

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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THE VISIT TO SCOTLAND OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE

The relics of Lourdes visionary Saint Bernadette will tour England, Wales and Scotland later this year, beginning on 3rd September and concluding on 1st November. The relics' journey around Britain will see the remains of St Bernadette make special visits to our own Carfin Grotto, HMP Wormwood Scrubs – and Liverpool's Anglican Cathedral as well as the Catholic Cathedral.

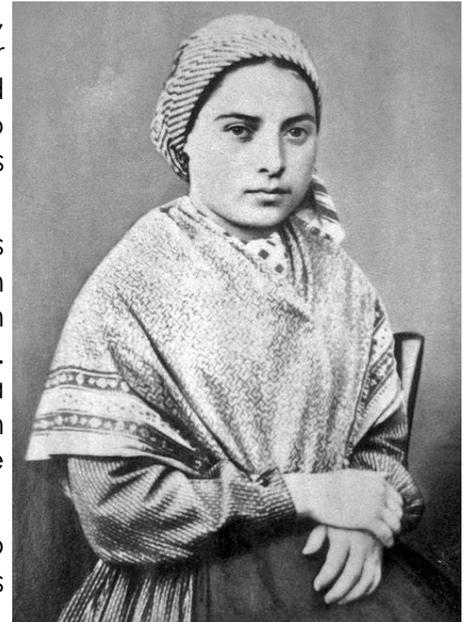
Other notable Catholic churches scheduled to host the relics as they travel to each of England's 22 dioceses include Ampleforth Abbey, Yorkshire, Our Lady of the Assumption and the English Martyrs in Cambridge, and St Winefride's Well Shrine in Holywell. The relics tour, first announced in November 2021, also includes a stop specifically for the Roman Catholic Bishopric of the Forces in Clifton Cathedral on 7th September. When first announced, the visit was compared to the tour of the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux.

In a letter released through the tour's official website, Archbishop of Westminster Cardinal Vincent Nichols said that the visit "offers us a welcome opportunity to bear active witness to our faith, joining with one another across our many communities to encounter God's love and find spiritual, emotional, and psychological healing and renewal". He asked Catholics to participate in the tour and to continue that participation by considering pilgrimage to Lourdes itself in future. Concluding his letter, the Cardinal thanked God "for the faith of St Bernadette and for the many gifts and graces the relic tour will bring".

Bernadette Soubirous, the child of a miller from Lourdes, southern France, experienced visions of Mary, Mother of Christ, between 11th February and 16th July 1858. After a canonical investigation, Church authorities declared the visions "worthy of belief" in 1862, and Lourdes rapidly became a major site of pilgrimage. Around 70 miracles attributed to the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes have been validated by the Church to date. Bernadette was canonised in 1933 and her remains were preserved in a shrine in the town of Nevers, central France, the location of the convent Bernadette joined in 1866 and died in in 1879. They are now ordinarily held in the Upper Basilica of Lourdes, which before the coronavirus pandemic attracted around 4 million pilgrims each year.

Carfin Grotto will host the relics of St Bernadette from Saturday 24th September until Sunday 2nd October, the only Scottish venue to receive the relics. This will coincide with the centenary of the Grotto on 2nd October. At a major Mass to be celebrated by the Bishops of Scotland and the Papal Nuncio to Great Britain (the Pope's representative) the Grotto will be raised to the status of Scotland's National Shrine.

Full details of the programme while the relics are at Carfin have still to be announced. When they are made public we will endeavour to run a bus to visit the relics and also to attend the Mass on the Sunday with the Bishops and the Papal Nuncio. St Bernadette is the patron saint of the sick and the poor and through her courage and determination told the story of Our Lady's apparitions to her, despite great personal suffering and hardship.



THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 7th August

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

Monday 8th August

12noon	Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Dominic (St Mary's)
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Tuesday 9th August

9.30am	Holy Mass for the Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Our Lady & St John's)
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Wednesday 10th August

10.00am	Holy Mass for the Feast of St Lawrence (St Mary's)
7.00pm	Holy Mass for the Feast of St Lawrence (Our Lady & St John's)

Thursday 11th August

9.30am	Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Clare (Our Lady & St John's)
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Friday 12th August

10.00am	Holy Mass for Friday of the Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
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Saturday 13th August

5.30pm	Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St Mary's)
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IF YOU ARE RETIRED, OFF WORK OR ON HOLIDAY PLEASE CONSIDER COMING TO WEEKDAY MASS

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

8th August - Memoria of St Dominic - St Dominic was born around 1170 in Calaruega in Old Castile, Domingo Guzman (his real name) studied at Palencia and, having a reputation for piety and learning, was made a canon of the church at Osma in 1193. His bishop took him on a political mission to the south of France; there he travelled from place to place, working tirelessly and especially preaching conversion to the people. He continued this work for ten years and, gradually gathering companions around him, the first house of The Order of Preachers (Dominicans) was established. In 1215, Dominic took part in the Fourth Lateran Council and, in the following year, the Order received papal approval. Subsequently, the Order adopted additional rules of prayer and poverty. The Order spread very successfully in Europe; there were sixty houses when the founder died in 1221. St Dominic is the patron of astronomers.

9th August - Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross - St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was born in 1891 of Jewish parents in Breslau, Germany, (now Wroclaw, Poland), Edith Stein was a brilliant student who gained her doctorate in philosophy aged 25. She converted to Catholicism aged 31 and became a Carmelite nun in 1934. Being Jewish, she fled to the Netherlands when the Nazis came to power in Germany but, following the German invasion of the Low Countries in 1940, she was seized by the Nazis and sent to Auschwitz concentration camp. She died there in the gas chamber on 9th August 1942. She is one of the patrons of Europe.

10th August - Feast of St Lawrence - St Lawrence, a much venerated and popular saint in Rome, was a deacon who assisted Pope Sixtus II. He is said to have been born in Huesca in Spain around 226 and was martyred in Rome during the persecution of 258. Devotion to the saint has produced several stories, especially of his important work in Rome and of his behaviour at his execution. The tradition is that he was roasted to death on a gridiron and that, on it, he asked to be turned over 'to do the other side'. He is venerated as the patron of deacons, chefs, comedians and firefighters.

11th August - Memoria of St Clare - St Clare was born in 1293, the daughter of wealthy parents in Assisi, and was attracted by the life and teaching of St Francis. She spent some time with him and his group, but then, in 1212, she founded her own women's Franciscan group, usually known as the Poor Clares. They were to live lives of poverty, austerity and prayer. As their leader, Clare lived at the little church of San Damiano, just outside Assisi. Her remains are venerated in the church of Santa Chiara in the town. Nowadays there are many different congregations of women worldwide, all following the Franciscan way of life. She is the patron of phones & TV.

PARISH BARBEQUE NEXT SATURDAY EVENING

Next Saturday evening we will hold our Parish BBQ immediately after the Vigil Mass in the grounds of St Mary's. All parishioners wishing to attend should place their names on the list at the back of both churches this weekend at the latest. If you could donate raffle prizes then please hand them in to the sacristy.

CHORAL VESPERS FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

To celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption next Sunday, there will be Choral Vespers in St Mary's beginning at 6.30pm concluding with Solemn Benediction. The Schola Benedicti, who will lead this Liturgy, is a chamber choir which operates in Scotland and England. They have as their aim to revive the Church's great musical tradition, especially in the young. Fr Wyllie invites and encourages all parishioners to support this event.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

Bishop Toal invites the whole Diocese to gather for the annual Vocations Mass which will take place on Tuesday 30th August at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral. Please make a special effort to attend this Mass to intercede with God to send us good and holy priests.

MASS FOR THE SICK

On Monday 5th September in Our Lady & St John's, we will celebrate Mass with anointing of the sick. If you would be willing and able to transport the sick and housebound to this Mass could you please speak with Fr Wyllie or Betty McGonagle as soon as possible.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£875.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£1,517.00
Votive Candles:	£180.00
Stall:	£20.00
TOTAL:	£2,592.00
'Sponsor a Tile' Donations to date:	£1,330.00

Many thanks for your very generous support

OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S

The church will be closed from after Masses this week to allow the work to begin on the new parquet flooring which will be laid under the seating. Once this is completed, the tiled flooring will be laid and of course this will take some time to complete, therefore the church will continue to be closed until all the work is completed. All Masses and other liturgies will take place in the Hall while this work is carried out. Many thanks to those parishioners who contributed to make this work possible.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The St Vincent de Paul Furniture Unit in Wishaw is looking for fit persons to help for four hours once or twice a month. The type of work would be sorting items in the unit, driving a van, helping with uplifts and deliveries to needy in the community. See the notice board.

PROPOSED MASS TIME CHANGE

Fr Wyllie would like to hear your thoughts on the possibility of changing the Saturday Vigil Mass in St Mary's from 5.30pm to 5.00pm, taking effect from the beginning of October. A 5.00pm Mass would afford parishioners the opportunity to come to Mass half an hour earlier than we do at present. Please let Fr Wyllie know your thoughts so that a decision can be made at the next Parish Pastoral Planning Team meeting later this month. All opinions and thoughts will be welcomed.

CHURCH BUILDING FUND

The second of the four collections which take place each financial year for our Church Building Fund will take place next weekend, the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Please be as generous as you always are to this collection.

PARISH INTERNATIONAL MASS & EVENING

A Parish International Night would be an opportunity for us to get to know our parishioners who come from various countries throughout the world. We are very fortunate to have parishioners from different countries in Europe, Oceania, Africa and Asia. The evening would include a Mass in Our Lady & St John's followed by food and snacks from the various countries, traditional dress, music and other entertainment in the Parish Hall. This will take place on Friday 9th September with Mass beginning at 6.30pm. We are relying on parishioners to help organise this event. **A meeting will take place on Wednesday 17th August after 7.00pm Mass for all those willing to get involved.**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SICK - Selina Gold, Adrienne McEnhill, Kathy Newbound, Ernie Girvan, Pat Whalin, Charles Kennedy (Florida), James Ferguson, Alice Cumming, Janet McIntosh, Annette Thomson, Kathleen Brannigan, Mandy Murray McVie, Kevin Feeney

RIP - Terry Meade, Chrissie Ferris (Wishaw)

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - John Gowans, Mary Gallacher, Alice Weir

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

CELEBRATION OF THE PARISH FORTY HOURS ADORATION

In a few weeks time, from Sunday 4th September until Tuesday 6th September, the parish will once again celebrate the Forty Hours devotion, where as a parish, families and individuals, we take time to honour, adore and respect the Blessed Sacrament on the altar throughout the period of forty hours. Below is the schedule of all that will be taking place in our parish over these days. This year the Forty Hours will take place in Our Lady & St John's.

SUNDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER

12noon	Solemn Mass
12.50pm	Blessed Sacrament Procession with rolls in Hall afterwards
1.00pm	Adoration until 5.00pm
5.00pm	Holy Mass
5.45pm	Adoration until 6.30pm
6.30pm	Sung Vespers with Solemn Benediction

MONDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

8.00am	Adoration until 8.30am
8.30am	Holy Mass
8.50am	Adoration until 12noon
11.00am	Confessions until 11.45am
12noon	Holy Mass with anointing of the Sick with tea afterwards in Hall
1.00pm	Adoration until 8.00pm
1.30pm	Visits by the school children
3.00pm	Chaplet of the Divine Mercy
6.00pm	Confessions until 6.50pm
6.00pm	Recitation of the Holy Rosary
7.00pm	Holy Hour for Families with Solemn Benediction

TUESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

8.00am	Adoration until 8.30am
8.30am	Holy Mass
8.50am	Confessions until 9.30am
8.50am	Adoration until 7.00pm
12noon	Angelus & Recitation of the Holy Rosary
1.40pm	Visits by the school children
2.15pm	PFFA Commissioning for P6
5.30pm	Confessions until 6.15pm
6.30pm	Benediction & Closing Mass followed by Parish Social

