

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF LENT  
22ND MARCH 2026**

## ORIENTALIUM ECCLESiarUM

The Decree on the Catholic Churches of the Eastern Rite was the fourth document issued by the Second Vatican Council on 21st November 1964. It was entitled *Orientalium Ecclesiarum* (translated as *Of the Eastern Churches*). This very brief Decree set down the basic principles for the proper understanding and operation of Eastern Rite Catholic Churches within the whole body of the Church of Christ.



The Catholic Church of the West is often referred to as the Latin Church, and the Catholic Church of the East is often referred to as the Eastern or Oriental Church. There was a prevailing attitude, due to lack of knowledge, that the Eastern Churches were seen as less Catholic. The Second Vatican Council, through this document wished to reaffirm the importance and the equality of the Eastern Catholic Churches. The Decree declared:

"The Holy Catholic Church, which is the Mystical Body of Christ, is made up of the faithful who are organically united in the Holy Spirit by the same faith, the same sacraments and the same government... These individual Churches, whether of the East or West, are, each as much as the others, entrusted to the pastoral government of the Roman Pontiff, the divinely appointed successor of St Peter in primacy over the universal Church."

The Eastern Churches do not have Mass in the same way we do in the West, they have retained their ancient rites and historical practices. The Council affirmed that "all members of the Eastern Rite should know and be convinced that they can and should always preserve their legitimate liturgical rite and their established way of life". Last year, Pope Leo XIV spoke of the beauty of the ancient rites of the Eastern Catholic Churches when he said: "We (the Latin Rite) have great need to recover the sense of mystery that remains in your (Eastern Rite) liturgies, liturgies that engage the human person in his or her entirety, that sing of the beauty of salvation and evoke a sense of wonder at how God's majesty embraces our human frailty".

The Eastern Catholic Churches consist of 23 particular churches that are in full communion with the Roman Catholic Church. They maintain their liturgical, theological and spiritual traditions, which differ from those of the Latin Church. Approximately 18 million of the 1.406 billion Catholics worldwide belong to these Eastern Churches.

The various Eastern Churches are: The Coptic Catholic Church, the Eritrean Catholic Church and the Ethiopian Catholic Church, the three of which come from the apostle Mark, first bishop of Alexandria; the Armenian Catholic Church coming from St Thaddeus and St Bartholomew who introduced Christianity to Armenia; the Albanian Greek, Belarusian Greek, Bulgarian Greek, Greek Church of Croatia and Serbia, Greek Byzantine, Hungarian Greek, Italo-Albanian, Macedonian, Melkite Greek, Romanian Greek, Russian Greek, Ruthenian Greek, Slovak Greek and Ukrainian Greek; the Chaldean Catholic founded by the apostle Thomas; the Antiochene Syriac Maronite, the Syriac Catholic and the Syro-Malankara Catholic Churches coming from the apostle James, first bishop of Jerusalem, and the Syro-Malabar Church from St Thomas, apostle.

# THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

**Sunday 22nd March** (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 5.45pm)

**10.00am** Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)

**12noon** Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Our Lady & St John's)

**5.00pm** Holy Mass for the Fifth Sunday of Lent (Our Lady & St John's)



**Monday 23rd March** (St Mary's 9.00am - 7.30pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)

11.30am Stations of the Cross led by the pupils of St Mary's (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent (St Mary's)

12.25pm Novena in honour of St Peregrine (St Mary's)

6.30pm Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)

7.00pm Holy Mass for Monday of the Fifth Week of Lent (St Mary's)

**Tuesday 24th March** (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)

9.00am Stations of the Cross (Our Lady & St John's)

9.30am Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Lent (Our Lady & St John's)

**Wednesday 25th March** (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 7.45pm)

8.30am Brief Mass for the Solemnity of the Annunciation (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 the Solemnity of the Annunciation (St Mary's)

6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 6.55pm (Our Lady & St John's)

6.00pm Confessions until 6.50pm (Our Lady & St John's)

7.00pm Holy Mass for the Solemnity of the Annunciation (Our Lady & St John's)

**Thursday 26th March** (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)

8.30am Brief Mass for Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent (Our Lady & St John's)

NO MASS AT 9.30AM

12.30pm Auchloch Mass (Our Lady & St John's)

**Friday 27th March** (St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)

9.30am Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)

10.00am Holy Mass for Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent (St Mary's)

**Saturday 28th March** (St Mary's 9.00am - 5.45pm; OLSJ closed)

4.15pm Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)

**5.00pm** Vigil Mass for Palm Sunday with blessing of palms (St Mary's)



## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**25th March - Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord** - On the floor of the Holy House in Nazareth reads 'Verbum caro hic factum est'; 'the Word was made flesh here'. When the Blessed Virgin Mary said 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, the Word became flesh and dwelt in her womb for nine months. The Annunciation is the prologue to the mysteries of Holy Week: the Incarnation (Christ taking on human flesh) happened so that we could be redeemed; the child conceived on this day was born to die for our sins and conquer death.

## HOLY GHOST FATHERS

This weekend we welcome the Holy Ghost Fathers to our parish who are celebrating the Masses while Fr Wyllie is away to a wedding down south. Many thanks to the Holy Ghost Fathers for being with us this weekend to celebrate our parish Masses.

## THEOLOGY ON TAP

**Our next Theology on Tap will take place in the Parish Hall on Tuesday of this week at 7.00pm. Fr Philip Caldwell, a priest of Salford Diocese, author and Doctor of Theology who was Vice Rector of Ushaw College, Professor of Theology at Oscott College and now Spiritual Director at Allen Hall Seminary In London, will lead this talk focussing on the Seven Last Words of Christ from the cross. Please make a special effort to come along and learn more about the Seven Last Words.**

## EASTER REMEMBRANCES

If you wish your deceased loved ones remembered at the Easter Masses and included in the bulletin please place their names in an envelope and hand to Fr Wyllie by Good Friday.

## PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations: £835.00  
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers: £510.00  
**£1,345.00**

SCIAF Collection: £1,245.00

**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**



## EASTER EGG APPEAL

Henry Dorricott Funeral Directors are holding their annual Easter Egg Appeal again this year. These Easter Eggs will be distributed to the young people and vulnerable adults in our local community at Easter. If you could make a donation of an Easter Egg or a few Easter Eggs, then please bring them along before Palm Sunday and leave them at the back of the church.

## EASTER HAMPER

At the back of the church over the next few weeks, raffle tickets will be on sale for the wonderful Easter Hamper that has been prepared to be raffled at the Parish Easter Sunday Social. Tickets are priced at £2.00. To be in with a chance of winning the hamper please buy a raffle ticket after Mass this weekend. Raffle tickets will be on sale until Palm Sunday.

## OFFERINGS TO THE PARISH - AN APPEAL

As more and more of us carry less cash and due to the fact that the Bank of Scotland in Larkhall has closed, if you are able, please consider setting up a standing order to the parish. This would really help those who count and bank our collections too. The bank account name, sort code and account number are available on page three of this bulletin. Very many thanks to those parishioners who have already set up a standing order in favour of the parish.



## PARISH FRIDAY DRINKS

The Parish Hall

**EVERY FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

**2.00PM - 9.00PM**



## THEOLOGY ON TAP

The Parish Hall

**TUESDAY 24TH MARCH**

6.30pm, Talk beginning at 7.00pm

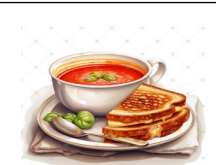
**Fr Philip Caldwell - The Last Seven Words of Jesus**



## PARISH LUNCH CLUB

The Parish Hall

**THURSDAY 26TH MARCH**



## PARISH EASTER SUNDAY SOCIAL

The Parish Hall

**SUNDAY 5TH APRIL AFTER 12NOON MASS**



## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**SICK** - Steven Ross, Stephen Neal, Marjory McMurray, Phyllis Williamson, Louise Gonnella, 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** - Alacoque McAuley

**MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES** - Rosena McLaughlin, Catherine Blair, James Feeney, Jim Walker, Richard Brolly & Family, David Yardley Kennedy, Edwin T. Fulgencio, Clotilde Fulgencio, Hannah Lou de los Reyes, Elizabeth Gold

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

## CHRISM MASS

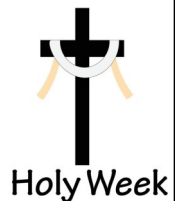
Each year on the morning of Holy Thursday, the Bishop together with the priests of the diocese gather at Motherwell Cathedral for the Chrism Mass. At this Mass the sacred oils are blessed by the bishop and the priests of the diocese renew the vows they made at ordination. The Mass will take place on Thursday 2nd April at 11.00am. Bishop Toal extends a warm welcome to everyone in our diocese to gather with him for this special Mass, to pray for our priests. All welcome.

## 100 CLUB

There are still numbers available for the 100 Club. It is hoped that the draw will take place at the Easter Sunday Parish Social in the Parish Hall. If you'd like to be in with a chance to win a cash prize every month then please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church today.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Both our primary schools will reflect on the events of Holy Week at two special services. Each year the Holy Week service for St John's takes place in the school and is open to parents/carers and family members. This year the St Mary's service will be held in the church on Wednesday 1st April beginning at 1.30pm. The services will include scripture readings, hymns and an explanation of the importance of the events of each day of Holy Week. All welcome.



## THE EASTER TRIDUUM IN OUR PARISH

### HOLY THURSDAY (2nd April)

**No morning Mass in our parish.**

Mass of Chrism at Motherwell Cathedral at 11.00am with the Bishop and priests of the Diocese. All welcome.

**7.00pm - MASS OF THE LORD'S LAST SUPPER** (St Mary's)

Followed by watching at the Altar of Repose until midnight.

10.00pm - Night Prayer of the Church (St Mary's)

### GOOD FRIDAY (3rd April)

**A day of Fast & Abstinence.**

Kissing of the Cross at all of the following:

12noon - Stations of the Cross (OLSJ)

**3.00pm - LITURGY OF THE PASSION & DEATH OF THE LORD** (SM)

6.30pm - Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)

### HOLY SATURDAY (4th April)

Today no Mass is celebrated until nightfall. The Lord is in the tomb and we await the resurrection.

No Vigil Mass at 5.00pm

**8.00pm - EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF THE RESURRECTION** (St Mary's)

