

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14TH JULY 2024

SEA SUNDAY

Today is about praying for the welfare of seafarers and fishers. These brave men and women are the unseen backbone of our global economy, working tirelessly to bring us goods and resources that we need. They spend months away from their families, facing isolation, loneliness, challenging conditions, and sometimes extreme danger. This is especially true of those currently working in the Black and Red Seas due to the conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East.

Imagine leaving your family behind, signing on for a job at sea, and finding yourself at risk of missiles, drone attacks, and piracy. This is the harsh reality for many seafarers working on these vital trade routes.

Seafarers in these conflict zones are often scared, witnessing destruction first-hand. Security concerns frequently prevent them from going ashore, adding loneliness and anxiety to an already stressful situation.

This is where Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the Sea), the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church, steps in. They support seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. Their dedicated chaplains are a lifeline for mariners. They offer a listening ear and much-needed spiritual support. They bring food parcels, offer Wi-Fi so seafarers can call home, and provide hardship grants and access to mental health counselling as well as offering Masses.

In today's Gospel, we were reminded of the importance of welcoming the stranger. This is needed more than ever for seafarers today. Imagine the relief they feel when they see a friendly face coming onboard, someone to talk to, someone who cares.

Stella Maris' ship visits are only possible because of your support. Your generosity helps their chaplains and volunteers to assist 125,000 seafarers in UK ports and to reach up to 70,000 ships worldwide per year.

A box is available at the back of the church today if you wish to donate to this cause. Your generous contribution will help this work to continue and grow. It will be an expression of God's love, helping to welcome seafarers and fishers who are strangers in these lands.

Without your support and prayers, Stella Maris would not be able to carry out this important ministry on behalf of the Church to support this important, but often forgotten, ministry. In 2021 they carried out 5,181 ship visits in the UK and supported 113,982 seafarers and fishers in the UK through the work of more than 1000 chaplains and volunteers throughout the UK.



**Our Lady of Fatima Parish where we are inclusive
and all are welcome to live and grow in faith.**



THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Sunday 14th July

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 15th July

11.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Bonaventure (St Mary's)

Tuesday 16th July

9.00am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am	Holy Mass for the Memoria of Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Our Lady & St John's)

Wednesday 17rd July

9.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Thursday 18th July

9.00am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
9.30am	Holy Mass for Thursday of the Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

Friday 19th July

9.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass praying for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood (St Mary's)
1.00pm	Wedding Mass (Our Lady & St John's)

Saturday 20th July

4.15pm	Confessions until 4.45pm (St Mary's)
5.00pm	Vigil Mass for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

15th July - Memoria of St Bonaventure - St Bonaventure was born in 1221 and was baptised 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, he was elected Minister General or superior of the Franciscans. He provided them with 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 those who suffer from bowel trouble.

16th July - Memoria of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Our Lady of Mount Carmel was the name accorded to Our Lady by the hermits who used Mount Carmel in present-day Israel, above the port of Haifa, as their base in the late 12th century. This was the beginning of the Carmelite Order, male and female, of whom Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the patron. It came to be associated with the supposed vision of St Simon Stock, said to have taken place on 16th July 1251. Wearing the "Brown Scapular", a symbol of the Carmelite habit, is a sign of trust in Mary's maternal help, especially at the hour of death.

PETER'S PENCE

Many thanks for your generosity to the Peter's Pence collection which was taken up on the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul. This collection goes to the Holy Father Pope Francis to help in running the central administration of the Holy See and helps him to offer financial support to areas of our world which experience warfare, natural disasters and extreme poverty. The total raised was £655.00. May God reward your generosity.

CATHOLIC TEACHER APPROVAL

The 1918 Education (Scotland) Act, and subsequent related legislation, states that a teacher can only be appointed to a post within a Catholic school provided they "Satisfy the Secretary of State as to qualification, and are approved as regards their religious belief and character by representatives of the church body in whose interest the school has been conducted". Any approval forms should be given to Fr Wyllie to complete in good time before submission. Any teacher appointed to any post in a Catholic school must be approved by the local bishop.

PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£1,465.00
Standing Orders:	£1,767.00
Total:	£3,232.00
Peter's Pence:	£655.00

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**
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**



PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & LISBON

From Tuesday 2nd - Tuesday 9th July 22 pilgrims travelled to Fatima & Lisbon to visit the shrine of Our Lady at Fatima and the Basilica of St Anthony in Lisbon, the prayer requests which parishioners had handed in and candles which parishioners asked us to light for them and their intentions were taken to the shrine at Fatima, as well as prayers for all parishioners and their families were offered up each day during the pilgrimage. Fr Wyllie would like to thank all those parishioners who travelled on the pilgrimage and made it so prayerful, fun and successful.

MANY THANKS

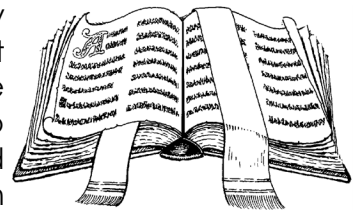
Many thanks to Fr Andrew Robinson who looked after the parish while Fr Wyllie was on pilgrimage to Fatima & Lisbon. Fr Andrew thoroughly enjoyed his time here in the parish and commented on how welcome he was made to feel during his stay. We hope to see Fr Andrew back in the parish in the course of the next year.

SUMMER BREAK

If you're heading away on holiday this summer please enjoy a restful and happy time away from the humdrum of ordinary everyday life. When you are away please don't forget to attend Mass. Why not get a photograph of the church you attend on your holidays and send them through to the parish Facebook, Twitter or Instagram where we can let other parishioners see the many different churches visited this summer?

NEW LECTIONARY

The response to the notice in the last bulletin regarding the new Lectionaries that we require to obtain before the First Sunday of Advent has been amazing. Thank you to the generous parishioners who have offered to purchase these books. So far we have parishioners willing to pay for the two sets of books (four Lectionaries for both St Mary's and Our Lady & St John's). We still have the two sets of the study edition Lectionaries for school Masses, house Masses and other services outwith the church, and also the Book of the Gospels available to purchase for the parish. The study Lectionaries cost £250.00 a set, and the Book of the Gospels cost 275.00. If you would be willing and able to help with the purchase of these books then please speak with Fr Wyllie.



PARISH BARBEQUE

The Parish Hall

SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST

6.30pm until Late



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK - Rita Blair, Pat Whalin, Declan McDonald, Gary Biggar, Paul McMurray, Annette Thomson, Margaret Craig, Kathleen Brannigan, Aaron Mulligan, Margaret McLaughlin, Kerry Peterson, Noel Bennetts

RIP - Margaret Matthews, Greta Diver

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - The Sweeney & McCabe Families, Margaret Moran, Janet McIntosh, Michael Weir, Mary Goodwin, Patrick & Ann Grant, Jim & Helen Grant, Jack Hastie, Thomas McDonagh, Tony Goodwin, Fay & John Coyle, Katie & Tommy McMenamin

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

VISIT OF THE PAPAL NUNCIO TO MOTHERWELL

The Pope's Ambassador to Great Britain, His Excellency Archbishop Buendia, will visit the Diocese of Motherwell from Friday 30th August until Sunday 1st September.

On Friday 30th August at 7.00pm, he will celebrate Holy Mass in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Bishop Toal extends an invitation to all parishioners throughout the diocese to this special Mass.

On Saturday 31st August at 10.00am there will be a special Mass for Project Wellspring in the Cathedral, to which all those who are involved in Project Wellspring are especially invited to attend. A presentation on Project Wellspring will take place after the Mass in St Bride's Hall.

On Sunday 1st September at 3.00pm the Papal Nuncio will preside at Mass at Carfin Grotto for the National Pilgrimage. A list is available at the back of the church for a bus from our parish.

NEW LECTIONARIES

WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WHY?

The Lectionary (the books we use to proclaim the Word of God in our Masses and other liturgies) is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued to work through all the other liturgical rites.

WHAT TRANSLATION WILL THE NEW LECTIONARY USE?

The new Lectionary will be using the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible, and the Abbey Psalter for the psalms.

WHAT EFFECT WILL THE CHANGES HAVE ON THE MASS READINGS?

The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical settings that is more proclaimable and, where appropriate, more inclusive.

WHEN WILL THE CHANGES TAKE PLACE?

The new Lectionary will come into force on the First Sunday of Advent 2024.

CAN PARISHES KEEP USING THE OLD LECTIONARY?

No, parishes will need to change over to the new Lectionary on 1st December 2024.

WHAT IS THE COST?

The Ambo Edition is the standard Lectionary for parishes. Exquisitely bound in padded leather, and adorned with gold-blocking, gilded edges and multiple ribbon markers (pictured above), these four volumes are both sturdy and worthy for the proclamation of the Word of God.

Each set of four books which are needed will cost £695. We will need two sets, one for St Mary's & one for Our Lady & St John's, so total cost £1,390.00.

We will also need two Study Editions, smaller books, for use in our two schools or in Masses in other places such as Nursing Homes, parishioners houses etc. Each set will cost £250.00, so a total of £500.00 for those.

The Book of the Gospels will also need to be changed, this will cost £275.00.

COULD YOU SPONSOR A BOOK IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE OR IN THANKSGIVING?

If you are able to sponsor a single Lectionary, at a cost of £175 each, a memorial book plate will be placed in each book to record your name or family name in each book, or the name of a deceased loved one.

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP?

If you would be willing and are in a position to help, please speak with Fr Wyllie.

