

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
23RD AUGUST 2026**

SPIRITUAL & SOCIAL EVENTS

Over the next few weeks there are two major events being held in our parish, one spiritual and one spiritual. On 11th September we will hold our annual Parish International Night and from 13th - 15th September we will have our Parish Forty Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

PARISH INTERNATIONAL MASS & MEAL FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER

Fr Wyllie invites all parishioners to come along to the Mass at 6.30pm in Our Lady & St John's on Friday 11th September and then to the International Meal which will take place in the Parish Hall. There will be food cooked from the countries of origin of our parishioners. In the past we have had dishes from many countries spanning from Scotland to New Zealand and from the United States to Russia. **If you have prepared a dish in the past please do so again.** If you haven't then please consider doing so.

At a time in our society when immigration is in the spotlight it's a great thing for us to show the dynamic and thriving parish we have that's made up of many people from all over the world. **If you are able to cook a dish or provide food from your country of origin please place your name and the country of your food on the list at the back of the church.**

Fr Wyllie would be very grateful if **all those attending could place their name on the list whether they are cooking or not, so we have a rough idea of how many people** to set the hall up for. If you are able to help set up the Hall on Thursday 10th September at 6.30pm all help would be greatly appreciated.

This always proves to be a great night when we come together as one parish, united in faith and hospitality. Please make a special effort to come along and provide a dish or dishes from your country of origin.

PARISH FORTY HOURS ADORATION SUNDAY 13TH - TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

From after the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 13th September through to the 7.00pm Mass on Tuesday 15th September we will hold our annual Parish Forty Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This is a very sacred and special moment when we come together as a parish community, as individuals and as families to adore the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. **We need people to be generous with their time in signing up for half-hour slots over those days** and also to come out to the scheduled events, particularly the **Solemn Evening Prayer on the Sunday, Mass for the Sick on Monday and Closing Mass on Tuesday.** The programme for the Forty Hours is on the back page.



THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 23rd August (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 5.45pm)
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 (OLSJ)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)

Monday 24th August (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
11.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the Feast of St Bartholomew (St Mary's)
12.25pm Novena in honour of St Peregrine (St Mary's)

Tuesday 25th August (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
9.00am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Louis (Our Lady & St John's)
9.55am Novena in honour of St Anthony (Our Lady & St John's)

Wednesday 26th August (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
9.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Twenty-First Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Thursday 27th August (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
9.00am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Monica (Our Lady & St John's)

Friday 28th August (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
9.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Augustine (St Mary's)

Saturday 29th August (St Mary's 9.00am - 5.45pm; OLSJ Closed)
4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm Vigil Mass for the Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

24th August - Feast of St Bartholomew - St Bartholomew is one of the twelve apostle. We don't know much details about his life. We know that he was flayed (skinned) alive in Armenia. He is the patron saint of tanners, leather workers, and bookbinders.

25th August - Memoria of St Louis - St Louis was born in 1214 and became King of France aged eleven in 1226; until 1234, his mother, Blanche of Castile, ruled as regent. Louis IX had problems with French nobles and with Henry II of England but he is seen as a successful monarch of the Middle Ages politically, economically and personally. As King of France, he lived a truly Christian life during a golden age of his country. He led the 7th and 8th Crusades; returning from the 8th Crusade he became ill and died in Tunis, North Africa in 1270. He is the patron of France, barbers, sculptors, construction workers, prisoners, and parents of large families.

27th August - Memoria of St Monica - St Monica was born around 332 in North Africa. Her 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 then were on their way back to Africa when Monica fell ill and died in Ostia, the port of Rome in 387. Her long, patient efforts and prayers for her husband and son are a model and inspiration to encourage many wives and mothers today. She is honoured as the patron saint of mothers, wives, and homemakers, of difficult marriages, disappointing or wayward children, victims of abuse and adultery, widows, and people struggling with alcoholism.

28th August - Memoria of St Augustine - St Augustine was born in 354 to Patricius and Monica in North Africa (present day Algeria). 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 but, still unbaptised, he led a rather dissolute life. He became a Catholic due to the prayers and example of his mother, Monica. He became the bishop of the city of Hippo. An outstanding writer and preacher his works are still influential in the Church. He is a Doctor of the Church and is the patron saint of brewers, printers, theologians, and philosophers.

29th August - The Beheading of St John the Baptist - St John the Baptist was imprisoned and decapitated by Herod Antipas, for his heroic witness to the truth. He was the cousin of Jesus and was the precursor of His ministry and also his death.

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£965.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£395.00
Building Fund Collection:	£880.00
Digital Giving:	£391.00
	£2,631.00

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**



SSVP AFTERNOON TEA

St Mary's St Vincent de Paul Conference are organising an "Afternoon Tea" for seniors aged 60 and over at Garrion Bridge on Wednesday 16th September at 1.00pm. Please enter your name, contact number and any dietary requirements on the list on the notice board by 6th September.

JAMS, SCONES & BISCUITS FOR AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Louisa and Bethany will be selling their delicious jams, scones and biscuits after the 12noon Mass on Sunday 6th September. All proceeds will go to Aid to the Church in Need.

LUNCH CLUB MASS & SOCIAL

The next Parish Lunch Club Mass & Social for seniors will take place in Our Lady & St John's on Thursday 1st October with Mass beginning at 12.30pm. As always, you are very warmly invited but please let Betty McGonagle know you intend on coming along.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

The annual second collection to assist with the costs of training our future priests will take place on the weekend of 12th/13th September. Please support our future priests with your usual generosity and goodness. Any donation will be very gratefully received.

STAINED GLASS WINDOW PROJECT

We are now at the second phase of grant funding applications for the Stained Glass Window Project. The cost of the works is £50,000 and without grant funding it would leave a massive hole in the parish finances. We are hopeful that we will be successful in our application and then the works can commence. If you are in a position to give a donation to this project please specify that it is for the Stained Glass Window Project.

QR CODE & DIGITAL GIVING

The QR code can also be used to donate to the parish through your phone. Just open your camera app, hold the camera to the QR code and follow the instructions. It's simple and easy to use. Many thanks for your continued generosity to the parish.



PARISH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

A highlight of our parish social calendar is the Parish International Night which begins with a Mass at 6.30pm and followed by a meal in the Parish Hall. It shows the diversity of our parish with people coming from many different cultures and countries who make up the life of our parish. Parishioners are invited to cook a dish (starter, main course or dessert or all) from their country of origin and bring it along on Friday 11th September. The hall will be open from 5.30pm for dishes to be set up (please note that dishes cannot be cooked in the parish hall kitchen but can only be heated up). This is a great event to come together as one parish and is always a great evening. If you can cook or provide a dish please place your name on the list at the back of the church.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Mary Carter, Patricia Simpson, Gemma Barton, Paul McMurray, Marjory McMurray, Rose M. Taylor, Cathy Caven, Faith Lindsay, Pat Whalin, Stephen Fleming, Robbie Frew

RIP - Annie Kenny (Hamilton), Fr Leo Pyle (Hexham),

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - Elizabeth Gold, John Holton, Louise Gonnella, Marie Campbell, George & Cathie Gibney, Catherine Ann Bews, Elizabeth Sherry, Margaret Brady, Patricia Weir, Thomas McDonagh, Patrick & Ann Grant, Jim & Helen Grant, Jack Hastie, Mary & Tony Goodwin

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

Bishop Toal invites the whole diocese to a special Mass at Motherwell Cathedral to pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life this Tuesday at 7.00pm. Please make a special effort to join together as a diocese to implore the Lord to send us more priests to serve our parishes.

BUILDING FUND COLLECTION & DIGITAL GIVING - £1,080.00. MANY THANKS.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN

The annual National Pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto will take place this year on Sunday 6th September with a concelebrated Mass with the bishops of Scotland at 3.00pm. All welcome.

PARISH FORTY HOURS ADORATION

Our annual Parish Forty Hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in St Mary's from Sunday 13th September through to Tuesday 15th September. There are sign-up sheets for watching and praying before the Blessed Sacrament over those days. If you could commit to watching for a half hour slot then please place your name on the list at the back of the church to ensure the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended. Why not try to come along as individuals or as a family to pray in the church over this time? This is a moment of grace for us as a parish to spend a prolonged period of time in adoring the Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Sunday 13th September

- 10.00am** Holy Mass to begin Forty Hours Adoration
- 10.40am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.30pm
- 3.00pm Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet
- 3.00pm Confessions until 3.30pm
- 6.30pm** Solemn Choral Vespers led by the Schola Benedicti

Monday 14th September

- 8.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00pm
- 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church
- 11.30am Recitation of the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
- 12noon** Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick
- 1.00pm Confessions until 1.30pm
- 5.30pm Confessions until 6.20pm
- 6.00pm Recitation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
- 6.30pm** Holy Hour concluding with Night Prayer & Benediction

Tuesday 15th September

- 8.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm
- 9.30am Morning Prayer of the Church
- 10.00am Confessions until 10.30am
- 12noon Angelus & Recitation of the Glorious Mysteries of the Holy Rosary
- 12.30pm Confessions until 1.00pm
- 6.55pm** Solemn Benediction
- 7.00pm** Closing Mass of the Forty Hours

