

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE SEASON OF LENT
16TH MARCH 2025

SACRED VESSELS USED FOR MASS

In the Catholic Church, sacred vessels is a term used to describe objects used in the celebration of the Eucharist and other sacraments. These vessels are often made of precious metals and treated with great reverence due to their role in the sacred liturgy. Through their use, the faithful are reminded of the holiness of the sacraments and the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Chalice: The cup used to hold the wine that becomes the Blood of Christ during the consecration in the Mass. Typically made of precious metal like gold or silver, the chalice is designed with a wide base, a stem, and a bowl at the top.



Ciborium: A container, similar to a chalice but with a lid, used to hold the consecrated hosts (the Body of Christ). Similar in shape to the chalice but larger and with a lid. Made from precious metals to reflect its sacred purpose.

Paten: A flat or bowl-like plate which is used to hold the consecrated hosts for Mass, usually made of the same material as the chalice.

Monstrance: A sacred vessel used to display the consecrated host during Eucharistic adoration and Benediction. An ornate, often gold-plated vessel with a glass window or holder at the centre, where the Sacred Host is placed.

Cruets: Small bottles or containers used to hold the water and wine before they are consecrated.

Pyx: A small container used to carry consecrated hosts to the sick or those who cannot attend Mass.

Thurible: A vessel in which incense is burned during liturgical services. It is usually swung on a chain to spread the incense smoke.

Boat: A small container that holds the incense before it is placed in the thurible with a spoon.

Lavabo Bowl: A small bowl used by the priest to wash his hands during the Mass, symbolising purification.

Pall: A stiff square cover that is placed over the chalice to protect its contents.

Corporal: A square white linen cloth on which the chalice and paten are placed on the altar

Purificator: A small linen cloth used to wipe the chalice after Communion.

Aspergillum: A liturgical implement used to sprinkle holy water. It is often used in conjunction with an aspersorium, which is the container for the holy water.

These sacred vessels facilitate the proper and respectful handling of the consecrated elements, ensuring that the sacred mysteries are celebrated with the utmost reverence and solemnity. Through their use, the faithful are reminded of the holiness of the sacraments and the presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 16th March	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 11.00am - 5.45pm)</i>
10.00am	Holy Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the Second Sunday of Lent (Our Lady & St John's)
Monday 17th March	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>
11.30am	Stations of the Cross led by pupils of St Mary's (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for the Feast of St Patrick (St Mary's)
12.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 2.45pm (St Mary's)
6.30pm	Lectio Divina (St Mary's)
Tuesday 18th March	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>
9.00am	Stations of the Cross (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am	Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Second Week of Lent (Our Lady & St John's)
9.55am	Novena to St Anthony (Our Lady & St John's)
Wednesday 19th March	<i>(St Mary's open 8.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 7.45pm)</i>
8.30am	Holy Mass for the Solemnity of St Joseph (St Mary's)
8.45am	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 St Joseph (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 St Joseph (Our Lady & St John's)
Thursday 20th March	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>
8.30am	Holy Mass for Thursday of the Second Week of Lent (Our Lady & St John's)
9.00am	Morning Prayer of the Church (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am	Holy Mass for Thursday of the Second Week of Lent (Our Lady & St John's)
Friday 21st March	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 4.00pm; OLSJ 8.00am - 4.00pm)</i>
9.30am	Stations of the Cross (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass for Friday of the Second Week of Lent (St Mary's)
Saturday 22nd March	<i>(St Mary's open 9.00am - 5.45pm; OLSJ closed)</i>
4.00pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm	Vigil Mass for the Third Sunday of Lent (St Mary's)



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

17th March - Feast of St Patrick - St Patrick was born in 385 and was kidnapped while very young and taken to Ireland, where he was put to work looking after sheep. On the lonely hillsides he learned to pray. He escaped, already within him a call to the priesthood. There was also an insistent call to return to Ireland and he spent the rest of his life there building up the Kingdom of Christ. He was fearless in facing opposition from powerful pagan rulers; he practised regular penance which became a strong feature of Irish monasticism; he instilled a missionary spirit which has lasted among the Irish and the diaspora to the present day. He died in 461 and is honoured as the patron saint of Ireland and Nigeria.

19th March - Solemnity of St Joseph - St Joseph, the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary is shown in the Gospels as the wise and just man, who had worked out the kindest way to deal with Our Lady's mysterious pregnancy, and who could then accept the will of God which pointed out a different path even when it contradicted his life plans. He has acquired many titles: Husband of Mary, Foster-Father of the Child Jesus, Guardian of the Holy Family, Protector of the Church, patron of a happy death. He is honoured as the patron of the Catholic Church.

CONFIRMATIONS 2025

On Wednesday evening we had the great joy of 18 of our young parishioners being confirmed in the Catholic Faith by Bishop Toal. The young people were a credit to themselves, their families, their parish and their schools. Fr Wyllie would like to thank all the young people and their parents/carers for enrolling them for this Sacrament, to the teachers and school staff for preparing the children, the liturgy and the church, and also to the music ministry from Our Lady & St John's who led the music at the special Mass.

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations: £930.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers £160.00
Total: £1,090.00

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 seeking the help of our parishioners to help them make donations of Easter eggs to underprivileged children in the area. The help and support of all parishioners would be much appreciated. Please leave donations at the back of the church.

FOODBANK

The next collection of foodstuffs and monetary donations for the local Foodbank will take place on the weekend of 22nd/23rd March. During the season of Lent we are called upon to give charity to those who need our help. Why not contribute to the work of the local foodbank as part of your Lenten observance?

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO CARFIN

Fr Wyllie proposes that we make a parish pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto on Thursday 8th May, where we will be joined by the P4-P7 pupils of both our schools. A bus will pick us up and arrive at the Grotto around 10.30am and the day will begin with tea/coffee followed by devotions & Mass.

PARISH PASTORAL PLANNING TEAM

The Parish Pastoral Planning Team met on Tuesday and discussed the Holy Week programme, the social and spiritual aspect of the parish, an update on the Parish Hall was given and some discussion about the Giftaid scheme and a review of the Financial Returns for 2024.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

The Parish Hall

MONDAY 24TH MARCH

6.30pm with talk beginning at 7.00pm

ANNE MARIE CLEMENTS ON CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



THURSDAY LUNCH CLUB

The Parish Hall

THURSDAY 27TH MARCH

Mass at 12.30pm, followed by light lunch afterwards



PARISH FRIDAY DRINKS

The Parish Hall

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

2.00pm - 7.00pm



SAVE THE DATE - ST MARY'S COFFEE MORNING FRIDAY 28TH MARCH AFTER MASS

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Pat Whalin, Declan McDonald, Gary Biggar, Paul McMurray, Annette Thomson, Margaret Craig, Aaron Mulligan, Stephen Fleming, Marion Bryson, William Young, James Thomson, Marilyn McLearn, Andy McGarvey, Julia Brassington, Moira Corr, Maureen Crank, Robbie Frew

RIP - Sandra Bogan, Sam Duffy, Janette McGougan

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - Jim Walker, John Dickson, Mary Dawson, Babs McGurk, Burgess, Dawson, Fleming & MacFarlane Families, James Feeney, John McManus, Ann Grant, Patrick Grant, Jack Hastie, Jim & Helen Grant, Thomas McDonagh, Tony & Mary Goodwin, David Yardley Kennedy, Frank Reilly, Eddie McCabe, Janet McIntosh

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

SICK & RETIRED PRIESTS

The Diocese of Motherwell currently has seventeen retired priests, some who are still active and offer supply in the diocese and others who are in care homes and other places of care. Each year the diocese asks us to help alleviate some of the costs of caring for our sick and retired priests. **A second collection will be taken up at Masses this weekend after Holy Communion.**

SCIAF SUNDAY

Each year on the Fourth Sunday of Lent we offer up prayers and provide material support for the work of SCIAF, The Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund. A Second Collection will be taken up on the weekend of 29th/30th March for the work SCIAF do in the poorest regions of our world. Please give as generously as you always do.

THE EASTER TRIDUUM 2025

HOLY THURSDAY - 17th April

No morning Mass in the parish

Mass of the Chrism in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral at 11.00am

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

Watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight

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

GOOD FRIDAY - 18th April

12noon Stations of the Cross (Our Lady & St John's)

3.00pm **LITURGY OF THE PASSION & DEATH OF THE LORD** (St Mary's)

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

HOLY SATURDAY - 19th April

No 5.00pm Vigil Mass

8.30pm **EASTER VIGIL & FIRST MASS OF THE RESURRECTION** (St Mary's)



READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER FOR THE TRIDUUM

HOLY THURSDAY 7PM

B Prayers - B. McGonagle

EMHC - P. Walker

1st Reading - K. Nutt

EMHC - L. McKenna

2nd Reading - R. McAllister

EMHC - M. Laird

GOOD FRIDAY 3PM

Narrator - M. Wilson

B. Prayers - M. Corrigan

1st Reading - K. Smith

Others - S. Smith

EMHC - J. McLearn

2nd Reading - M. Ottolini

B. Prayers - C. Laird

HOLY SATURDAY 8.30PM

7th Reading - H. Perrie

EMHC - M.C Smith

1st Reading - R. McAllister

Epistle - B. Canning

3rd Reading - Y. McAllister

B. Prayers - K. Steele