploch Road  
Larkhall, ML9 1AN

## THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

### THE MYSTERIES OF THE HOLY ROSARY

#### The Glorious Mysteries

*Prayed on Sundays and Wednesdays*

1. The Resurrection of the Lord
2. The Ascension of the Lord into Heaven
3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost
4. The Assumption of Our Lady into Heaven
5. Coronation of Our Lady as Queen of Heaven

#### The Joyful Mysteries

*Prayed on Mondays, Thursdays and Saturdays*

1. The Annunciation to Our Lady
2. The Visitation of Our Lady
3. The Nativity of Our Lord
4. The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple
5. The Finding of Our Lord in the Temple

#### The Sorrowful Mysteries

*Prayed on Tuesdays and Fridays*

1. The Agony of Our Lord in the Garden
2. The Scourging of Our Lord at the Pillar
3. The Crowning of Our Lord with Thorns
4. The Carrying of the Cross
5. The Crucifixion & Death of Our Lord

#### The Luminous Mysteries

*Can be prayed on Thursdays*

1. The Baptism of Our Lord
2. The Wedding at Cana
3. The Proclamation of the Kingdom & Call to Conversion
4. The Transfiguration of Our Lord
5. The Institution of the Holy Eucharist



### The Hail Holy Queen

Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

### Fatima Prayer

O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to heaven especially those in most need of thy mercy.

# THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

## Sunday 2nd October

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

## Monday 3rd October

11.30am	Recitation of the Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for Monday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

## Tuesday 4th October

8.30am	Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Francis of Assisi (Our Lady & St John's)
9.00am	Recitation of the Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am	Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Francis of Assisi (Our Lady & St John's)

## Wednesday 5th October

8.30am	Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
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-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
6.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm (Our Lady & St John's)
7.00pm	Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)
7.30pm	Blessing of Pets in Church Carpark (Our Lady & St John's)

## Thursday 6th October

9.00am	Recitation of the Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am	School Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Our Lady & St John's)

## Friday 7th October

9.30am	Recitation of the Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am	School Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary with PFFA Commissioning (St Mary's)

## Saturday 8th October

4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm
5.00pm	Vigil Mass for the Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

**PLEASE CONSIDER COMING TO WEEKDAY MASS WHEN YOU ARE ABLE**

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**4th October - Memoria of St Francis of Assisi** - Although born Giovanni Bernadone in 1181, he got the nickname 'Il Francesco' because of his style as a youth which was thought French-like. Son of a very rich Assisi merchant, his early ostentation ceased when, in 1205, he began to devote himself to care for the sick and the poor. The following year, he was inspired to rebuild the ruined little church of San Damiano (which he saw God as God's wish that the entire Catholic Church had to be rebuilt). Francis therefore chose to renounce his patrimony and live as a hermit in total poverty. His zeal was infectious; soon he had eleven brothers and he drew up a rule which Pope Innocent III orally approved; it laid down the basic rules of chastity, poverty and obedience. He himself had been ordained to be a deacon. In 1219, at the first general assembly, 5000 brothers were present. Francis visited Egypt in 1223 and preached before the Muslim sultan; from this came the special privileges which the Franciscans have, called the 'Custody' of the Holy Land, being guardians of the Holy Sepulchre and other shrines. Back in Italy, Francis received the stigmata in 1224. Through his example and advice, St Clare founded the Franciscan way for women, initially the Poor Clares. St Francis was the first to introduce the practice of a Christmas crib in churches. He is associated with a love for animals and an esteem for the natural world (making him a favourite of environmentalists nowadays). He died in 1226, leaving letters, sermons, treatises and hymns. He is the patron of animals and ecology.

## VIGIL MASS TIME CHANGE

**From this weekend, our Vigil Mass will be celebrated at 5.00pm.**

## BLESSING OF PETS

Blessing of Pets will take place this Wednesday at 7.30pm outside Our Lady & St John's.

## FR WYLLIE'S HOLIDAY

From Friday 14th October, Fr Wyllie will be taking his two weeks summer holidays, returning to the parish on Monday 31st October. During that time, Fr Philip Caldwell, a priest of the Diocese of Salford will supply in the parish. Fr Caldwell was a lecturer in St Mary's College Oscott when Fr Wyllie was there as a seminarian. He will cover the Masses from Friday 14th until Sunday 23rd October. Fr Kevin Lawrie, the Parish Priest of St Teresa's, Newarthill, will celebrate the 5.00pm Mass in Our Lady & St John's on Sunday 23rd October. From Monday 24th - Friday 28th October there will be no weekday Masses in the parish. Fr Gerry Maguinness, a priest of this diocese who is currently the General Secretary to the Bishops Conference of Scotland, will cover the weekend Masses on 29th and 30th October. There will be no 12noon Mass on 31st October. Fr Wyllie will return to the parish on the evening of 31st October.

**There will be a bulletin on Sunday 16th October, then there will be no bulletin until Sunday 6th November, so any anniversaries or notices should be handed in by noon on Thursday 13th Oct.**

### PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£700.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£100.00
Stall:	£25.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£825.00</b>

**Many thanks for your very generous support**

*Giftaid forms can be found at the back of the church for parishioners who pay UK Tax.*

### BAR STAFF FOR PARISH HALL

Fr Wyllie is appealing for parishioners to help with serving at the bar for functions in our Parish Hall. If you would be able to help out on occasion with joining a pool of other parishioners who already help, then please speak with him or email him at: [ourladyoffatima@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:ourladyoffatima@rcdom.org.uk)

### HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On Tuesday 1st November we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints, a day when Catholics are obliged to come to Mass. This is the day when we recall and celebrate all the saints in heaven, those well-known and those ordinary men, women and children who are with God in his kingdom of heaven. The Masses for this Solemnity are as follows:

<b>8.00am</b>	Holy Mass	<i>St Mary's</i>
<b>9.30am</b>	School Mass	<i>Our Lady &amp; St John's</i>
<b>10.30am</b>	School Mass	<i>St Mary's</i>
<b>7.00pm</b>	Holy Mass	<i>Our Lady &amp; St John's</i>

Please keep a note of these Mass times.

### LIGHT BITE AFTER MASS

On Sunday 16th October, we will have our Light Bite after the 12noon Mass with rolls and sausage, teas and coffees and juice available for sale. All parishioners are warmly invited and encouraged to pop into the hall for this parish event.

### 140TH ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Toal will celebrate a special Mass of Thanksgiving for the 140th anniversary of the opening of Our Lady & St John's on Thursday 13th October at 7.00pm. All parishioners are warmly invited to the Mass and the celebration afterwards in the Parish Hall. This special milestone should have been marked in the December of 2020, but due to Covid we were unable to celebrate it in the way we should have. If you would be able to help in any way with the organisation of this celebration or getting the church organised then please speak with Fr Wyllie over the next few days.

### MISSION SUNDAY

Mission Sunday will be observed this year on 23rd October with prayers offered for the work of the Church in mission lands. A second collection will be taken up at all Masses that weekend to support the Church with our financial and practical assistance.

### DEACON COLUM MARTIN

This weekend we extend a warm welcome to Deacon Colum Martin who will deacon our Sunday Masses. Deacon Colum was ordained to the Diaconate at the end of June and has returned to the diocese to minister in the parish of St John the Baptist's, Uddingston. We keep him very much in our prayers as he prepares for his priestly ordination over the next few months.

### CONGRATULATIONS

As a parish we extend our warmest congratulations and best wishes to Ben Fitzgerald and Amy Logan who were married in Our Lady & St John's on Friday afternoon. We pray that God will bless them both abundantly as they begin their married life together.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SICK** - Selina Gold, 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** - Ellen Brannigan (*Receiving - Sunday 9th October at 6.30pm; Requiem Mass - Monday 10th October at 12noon*), Maureen Hutchens, Philip Bryson, Cathie Tierney (East Kilbride), Allison Douglas

**MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES** - Charles Morrison, The Morrison, Maguire & McStay Families, Maggie Maguire, Phil Maguire (S.A.), Jimmy Laverty, Ella Laverty

## CELEBRATING THE 140TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S

Next week we will celebrate the 140th anniversary of the opening of Our Lady & St John's. Here are a few things which Fr Wyllie invites parishioners to take part in:

**Cleaning of the church grounds on Saturday 8th October from 10.30am** - We will tidy the grounds around the perimeter of the church to tidy the place for the visit of the bishop. Men, women and children can come along and do a little bit of work to make the place look tidy. We will need parishioners to help with weeding, sweeping and other bits and pieces. Many hands make light work, so please be generous with your time.

**Preparing the church on Thursday 13th October** - There will be no morning Mass in Our Lady & St John's on the morning of the 13th October, instead we are appealing for help in cleaning the church, putting on the altar linens, helping with the setting up of the church and the sanctuary. If you can lend a hand then please come along for 10.30am that morning.

**140th Anniversary Mass on Thursday 13th October at 7.00pm** - His Lordship Bishop Toal will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on Thursday 13th October at 7.00pm in Our Lady & St John's. All parishioners are very warmly invited to this Mass. Representatives from the school and clergy who have served in the parish have been invited too.

**Celebratory Buffet & Parish Function after the Mass** - After the Mass on Thursday 13th October, there will be an opportunity to come together in the Hall for a buffet and refreshments. There will be a prosecco and orange juice reception on arrival and the bar will be open for parishioners to purchase drinks. All parishioners are invited to come along.

**Light Bite after the 12noon Mass on Sunday 16th October** - The parish will have an opportunity to come together again on Sunday 16th October for the Light Bite after 12noon Mass.

## INVITATION TO PARENTS & CHILDREN

Fr Wyllie has sent out a special invitation to every pupil in our two primary schools and their parents, inviting them to join us the celebration of Sunday Mass. He would like to thank Mrs Colgan and Mrs McCart for their support in helping us reach out to the young people and their families. We currently have 155 children in our primary schools, although not all of them are Catholic, so we hope that some of the parents and children will respond to this warm invitation to join us for the celebration of Mass each week, giving time to God and joining together as a parish community to praise him and help one another on our journey of life.

## GLAINNE-MARA MHICHEIL

Michael Smith, one of our altar servers, is raising money for charity by making upcycled craft items using sea glass, slate and shells. Some of these have been gathered from the islands of Barra and Vatersay, others from more local beaches. He is holding a sale of his work in the Hall after 12noon Mass on Sunday 16th October and will donate all funds raised that day to the St Vincent de Paul. Examples of the crafts can be seen on his Facebook page, Glainne Mara.

## THE LITTLE CHILDREN'S MARKET

The Little Children's Market is coming to Larkhall. We bring you quality, preloved baby & children's items to support the local community. Our next event is in Larkhall Leisure Centre on Sunday 9th October, 11.00am - 12:30pm. All parishioners are invited along.