

# OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**4TH JULY 2021**

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## THE CHURCH ORGAN

Music is the pre-eminent sacred art of the Catholic Christian faith, ordered for the glory of God and the sanctification of the faithful (Sacrosanctum Concilium, 112). The Church Fathers of the Second Vatican Council affirmed that the Church's musical tradition is "a treasure of inestimable value." This treasure exists only when music sounds forth in time and when human beings are able to make music with a body, mind, spirit, and voice, because "worship is given a more noble form...when celebrated solemnly in song."

Handing on faith, worship, and tradition from one generation to another depends on a sustained practice spanning generations – a gift of praise from one generation to the next.

For more than a thousand years, the pipe organ has been the foundation of this musical tradition. Its richly varied tone "colours" and sustained tone make it uniquely capable of supporting congregational singing and filling a large sacred space with glorious music. Its rich sound allows the mind to bypass more temporal tunes and distractions and instead, be lifted untethered to the praise of God. The organ embodies Beauty, Truth, and Goodness in both its architecture and its sound.



The Second Vatican Council stated that: "In the Latin Church the pipe organ is to be held in high esteem, for it is the traditional musical instrument which adds a wonderful splendour to the Church's ceremonies and powerfully lifts up man's mind to God and to higher things".

The organ also mimics other musical sounds – trumpets, oboes, strings, and flutes – which remain at the fingertips of the organist to enhance liturgical worship. "The manifold possibilities of the organ in some way remind us of the immensity and the magnificence of God" (Sing to the Lord, 87).

Pope Benedict XVI, gave a good explanation on why the organ was picked by the Church. Here is what the Holy Father said regarding the organ from a human and musical perspective:

"The organ has always been considered, and rightly so, the king of musical instruments, because it takes up all the sounds of creation... and gives resonance to the fullness of human sentiments, from joy to sadness, from praise to lamentation. By transcending the merely human sphere, as all music of quality does, it evokes the divine. The organ's great range of timbre, from piano through to a thundering fortissimo, makes it an instrument superior to all others. It is capable of echoing and expressing all the experiences of human life. The manifold possibilities of the organ in some way remind us of the immensity and the magnificence of God. And this is how a pipe organ symbolises the Church: In an organ, the many pipes and voices must form a unity. If here or there something becomes blocked, if one pipe is out of tune, this may at first be perceptible only to a trained ear. But if more pipes are out of tune, dissonance ensues and the result is unbearable. Also, the pipes of this organ are exposed to variations of temperature and subject to wear. Now, this is an image of our community in the Church. Just as in an organ an expert hand must constantly bring disharmony back to consonance, so we in the Church, in the variety of our gifts and charisms, always need to find anew, through our communion in faith, harmony in the praise of God and in fraternal love. And that's why the pipe organ is chosen to be a sacred instrument".

# THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA

## Sunday 4th July

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

## Monday 5th July

- 12noon Holy Mass for Monday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

## Tuesday 6th July

- 9.30am Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Maria Goretti (Our Lady & St John's)

## Wednesday 7th July

- 10.00am Holy Mass praying for Vocations to the Priesthood (St Mary's)  
7.00pm Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

## Thursday 8th July

- 9.30am Holy Mass for Thursday of the Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

## Friday 9th July

- 10.00am Holy Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen (St Mary's)

## Saturday 10th July

- 10.00am Holy Mass in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary (St Mary's)  
12noon Baptism (St Mary's)  
5.30pm Vigil Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Sunday 11th 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)  
2.00pm Baptism (St Mary's)  
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

## FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

**6th July - Memoria of St Maria Goretti** - St Maria Goretti was born in Corinaldo near Ancona (Italy) in 1890, the third of six children, and became known for her cheerfulness and piety. When she was twelve, she was a victim of an attempted rape and was stabbed as she defended her virginity. She forgave her murderer shortly before she died in hospital. The culprit was imprisoned and experienced a conversion of heart; he was present at the Vatican at St Maria's canonisation in 1950 and ended his days as a brother of the Capuchin Order.

**9th July - Feast of Our Lady of Aberdeen** - The venerable statue of Our Lady of Aberdeen was saved from destruction during the Protestant Reformation where churches were looted and destroyed. The statue was taken to safety in Brussels (Belgium). According to tradition, it was thrown into the river Dee but rescued by Catholics on a ship bound for Ostend and taken to Brussels, where it became known as Our Lady of Good Success. It remains in the church of Notre Dame du Finistere but copies can be found in Scotland, including one in St Mary's Cathedral, Aberdeen and also above the tabernacle in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell.

## SAINT ANDREW'S HOSPICE

St Andrew's Hospice (Lanarkshire) are holding their first ever Summer Thanksgiving Thistle campaign where people can dedicate a wooden Thistle in memory of a loved one. There will be a Thanksgiving Service held in the Hospice grounds on Thursday 19 August at 7pm and people attending are asked to register their attendance with the Hospice. The Service will also be live streamed. For further information please see the link <https://www.st-andrews-hospice.com/thanksgiving-thistles/>.



St Andrew's Hospice are again running their annual Grand Car Raffle. For £1 you could win a brand new car. For further information please see the link <https://www.st-andrews-hospice.com/grand-car-raffle/>

The hospice offers much needed palliative care for those who are dying, please help support the mission and work of the hospice.

## THE HOPE VERE GRAVES AT OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S

Parishioners will notice that work has begun to restore the graves of Mrs Hope Vere and her son Edward. The work was carried out by John Bradley who was commissioned to clean the grave of the spiffire pilot who died serving his country in the Second World War. We thank John for the work he has done to restore the graves of Mrs Hope Vere and her son. The precious chalice which is used on special occasions was donated by Mrs Hope Vere and the land on which the church is built was also donated by the Hope Vere family. We could remember Mrs Hope Vere and her son Edward James in our prayers from time to time. Please take some time this weekend to have a look at the work that has been carried out so far.

### ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

Dame Diana Jordan has tabled an amendment to the Police, Crime & Sentencing Courts Bill to introduce abortion on demand, for any reason, up to birth (including sex-selective abortion) to England and Wales. In effect, this would remove all legal safeguards around abortion which is currently provided by the current act from 1967.

We all have a duty to protect and safeguard human life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death, so please visit the website: [righttolife.org.uk](http://righttolife.org.uk) and follow the links to contact your MP to make your voice heard.

A recent poll of over 2,000 British adults on whether time limits for abortion should be increased showed that only 1% of women wanted the time limit to be extended to birth. In contrast, around 70% of women favoured a reduction in time limits from 24 weeks. 91% of women agree that gender-selective abortion should be explicitly banned by the law.

Please help to give a voice to the voiceless, stopping this barbaric act from being law.

### SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Fr Wyllie wishes all parishioners who may be getting away for a few days a very happy and restful break. If you are on holiday from work, have the children and young people on holiday from school or are retired or unemployed why not consider joining us for weekday Mass over the next few weeks. It would be lovely to have our young people join us for the celebration of Holy Mass to instil in them the graces that come from attending weekday Mass.

### PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£564.96
Stall:	£9.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£1,247.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£1,820.96</b>

**Many thanks for your very generous support**

### PETER'S PENCE

The Special Collection box will be available throughout the month of July for us to contribute to the Peter's Pence collection.

### ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL (SCOTLAND)

Liam McArthur, the Liberal Democrat MSP for Orkney Islands, is leading a new campaign to legalise assisted suicide in Scotland. Mr McArthur is expected to lodge a Bill in the Scottish Parliament. It is the third time assisted suicide legislation has been tabled at Holyrood.

Anthony Horan, Director of Catholic Parliamentary Office, commented: "People of all faiths and none oppose assisted suicide because it has a profoundly harmful impact not only on individuals and families affected, but also on vulnerable groups, including people with disabilities. "Legalising assisted suicide puts immeasurable pressure on vulnerable people to end their lives prematurely, for fear of being a financial, emotional or care burden on others, and it undermines efforts to prevent suicide. Moreover, incremental extensions and the removal of protections and safeguards is inevitable and has happened where legislation has been passed.

"It is little surprise that a majority of doctors involved in end-of-life care oppose assisted suicide. Deliberately bringing about a patient's death is crossing the Rubicon for a profession entrusted to always act in the best interests of the patient and to first do no harm. MSPs should be preventing suicide, not assisting it."

Please contact your MSP to oppose this legislation.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

**SICK** - Alice Cumming, Alice Goodwin, Rory Quigley, Janet McIntosh, David Hillhouse, Annette Thomson, Liz Rees OCV, Kathleen Brannigan, Jerry Hillsinger, Mandy Murray McVie, Gerard Lyons, John Gowans, Kevin Feeney

**RIP** - John Tamburrini

**MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES** - John McCormack

Please remember to have your deceased loved ones prayed for on their anniversaries & months mind

## “MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER”

Over the past few weeks the noise levels in both our churches before Sunday Mass has been quite considerable. The church is of course a meeting place for us to gather as a community but it is primarily a place of prayer. As a sign of our reverence and respect for the Lord present in the tabernacle, when we come into the church, whenever that may be, our voices should not be at a normal conversational volume, we should have a quiet voice for necessary conversation.

Any furniture to be moved or jobs around the church which have to be carried out should be done so with as little noise as possible. Please be considerate of people in the church trying to say their prayers. A sacred silence should be maintained at **all** times.

As the weather is so nice outside at the moment, it might be a nice idea to have our conversations before entering the church porch or waiting until we leave the church. The stewards could also greet parishioners at the front of the church to minimise the noise in the porch area in St Mary's or the back of the church in Our Lady & St John's.



**SILENCE  
PLEASE**

## PARISH FORTY HOURS

Below you will find a proposed plan for the celebration of our Parish Forty Hours in September. This plan is subject to the restrictions and limitations which we find ourselves in at that time. This plan may be radically reduced if we still find ourselves in the current situation in September.

### SUNDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

**10.00am** Parish Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**3.00pm** Parish Blessed Sacrament Procession with Benediction  
**6.30pm** Holy Hour concluding with Benediction

### MONDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

**8.00am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**9.30am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
**10.00am** Parish Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**12noon** Angelus & Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
**1.30pm** School Mass for P5-P7  
**6.00pm** Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
**7.00pm** Holy Hour concluding with Benediction



### TUESDAY 7TH SEPTEMBER

**8.00am** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
**9.30am** Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
**10.00am** Parish Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
**12noon** Angelus & Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
**1.30pm** School Mass for P1-P4  
**6.00pm** Recitation of the Holy Rosary  
**7.00pm** Holy Mass with Anointing of the Sick