

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

PARISH FORTY HOURS ADORATION

Our Parish Forty Hours Adoration will take place this year in Our Lady & St John's, beginning today (Sunday) and continuing through to Tuesday evening. There are half hour slots for praying before the Blessed Sacrament over these days. Please place your name on the list at the back of the church to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is not left unattended.

This is a time of grace and blessing for us to be able to adore our Eucharistic Lord over these days. Please make a special effort to come along. All the children from St John's Primary will also have periods of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament during this time.

During these days allow the Lord's heart to speak to your heart by spending some quality time with him in prayer, reflection and thanksgiving.



SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

12noon	Solemn Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.55pm
12.40pm	Confessions until 1.00pm
3.00pm	Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm
5.00pm	Holy Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6.30pm	Solemn Evening Prayer of the Church followed by Benediction

MONDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

8.00am	Holy Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.55am
12noon	Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick followed by Adoration
3.00pm	Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm	Angelus & Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.45pm
7.00pm	Holy Hour concluding with Benediction

TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

8.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm
12noon	Angelus & Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm	Angelus & Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.45pm
7.00pm	Closing Mass followed by tea in the Parish Hall

"COULD YOU NOT WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME?"

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 7th September	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 7.30pm)</i>
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)
12.35pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 4.55pm (Our Lady & St John's)
12.40pm	Confessions until 1.00pm (Our Lady & St John's)
3.00pm	Divine Mercy Chaplet (Our Lady & St John's)
4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
5.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction (Our Lady & St John's)
6.30pm	Solemn Choral Evening Prayer with Benediction (Our Lady & St John's)
Monday 8th September	<i>(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 7.45am - 4.00pm)</i>
8.00am	Holy Mass for the Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Our Lady & St John's)
8.15am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 11.55am (Our Lady & St John's)
11.15am	Confessions until 11.45am (Our Lady & St John's)
12noon	Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick (Our Lady & St John's)
12.45pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Benediction (Our Lady & St John's)
3.00pm	Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
6.00pm	Angelus & Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.45pm (Our Lady & St John's)
7.00pm	Holy Hour concluding with Benediction (Our Lady & St John's)
Tuesday 9th September	<i>(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 7.45am - 4.00pm)</i>
8.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm (Our Lady & St John's)
12noon	Angelus & Luminous Mysteries of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
1.45pm	Visits to the church by the pupils of St John's (Our Lady & St John's)
6.00pm	Angelus & Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.45pm (Our Lady & St John's)
6.55pm	Benediction (Our Lady & St John's)
7.00pm	Closing Mass followed by Tea in the Parish Hall (Our Lady & St John's)
Wednesday 10th September	<i>(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>
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)
	NO MASS DUE TO THE DEANERY MASS IN ST BRIDE'S BOTHWELL
Thursday 11th September	<i>(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>
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 Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)
Friday 12th September	<i>(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>
9.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass for the Memoria of the Most Holy Name of Mary (St Mary's)
Saturday 13th September	<i>(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ closed)</i>
4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm	Vigil Mass for the Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

8th September - Feast of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary - The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is celebrated nine months after the Solemn Feast of her Immaculate Conception. Mary's birth is recorded, not in Sacred Scripture but in the Protoevangelium of James.

12th September - Memoria of the Most Holy Name of Mary - In Sacred Scripture we are told that Mary declared all generations will called her blessed. So we honour her as Christ's Mother and chosen by God to bring his Incarnate Son into the world.

13th September - Memoria of St John Chrysostom - St John was born in 347 and trained as an advocate but, after six years as a monk, took holy orders - deacon, priest and, in 398, archbishop of Constantinople. He built hospitals, reformed the clergy, sent monks to be missionaries and, for criticising the vices of rulers, was deposed and banished in 403. He died four years later in 407.

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£826.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers	£1,692.00
Votive Candles:	£700.00
Total:	£3,218.00

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.

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**



PARISH SAFEGUARDING

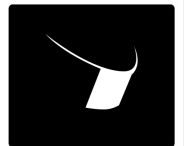
The Catholic Church in Scotland is committed to safeguarding the safety and dignity of all people in our churches and institutions especially the young and vulnerable. Every volunteer who is engaged in work with young people and vulnerable adults need to apply and receive a PVG to work in our parishes, groups and societies. Fr Wyllie will be meeting with the Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinators over the next few weeks. Our Safeguarding Co-ordinators are Nigel Davies (Our Lady & St John's) and Angela Douglas (St Mary's). Any concerns speak with them.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Vocations Awareness Week is celebrated from Sunday 14th September until Saturday 20th September. It provides us with an opportunity to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life but also to focus on the various vocations within the Church today, such as married life, parenthood, teaching and nursing. A second collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend to help the diocese fund the training of our future priests. Please give as generously as you can to this special collection.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

Bishop Toal invites everyone in the diocese to join him on Tuesday 16th September for a special Mass praying for vocations to the priesthood at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell. Please make a special effort to come together as a diocesan community to ask the Lord to send us good, faithful and holy priests.



AN INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS

Fr Wyllie would like to draw your attention to three events during our Parish Forty Hours this year. This evening the Schola Benedicti will lead us in a **Solemn Sung Vespers** at 6.30pm. Please make a special effort to come along to this special liturgy. Also, on the Monday afternoon at 12noon there will be a special **Mass with Anointing of the Sick**. If any sick parishioners need a lift to the Mass then please speak with any member of the SSVP. Also, the **Closing Mass** on Tuesday night.

HOMEMADE JAMS & SCONES

Louise and Bethany who have previously sold their delicious homemade jams and scones after the 12noon Mass will do so again on Sunday 21st September after the 12noon Mass. The girls are doing this to help raise funds for the Our Lady & St John's St Vincent de Paul. Please support these two young girls in their venture for such a worthwhile cause.

DEANERY MASS FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

Each deanery in the Diocese of Motherwell will have a special Mass with Bishop Toal and the Diocesan Jubilee Cross. The Hamilton Deanery (which we are a part of) will have a special Mass in St Bride's Bothwell on Wednesday 10th September at 7.00pm. All parishioners are warmly invited to this Mass to celebrate the Jubilee Year with others in our deanery.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

RIP - Betty Hamilton (*Receiving Sunday 14th at 3.30pm; Requiem Mass Monday 15th 12noon*), Patricia Weir, Michael Raddigan (Wishaw), Marion Hannigan, Anne Findon, Katy McMullen (Wishaw), Christopher Best (Condorrat), Kerry Peterson, Maureen Bell (Preston)

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - John McLaughlin, Hugh Blair, John McManus, Rosina Canavan, Michael Canavan

SCOTTISH NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE

The Scottish National Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto will take place next Sunday with Mass being celebrated by the Bishops of Scotland at 3.15pm. All parishioners are invited to this Mass.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The SSVP Larkhall Conference are having an outing for the over 60's in the parish. The outing will be for a High Tea in the Garden Room at Garrion Bridge Garden Centre on Wednesday 17th September at 1.00pm. The SSVP will provide a bus departing St Mary's at 12.30pm. Please place your name on the list at the back of the church.

The SSVP will celebrate a special Mass for the Feast of St Vincent de Paul In St Columba's Viewpark on 22nd September at 7.00pm. Names on the list at the back of the church.

THINKING OF BECOMING CATHOLIC?

An initial meeting will take place on Monday 6th October in St Mary's Parish House at 6.30pm for those who wish to begin the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) with a view to being received into full communion with the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday 2026 (Saturday 4th April) at the Solemn Easter Vigil. Please contact Fr Wyllie if you wish to begin this course.

PARISH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

Many thanks to all those who came along and supported our Parish International Night on Friday. As always the Mass and meal was a great success. The delicious food, great company and entertainment was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to those who organised, cooked, supported, worked behind the bar and arranged the set up and cleaning of the Hall and kitchen afterwards. The countries represented were: Scotland, England, Poland, Czechia, Lithuania, South Africa, Italy, France, Mexico, Kenya, Germany, Nigeria, Portugal, Australia, China and the USA.



PARISH STALL

Our Parish Stalls have a wide selection of cards, candles, rosaries and other religious items for sale. Why not have a look after Mass today? The stall in St Mary's is the room on the left as you leave the church and the stall in Our Lady & St John's is the room on the right as you're facing the altar.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

As a parish we convey our congratulations and prayerful good wishes to Fr Christopher Igwe who was ordained as a priest of our diocese on Wednesday evening in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, and also to Fr Christopher Fumage who was ordained in St Augustine's Coatbridge back on 3rd July. We keep our two newest priests in our prayers and those who are discerning a call to the priesthood. We have been very blessed over the past ten years to have had eleven ordinations in our diocese.

PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO COME ALONG TO WEEKDAY MASS

Weekday Masses in our parish can be found on page two of your bulletin.