

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**25TH AUGUST 2024**

## VISIT OF THE PAPAL NUNCIO

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Pope's Ambassador to Great Britain, the Papal Nuncio, has graciously accepted my invitation to visit our Diocese. Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia will be present with us from the evening of Friday 30th August until his return to London on Monday 2nd September. I ask you to join with me in welcoming him, particularly at the Masses he will celebrate with us. These are as follows:

### FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST AT 7.00PM

This will be a Solemn Mass of Welcome in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, celebrating the communion of the Diocese in the Universal Church led by our Holy Father, the Pope. I have already invited the clergy to attend and encouraged them to nominate some parishioners to come so that each parish feels included. The invitation to this and the other Masses is extended to all of you, so please feel welcome to attend the Mass and the reception afterwards in St Bride's Centre. **(All parishioners are invited to attend this Mass to represent our parish)**

### SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST AT 10.00AM

Archbishop Buendia will celebrate the Saturday morning Mass in honour of Our Lady, Fountain of Salvation, and its particular focus will be to pray for the continued progress of Project Wellspring, the Motherwell programme for pastoral renewal. I propose we make this Saturday morning Mass for the whole of the Diocese. It is particularly hoped that those who are involved in Wellspring in the parishes and in the diocesan missions will attend this Mass and come afterwards to St Bride's Centre for a presentation on Wellspring and discussion on its development. This is scheduled to last from 11.30am until 2.30pm and will include lunch. I have asked that four people from each parish accompany the parish clergy. **(Members of Project Wellspring Working Group are invited)**

### SUNDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER AT 3.00PM

His Excellency will be the main celebrant at the National Pilgrimage Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at Carfin. The theme for the Pilgrimage this year is Pilgrims of Prayer, in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Bishop Frank Dougan of Galloway will be the homilist. Everybody is most welcome to attend. **(Bus leaves Blackwood at 1.15pm; Larkhall at 1.30pm)**

I realise that to have three special Masses on consecutive days is quite demanding but I hope that you will be able to participate and ensure that we give a very special welcome to our Papal Nuncio and assure him of our loyalty to, and our supportive prayers for, Our Holy Father.

With my own prayers and best wishes in the Lord,

✠ Joseph Toal



**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 25th August

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

## Monday 26th August

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

## Tuesday 27th August

- 9.00am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)  
9.30am Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

## Wednesday 28th August

- 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 the Memoria of St Augustine (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 the Memoria of St Augustine (Our Lady & St John's)

## Thursday 29th August

- 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 Passion of St John the Baptist (Our Lady & St John's)

## Friday 30th August

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

## Saturday 31st August

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



## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**27th August - Memoria of St Monica** - St Monica was born around 332, a North African Catholic woman whose prayers, pleading and example helped both her husband Patricius and her son Augustine to be converted and baptised. Augustine was in Milan, where Monica went and saw him baptised. They were on their way back from the baptism to Africa when Monica fell ill and died at Ostia, the then port of Rome, in 387. Her long and patient efforts and prayers for her husband and son are a model and inspiration to encourage many wives, mothers and grandmothers today. She is the patron of alcoholics, victims of abuse and adultery, widows, and mothers facing family difficulties.

**28th August - Memoria of St Augustine** - This great saint was born to Patricius and Monica in Northern Africa (in present day Algeria) in 354. Extremely intelligent, he crossed to Europe as a young man and, after a short time in Rome, went to Milan. He had a brilliant career there, but still unbaptised, also lived a rather dissolute life. He fathered Adeodatus who died at a young age. Encouraged by the presence of his mother, Augustine received baptism and returned, a committed Catholic, to North Africa. Such was his renown that he was made bishop of the city of Hippo. An outstanding writer and preacher, his books and sermons became (and still are) extremely influential in the Church. He died in 430. He is patron of brewers, printers, theologians.

**29th August - Memoria of the Passion of St John the Baptist** - The Gospels relate how St John the Baptist fearlessly condemned Herod Antipas's unlawful marriage to Herodias, who had been previously married to his half-brother. The outraged Herodias had him imprisoned. In a moment of weakness Herod promised to grant the heart's desire of Salome, the daughter of Herodias. She asked for the head of St John the Baptist on a dish, he was killed and his head presented to her.

**31st August - Optional Memoria of St Aidan** - St Aidan was an Irish monk who joined the community at Iona and was sent to preach the Gospel in Northumbria. He was consecrated bishop and settled on the island of Lindisfarne, with the support of King St Oswald and his successor St Oswin. After St Aidan's death in 651, Lindisfarne continued to produce many saints.

## PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£2,670.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£1,180.00
Church Building Fund:	£345.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£4,195.00</b>

**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**



## NO SUNDAY EVENING MASS

**Due to the National Pilgrimage being held at Carfin Grotto on Sunday 1st September, there will be no Sunday 5.00pm Mass in Our Lady & St John's that day.**

## PROJECT WELLSRING WORKING GROUP

The Project Wellspring Working Group will have its next meeting in the Parish House at St Mary's this coming Tuesday, 27th August, at 6.30pm. This meeting will provide an opportunity to prepare and plan for the Parish Discussion, an opportunity for the parish to come together and speak about various aspects of parish life, which will take place on Tuesday 24th September in the Parish Hall at 6.30pm. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend and take part in this meeting on Tuesday 24th September.

## ST JOHN'S SSVP STUDENT GRANTS

The St Vincent de Paul Society have small grants available for students who are about to undertake or continue further/higher education. If you are interested and would like to take advantage of this offer please speak to one of the SSVP at the back of church over the next few weekends. The members of the SSVP are: Betty McGonagle, Russell, McAllister, Veronica Dunn, Margaret Corrigan, Ronnie Lynch and Maureen Martin.

## ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PARENT COUNCIL

The St Mary's Primary School Parent Council AGM will take place on Tuesday 27th August at 6.30pm in the school. All parents are welcome to come along. They are always looking for new members. The Parent Council does wonderful work in helping the school to provide so much for our young people, so if you're able to give some of your time and talents by being part of this group please head along. Margaret Laird is our Parish Representative on the Parent Council.

## KIRKMUIRHILL PARISH CHURCH

The Guild President at Kirkmuirhill Parish Church would like to extend an invitation to their opening social on Tuesday 3rd September at 7.00pm. "Harmony Trio" will provide the musical entertainment with Tea and Coffee served afterwards. All parishioners are cordially invited to attend this opening social.

# PARISH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

The Parish Hall

## FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

6.30pm - International Mass

7.30pm - International Meal

**NAMES ON LIST AT BACK OF CHURCH**



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

**RIP** - Philip Newall, Sandra Robertson, Raymond Higgins, Josephine Smith, Anthony McDermott, Joseph McGonagle (Troon)

**MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES** - Jimmy Weir, John C. Gowans, Elaine Begley, John McLaughlin, Hugh Blair, Thomas McDonagh, Patrick & Ann Grant, Jim & Helen Grant, Jack Hastie, Tony & Mary Goodwin, Margaret Girvan, Fr Adrian Noonan (Australia)

## MUSIC THROUGH THE DECADES

The Parish Hall

**FRIDAY 4TH OCTOBER**

7.00pm until Late

Music with Jane Henderson

Tickets - £5.00



## FRIDAY DRINKS

The Parish Hall

**FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER**

2.00pm until 7.00pm



## PARISH FORTY HOURS ADORATION

Our annual period of Forty Hours Adoration will take place this year in St Mary's from Sunday 8th September until Tuesday 10th September. More details will be given at the end of August but the main parts of the timetable (maybe subject to change) will be:

### SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

10.00am Holy Mass & beginning of the Forty Hours  
10.40am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.30pm  
12noon Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
3.00pm Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet  
3.00pm Confessions until 3.45pm  
6.30pm Solemn 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  
Afternoon visits from the school children  
6.00pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
6.30pm Confessions until 7.45pm  
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 HALF HOUR SLOTS FOR PRIVATE ADORATION & PRAYER.  
PLEASE PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE LISTS AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

