

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) 19TH FEBRUARY 2023

# PARISH LENTEN PROGRAMME

The Season of Lent begins this Wednesday with Ash Wednesday. Lent is a period of forty days when we are asked to deepen our relationship with God, seek his mercy, fast, pray and give alms. There will be additional opportunities for Mass, devotions, adoration and confessions.



## SUNDAYS OF LENT

### Saturday

4.00pm Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)  
5.00pm Vigil Mass (St Mary's)

### Sunday

10.00am Holy Mass (St Mary's)  
12noon Holy Mass (Our Lady & St John's)  
5.00pm Holy Mass (Our Lady & St John's)  
6.00pm Evening Prayer of the Church & Benediction (OLSJ) (26th Feb, 5th & 12th Mar)  
6.30pm Evening Prayer of the Church & Benediction (SM) (19th & 26th Mar, 2nd Apr)

## WEEKDAYS OF LENT

### Monday

11.30am Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)  
12noon Holy Mass (St Mary's)  
6.30pm Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)  
7.00pm Holy Mass (St Mary's)

### Tuesday

8.30am Holy Mass (Our Lady & St John's)  
9.00am Morning Prayer of the Church (OLSJ)  
9.30am Holy Mass (Our Lady & St John's)

### Wednesday


8.30am Holy Mass (St Mary's)  
9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (St Mary's)  
9.30am Confessions until 9.50am (St Mary's)  
10.00am Holy Mass (St Mary's)  
6.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (OLSJ)  
6.30pm Confessions until 6.55pm (Our Lady & St John's)  
7.00pm Holy Mass (Our Lady & St John's)

### Thursday

9.00am Stations of the Cross (Our Lady & St John's)  
9.30am Holy Mass (Our Lady & St John's)

### Friday

9.30am Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)  
10.00am Holy Mass (St Mary's)



Remember man  
that you are  
dust and into  
dust you shall  
return.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

**Sunday 19th February** *St Mary's open from 9.00am until 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am until 5.45pm*

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

**Monday 20th February** *Churches open from 9.00am until 4.00pm*

**11.30am** Recitation of the Rosary (St Mary's)  
**12noon** Holy Mass for Monday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)  
**6.00pm** Baptisms (St Mary's)

**Tuesday 21st February** *Churches open from 9.00am until 4.00pm*

**9.00am** Recitation of the Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)  
**9.30am** Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Seventh Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)  
**6.30pm** First Confessions for P3 pupils from St John's Primary (Our Lady & St John's)

**Wednesday 22nd February** *St Mary's open from 7.45am until 6.00pm; OLSJ from 9.00am until 7.45pm*

**8.00am** Holy Mass with imposition of ashes (St Mary's)  
**9.30am** School Mass with imposition of ashes (Our Lady & St John's)  
**10.30am** School Mass with imposition of ashes (St Mary's)  
**7.00pm** Holy Mass with imposition of ashes (Our Lady & St John's)

**Thursday 23rd February** *Churches open at 9.00am until 4.00pm*

**9.00am** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am (Our Lady & St John's)  
**9.10am** Morning Prayer of the Church (Our Lady & St John's)  
**9.30am** Holy Mass for Thursday after Ash Wednesday (Our Lady & St John's)

**Friday 24th February** *Churches open at 9.00am until 4.00pm*

**9.30am** Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)  
**10.00am** Holy Mass for Friday after Ash Wednesday (St Mary's)

**Saturday 25th February** *St Mary's opens at 9.00am until after Vigil Mass*

**4.15pm** Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)  
**5.00pm** Vigil Mass for the First Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)

### DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE

The Friday after Ash Wednesday, in Scotland, has been designated as a special day of prayer for victims of abuse, particularly those who were abused and mistreated in church run institutions and parishes. This terrible treatment of the most vulnerable has shamed each one of us and cries out to heaven for vengeance. We are all invited, as a community, to come together on this day to offer our prayers for those who suffered from this crime and sin. Our 10.00am Mass will be offered for those who have been hurt and harmed by priests, religious and church employees over the years and for their families.

### THE SACRAMENTS FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

The young people of our parish are busy preparing for receiving the Sacraments of First Confessions, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We keep them very much in our prayers during this period of preparation and enrolment for receiving these outward signs of inward grace. We also pray for their parents, carers and families that they will help and encourage the young people to prepare well by coming to Mass and saying their prayers.

The Confirmation Mass this year will take place in Our Lady & St John's on Thursday 16th March.

<b>First Confessions</b>	<b>P3 pupils from St John's Primary</b>	<b>21st February 6.30pm</b>
<b>First Confessions</b>	<b>P3 pupils from St Mary's Primary</b>	<b>27th February 2.00pm</b>
<i>Enrolment Mass</i>	<i>P7 pupils from St John's Primary</i>	<i>2nd March at 9.30am</i>
<i>Enrolment Mass</i>	<i>P7 pupils from St Mary's Primary</i>	<i>3rd March at 10.00am</i>
<b>Confirmation Mass</b>	<b>P7 pupils from St John's &amp; St Mary's</b>	<b>16th March at 7.00pm</b>
<i>Enrolment Mass</i>	<i>P4 pupils from St John's Primary</i>	<i>4th May at 9.30am</i>
<i>Enrolment Mass</i>	<i>P4 pupils from St Mary's Primary</i>	<i>5th May at 10.00am</i>
<b>First Holy Communions</b>	<b>P4 pupils from St John's Primary</b>	<b>13th May at 12noon</b>
<b>First Holy Communions</b>	<b>P4 pupils from St Mary's Primary</b>	<b>20th May at 12noon</b>
Thanksgiving Mass	For P3, P4 & P7 of St Mary's	11th June at 10.00am
Thanksgiving Mass	For P3, P4 & P7 of St John's	11th June at 12noon

## PARISH HALL

We are now in a position to take bookings in the Parish Hall for lets and functions. If you need a bar for your function then at least 28 days notice must be given in order for us to obtain a license from South Lanarkshire Council. If you would like to have a function or let the Hall for various activities or parties then please get in contact with Suzanne Sherry at the new Hall email address for further information. The Hall will also be available for regular lets too. Email:

**BlackwoodHallBookings@outlook.com**

Many thanks to the fourteen bar staff volunteers who completed their training on Thursday 9th February. The generosity of putting yourselves forward in response to the invitation to help our Parish Hall is greatly appreciated.

### PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£820.00
Standing Orders:	£325.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£1,145.00</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**

All UK Taxpayers are asked to join the Giftaid scheme. Forms available.

### BAPTISMS

Over the next few days, before Lent begins, we have the great joy of welcoming eight children into the life of the Church through the waters of baptism. We send the young people and their parents our congratulations and an assurance of our prayers as they take up the responsibility of bringing their children up in the Faith of the Catholic Church.

If you would like your child(ren) to be baptised after Lent then please speak with Fr Wyllie as soon as possible. No baptisms will take place in our parish during the season of Lent.

### ASH WEDNESDAY

The Season of Lent begins this Wednesday. Masses for Ash Wednesday are:

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

8.00am Mass will be a brief Mass.

### LIGHT BITE AFTER MASS

The next Light Bite will take place today after the 12noon Mass. All parishioners are invited to the Hall after Mass for a roll and sausage, some cake and teas, coffees or juice. A number of the boys and girls from St John's Primary will be selling cakes etc at this event. The children will also be showing us the exciting plans they have for the garden behind the Hall and would like you to see them. Please come along.

### NEW DIOCESAN MAGAZINE

Fontes, the new Diocesan magazine will launch this month. Copies will be free.

### CHURCH BUILDING FUND

Today at all Masses a second collection will be taken up for the Church Building Fund. Please be as generous as you always are.

### SECOND COLLECTIONS DURING LENT

<b>Sick &amp; Retired Priest</b>	5th March
<b>SCIAF Collection</b>	19th March
<b>Holy Places</b>	7th April

### MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Motherwell Diocese is travelling to Lourdes from 14th - 21st July and everyone is invited to join this pilgrimage. The pilgrimage will fly from Edinburgh Airport with 7 nights spent in Lourdes, costs ranging from £919 - £984, depending on hotel, and exclusive of a single room supplement and insurance cost. Fr Wyllie will be travelling with this pilgrimage and invites parishioners to form a group with him, please email him by the end of this month if you would be interested in travelling. More details can be found at [tangney-tours.com/pilgrimage/Lourdes.diocese-of-motherwell](http://tangney-tours.com/pilgrimage/Lourdes.diocese-of-motherwell)

### HOLY WEEK

This year for Holy Week & the Sacred Triduum we will be joined by Fr Andrew Robinson, a priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool who is currently professor of New Testament at St Mary's College, Oscott. He will preach at the various Masses and liturgies that week. His dynamic preaching and sound knowledge of the scriptures will certainly help us all to immerse ourselves into Holy Week.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SICK** - Joanne Kennedy, Anne Dempster, Joyce Heeley, Phyllis Nicholson, Selina Gold, Kathy Newbound, Pat Whalin, Charles Kennedy (Florida), Janet McIntosh, Annette Thomson, Kathleen Brannigan, Mandy Murray McVie, Kevin Feeney

**RIP** - Stacy Graham, Rita Mortalo (Hamilton), Richard Allison (Hamilton), Jim Cassidy (Blantyre)

**MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES** - Charles Morrison, The Morrison, Maguire & McStay Families, Mrs Catherine Braithwaite

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN PARISH HALL

### FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Our Lady & St John's Parish Hall for School Funds

**SATURDAY 4TH MARCH FROM 6.00PM**

Food served 6.30pm

Magic Show from Magic Den 7.00-9.00pm

Disco 9.00-10.00pm Tickets £5.00



### Family Quiz & Pizza Night

Our Lady & St John's Parish Hall

**Friday 14th April**

7.00pm until late

Free Entry



### SCOTTISH CUP FINAL

Our Lady & St John's Parish Hall

**SATURDAY 3RD JUNE**

Cup Final on Big Screen, Draught Lager, Rolls & Sausage at Half Time

£5.00 entry



### SPARKLING AFTERNOON HIGH TEA

OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S PARISH HALL

**SATURDAY 17TH JUNE**

**2.00PM - 6.00PM**



SANDWICHES, SAUSAGE ROLLS, QUICHE, SWEET DESSERTS & TEA & COFFEE

GLASS OF PROSECCO ON ARRIVAL OR BOTTLE OF PROSECCO ON TABLE FOR GROUPS OF 4+

RAFFLE & LIVE MUSIC TOO

TICKETS - £ 20.00