

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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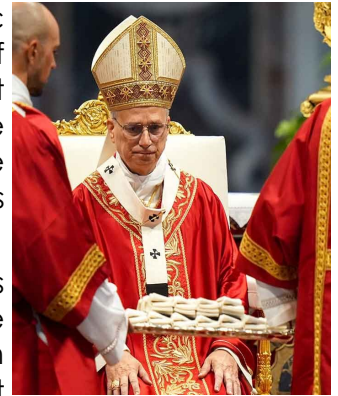
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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
13TH JULY 2025**

SUPPORTING OUR HOLY FATHER

Peter's Pence is a financial collection taken up annually by the Catholic Church to support the Holy Father's charitable works and the activities of the Holy See. It's a global collection, and the funds are used to assist people and communities in need around the world, including those affected by conflict, natural disasters, and poverty, and in helping run the Holy See. The collection is traditionally taken up on the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul or on a weekend near to this Solemnity.

In his public life, dedicated to the proclamation of the Good News, Jesus received material aid to support himself with the group of the twelve Apostles (Lk 8:1-3). With this aid they also assisted those most in need (Jn 12:4-7). After Pentecost, in the time of the early Church, the need was felt to support those who dedicated themselves fully to the proclamation of the Gospel (1 Tim 5:17-18). Saint Paul, in the Churches he founded, instituted the collection in support of the Mother Church of Jerusalem, which faced serious economic difficulties. He wrote in the First Letter to the Corinthians (16:1-4): "Concerning the contribution for the saints: as I directed to the churches of Galatia, so you also are to do. On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that contributions need not be made when I come. And when I arrive, I will send those whom you accredit by letter to carry your gift to Jerusalem. If it seems advisable that I should go also, they will accompany me".



This concrete participation in the needs of the community took on various forms throughout history, giving rise to the awareness that all the baptized are required to support, also materially and according to their means, the work of evangelization and at the same time to assist those most in need everywhere in the world.

Peter's Pence, as a donation to the Successor of Peter, took on a stable form in the seventh century, with the conversion of the Anglo-Saxons, in connection with the feast of the Apostle Saint Peter, to whom Jesus entrusted His Church. It then grew during subsequent centuries, with the adherence of other European peoples to Christianity, always as a contribution of gratitude and devotion to the Pope, as an expression of the unity of the Church, and of ecclesial co-responsibility. There is one Church, founded by Jesus and built on the rock of St Peter.

The term "Peter's Pence" was used since Medieval times to identify the censo, or the annual contribution paid to the Holy See by the States or local lordships under the sovereignty of the Pope. In the modern age, shortly before the end of the Papal State (1870) and the loss of income from territorial possessions, a surprising initiative to offer material aid to the Pope arose throughout Europe and overseas. This affectionate reaction of Catholics was of great comfort and encouragement to the Pope. Also, in that period of crisis, the Holy Father took care of the most afflicted (we recall, for example, the disastrous earthquake in Croatia in 1881 and the Potato Famine in Ireland in 1879), allocating a part of Peter's Pence. Indeed, the support received by the Pope could not but be shared with those who found themselves in a situation of grave need, thus expressing the solicitude of a father who cares for all his children: to receive in order to give, and to give to those who are most in need at that time. Please support our Holy Father Pope Leo.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 13th July	(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 5.45pm)
10.00am	Holy Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
Monday 14th July	(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
- Friday 18th July	NO PARISH MASS
Saturday 19th July	(St Mary's open 9.00am - 5.45pm; OLSJ closed)
2.00pm	Baptism (St Mary's)
4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm	Vigil Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
Sunday 20th July	(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 5.45pm)
10.00am	Holy Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
Monday 21st July	(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
	NO PARISH MASS
Tuesday 22nd July	(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 Feast of St Mary Magdalene (Our Lady & St John's)
4.00pm	Reception of Body (St Mary's)
Wednesday 23rd July	(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
10.30am	Requiem Mass for Annette Thomson (St Mary's)
3.00pm	Reception of Body (Our Lady & St John's)
Thursday 24th July	(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)
9.30am	Requiem Mass for Dominick Giordano (Our Lady & St John's)
Friday 25th July	(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 Feast of St James (St Mary's)
Saturday 26th July	(St Mary's 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ closed)
4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm	Vigil Mass for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK & NEXT WEEK

15th July - Memoria of St Bonaventure - St Bonaventure was born in 1221 and baptised with the Christian name John. St Francis of Assisi was credited with curing him from a serious illness while still a child, and so his mother nicknamed him "Buona Ventura". He joined the Franciscans and, aged 35, was elected Minister General or superior of the Franciscans. He provided them with a good structure for running their affairs and a clear spirituality based on the sayings of St Francis. He wrote many works on philosophy and theology, intertwining the two. Among theologians he is called the Seraphic Doctor. He died in 1274 and is the patron saint of bowel disorders.

16th July - Memoria of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Our Lady of Mount Carmel was the name accorded the Blessed Virgin Mary by the hermits who used Mount Carmel in present-day Israel, above the port of Haifa, as their base in the late twelfth century. This was the beginning of the Carmelite Order, male and female, of whom Our Lady of Mount Carmel is patron.

22nd July - Feast of St Mary Magdalene - St Mary Magdalene is the most prominent of the group of women who accompanied Jesus and the Apostles and 'provided for them out of their own resources'. Often confused with other Marys in the gospels or presumed to have had a sinful past, she is named in the gospels as having seen Jesus crucified and buried and then, early on Easter morning, having met the Risen Lord. She is called 'Apostle to the Apostles'.

23rd July - Feast of St Bridget of Sweden - St Bridget was born in 1303 into a wealthy family, was married at 14 and had 8 children. After her husband's death in 1334, she devoted her life to serve the poor. For this work, she founded a religious order (now known as the Bridgettines). She died in 1373 and is one of the co-patrons of Europe.

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£2,595.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers	£2,117.00
Votive Candles:	£597.00
Stall:	£30.00
Total:	£5,339.00

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**

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**



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK & NEXT WEEK CONTINUED

25th July - Feast of St James the Greater - St James (the elder of the two apostles called James) and his brother John, while working on their father's boat on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, promptly obeyed Christ's call to follow him. The two brothers, whom Jesus nicknamed the Sons of Thunder, formed with Cephas (nicknamed Peter) the trio whom Jesus often had closest to him. After Pentecost, the history of James is told that he went to Spain to preach the gospel and, on a return visit to Jerusalem, was arrested and suffered martyrdom under Herod Agrippa in 44AD; that his body was taken back to Spain and buried where now the great cathedral of Santiago ('Saint James') de Compostella still draws pilgrims in their millions. He is the patron saint of Spain and pilgrims.

26th July - Memoria of St Joachim & St Anne - St Joachim & St Anne are the names given to the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and, therefore, grandparents of Jesus, according to a second-century tradition. Pope Francis declared them to be patron saints for all grandparents.

MANY THANKS

The Xaverian Fathers, in particular Fr Kevin Ryan, are very grateful for the kindness and generosity of parishioners towards their mission appeal in our parish on the weekend of 28th/29th June. The total forwarded to the Xaverian Fathers was £920.00. May God reward you all.

DIOCEASAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Tomorrow (Monday), Fr Wyllie will travel with the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Our Lady's shrine at Lourdes. If any parishioner has any intentions they would like brought to Our Lady's shrine at Lourdes then please hand them to Fr Wyllie by Sunday 13th July. Fr Wyllie will offer up Mass in Lourdes for the intentions of all parishioners. There will be no weekday Masses in Fr's absence.

WELCOME

The Holy Ghost Fathers from Carfin will celebrate our parish Masses next weekend in Fr Wyllie's absence. The Holy Ghost Fathers are well known here in the parish and we thank them for being willing to celebrate Mass with us over the course of next weekend.

BAPTISMS

Many congratulations to **Jax and Raven** who were baptised in to the faith of the church back in June, and to their parents and families. We pray that the faith they have received from the Lord will grow always stronger in their hearts. Next Saturday afternoon baby **Lorena** will be baptised into the faith of the Church, so to her, her mum and dad and family we offer our prayers and best wishes as they prepare for this important first step in Lorena's life as a child of God and heir to everlasting salvation.

If you wish to have your child baptised please speak with Fr Wyllie to begin the preparation and to complete the necessary paperwork.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR PETER'S PENCE AT ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

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, Moira Corr, Maureen Crank, Robbie Frew, George Murphy

RIP - Annette Thomson (*Receiving Tuesday 22nd July 4.00pm; Requiem Mass Wednesday 23rd 10.30am*), Dominick Giordano (*Receiving Wednesday 23rd 3.00pm; Requiem Mass Thursday 9.30am*), Robert Wilson, Brenda Boyle

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - Michael Weir, Sadie Feeney, Eddie, George & Nan Feeney, David & Nancy O'Neill, Grace Girvan, Willie & Lizzie Stewart, John McCormack, Mary Boyle

THINKING OF BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

In September the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme will begin for those who are thinking of becoming Catholic at Easter next year. If you or someone you know is interested please speak with Fr Wyllie to have an initial meeting before beginning this programme.



PARISH BBQ

The Parish Hall

SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST

7.00pm - Late

NAMES ON LIST AT BACK OF CHURCH



PARISH INTERNATIONAL NIGHT

The Parish Hall

FRIDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

MASS AT 6.30PM

FOLLOWED BY INTERNATIONAL MEAL



PARISH FORTY HOURS ADORATION

Our Lady & St John's

SUNDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER -

TUESDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

From after 12noon Mass on Sunday until 7.00pm Mass on Tuesday



CONTACTING A PRIEST

A sad sign of the times is that priests are not as plentiful as they once were in the past, which means that in many cases when a priest is on holiday they cannot get supply priests to cover the parish 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, but rather just cover for the Masses in the parish, also priests are often out of the house doing pastoral work or attending meetings. Those in hospital who wish the Last Rites should contact a member of the nursing staff who will contact the on-call Hospital Chaplain. Those who are in nursing homes within our parish boundary or at home who wish the Last Rites should contact a priest in a neighbouring parish in the absence of the parish priest. The nursing homes and other places of care within our parish boundary are: Clinton House Nursing Home and Ashlea Court Care Home in Larkhall and Bank House Care Home and Auchlochan Retirement Village (which includes Lowersjohnhill) in Lesmahagow. If there are parishioners who reside in a nursing home outwith the parish boundary, the parish priest in whose parish the nursing home is situated should be contacted in the first instance.