

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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## SOLEMNITY OF ST PETER & ST PAUL 30TH JUNE 2024

# ST PETER & ST PAUL

Simon was born in Bethsaida, near the Sea of Galilee. He was a fisherman by trade, along with his brother Andrew. Matthew's Gospel records that Simon and Andrew were the first whom Jesus invited to follow Him. At that, these two brothers dropped everything and became Jesus' first disciples. John's Gospel relates a slightly different timeline, stating that Andrew first followed Jesus and brought Simon to Jesus the next day. When Jesus met Simon, He said, "You are Simon the son of John; you will be called Cephas (which is translated Peter)" (John 1:42). Matthew's Gospel relates that Jesus changed Simon's name to Peter when He said to him, "I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall never prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:18-19).



With his new name and unique spiritual authority in which he held the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," Peter emerged as the central leader of the Church after Pentecost. He spent about a decade in Jerusalem, preaching powerfully, performing miracles, and converting many. He eventually travelled to Rome where he established the Church there, becoming its first bishop. Around the year 64, he was martyred during the persecutions of Emperor Nero. His tomb is located under the main altar of Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

Saul was born as a Roman citizen in Tarsus, modern-day Turkey. As a young man, he went to Jerusalem to study at the renowned school of the rabbi Gamaliel. After Jesus' ascension into Heaven, Saul became one of the fiercest persecutors of the early Church, being partly responsible for the death of the proto-martyr Saint Stephen (Acts 7:58). However, within a few years, as Saul was traveling to Damascus to persecute other Christians, he was knocked to the ground and struck blind. He heard Jesus say to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" (Acts 9:4). Jesus then directed him to a disciple of the Lord in Damascus named Ananias who baptised Saul. Saul spent about three years in Arabia then Damascus and Jerusalem.

In Jerusalem, Saul began to use his Roman name, Paul, and then spent approximately the next ten years as a missionary throughout the Mediterranean. Back in Jerusalem, he was imprisoned for a couple of years and then was sent to Rome for trial since he was a Roman citizen. In Rome, he met up with Saint Peter. According to tradition, Paul was beheaded just outside the city of Rome. The incredible Basilica of St Pauls Outside the Walls is his burial place.

Saints Peter and Paul are considered the foundational pillars of the Church. Peter represents the stability of the Church and the office of the Vicar of Christ (the Pope). Paul represents the mission of evangelisation that was entrusted to the Church by Jesus Himself. He was also the Church's first theologian, which is seen in his numerous letters that expound on the Gospels.



**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 30th June

10.00am	Holy Mass for the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul (St Mary's)
12noon	Holy Mass for the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm	Holy Mass for the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul (Our Lady & St John's)

## Monday 1st July

11.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon	Votive Mass of the Most Precious Blood of the Lord (St Mary's)

## Tuesday 2nd July

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

## Wednesday 3rd July

9.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass for the Feast of St Thomas (St Mary's)

## Thursday 4th July

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

## Friday 5th July

9.30am	Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am	Holy Mass (St Mary's)

## Saturday 6th July

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

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**3rd July - Feast of St Thomas** - St Thomas "called the Twin" was the Apostle who encouraged the others to go with Jesus to Judaea "and die with him" and whose questioning elicits Our Lord's response: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life". Famously he is Doubting Thomas but who eventually addresses the Risen Jesus as "My Lord and my God", the Easter Faith of the Church. Tradition has him taking the Faith to Kerala in India in the year 52 and being martyred near Chennai in the year 72. He is the patron of architects and judges.

**4th July - Optional Memoria of St Elizabeth of Portugal** - St Elizabeth of Portugal was born in 1271, a Spanish princess, and given in marriage to King Denis of Portugal. From her earliest days she had established a strong daily timetable of prayer. She used her position to found institutions to help the poor and needy. King Denis was well-known to be unfaithful, and she suffered much, but he later repented and she helped him die a good death. After he died she took on the habit of the Third Order of St Francis, continuing her life of prayer and charitable work. The Portuguese call her "The Peacemaker" for her strenuous efforts to reconcile warring factions. She once rode a mule between opposing armies of her husband and son, to stop a civil war. She died in 1336 and is honoured as the patron saint of brides, widows, charitable societies, charitable workers, charities and difficult marriages.

**5th July - Optional Memoria of St Anthony Zaccaria** - St Anthony Zaccaria was born in 1502 in Lombardy of well-to-do parents, but his mother made sure he experienced the poorer sections of society. He studied to become a doctor but later went into the Priesthood. He founded the Barnabites to promote the writing of St Paul and encouraged the Forty Hours Adoration. He is the patron saint of physicians.

**6th July - Optional Memoria of St Maria Goretti** - St Maria Goretti was born in 1890 into a poor farming family, Because of their poverty, they had to share a house with the Serenelli family, at Nettuno, south of Rome. Alessandro Serenelli, aged 20, made persistent approaches which she always resisted, being a prayerful and spiritual girl. Her refusal on the final occasion led to a frenzied attack with an awl (a pointed tool for piercing holes, especially in leather). She died at the age of 11, the next day, forgiving her attacker. He was sentenced to 30 years in prison, unrepentant. Maria appeared to him while in prison, offering him flowers. This changed him, and on his release his first act was to visit Maria's mother and ask forgiveness. St Maria Goretti is the patron saint of chastity, rape victims, girls, youth, teenage girls, poverty, purity, and forgiveness.

## PARISH FINANCES

Offertory Collection & Donations:	£825.00
Standing Orders:	£130.00
Votive Candles:	£495.00
Stall:	£30.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£1,480.00</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**

## 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

On Tuesday of this week the pilgrims from our own parish and from St Mary's Lanark will travel to Fatima & Lisbon. The bus will pick up the pilgrims from Larkhall and Blackwood at 5.30am to take them to Glasgow Airport. All pilgrims are asked to be in the St John's carpark in good time. If any parishioner has petitions they'd like taken to Fatima or would like candles lit, then please hand in the petitions or the money for the candles to Fr Wyllie before 6.00pm on Monday evening. Fr Wyllie will offer Holy Mass in Fatima for parishioners and their intentions.

## SETTING UP GROUPS IN THE PARISH

Fr Wyllie is aware that there are some parishioners who would be keen and willing to set up groups within the parish. If you would like to set up a group in the parish and have a plan for taking it forward then please speak with Fr Wyllie, he will advertise it in the bulletin.

## WELCOME TO FR ANDREW ROBINSON

While Fr Wyllie is on pilgrimage to Fatima and Lisbon, Fr Andrew Robinson will be looking after the parish. Many of you will remember Fr Andrew from his time spent with us during the Sacred Triduum in 2023. He is a priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool who is Dean of Studies at St Mary's College Oscott. He had the misfortune of teaching Fr Wyllie for two years. We hope Fr Andrew will enjoy his stay with us here in Blackwood & Larkhall.

## SUMMER BREAK

A number of the groups which run in our parish are taking a summer break over the month of July. Fr Wyllie would like to thank all those who are members of the various groups/clubs/societies in our parish for all their hard work and support.

## DIVORCE/SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUP

It has been suggested that we set up a Parish Divorce/Separation Support Group for parishioners who may feel they would benefit from being a part of such a group. Please speak with Fr Wyllie.

## PETER'S PENCE

**This weekend at all Masses a collection will be taken up for Peter's Pence. It is an offering that may be small, but is of great symbolic value: our unity with the Bishop of Rome.**

## 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** -

**MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES** - Maria Alexandrina Figueiredo Pinheiro Doce, Grace Girvan, John McCormack

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

## FULL LICENSE FOR THE PARISH HALL

On Friday 21st June the Parish Hall was successful in gaining a full bar license. This will enable the Hall to take bookings at short notice particularly when it comes to Funeral Teas etc. The Parish Hall is now licensed from 11.00am until midnight each day of the week, so we are in a position to accommodate most requests for the use of the hall. Please always try to support the Hall when you are considering a venue for events, functions or parties.

## SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We wish the boys and girls, teachers and staff of our schools a well deserved summer holiday. During the summer holidays please consider coming along to weekday Mass here in the parish to start your day in God's presence, receiving him in his Word & Sacrament.

## 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.

