

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

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POPE JOHN XXIII

The man who would be Pope John XXIII was born in the small village of Sotto il Monte in Italy, on November 25, 1881. He was the fourth of fourteen children born to poor parents who made their living by sharecropping. Named Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, the baby would eventually become one of the most influential popes in recent history, changing the Church forever.

Roncalli's career within the Church began in 1904 when he graduated from university with a doctorate in theology. He was ordained a priest thereafter and soon met Pope Pius X in Rome.

By the following year, 1905, Roncalli was appointed to act as secretary for his bishop, Giacomo Radini-Tedeschi. He continued working as the bishop's secretary until the bishop died in August 1914. The bishop's last words to Roncalli were, "Pray for peace." Such words mattered in August 1914 as the world teetered on the brink of World War I. Italy was eventually drawn into the war and Roncalli was drafted into the Italian Army as a stretcher bearer and chaplain. Roncalli did his duty and was eventually discharged from the army in 1919. Free to serve the Church in new capacities he was appointed to be the Italian president of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, handpicked by Pope Benedict XV. Then in February 1925, Roncalli was summoned to the Vatican and given a new mission. This time he was sent to Bulgaria as the Apostolic Visitor to that country. Later, he was appointed apostolic delegate to Turkey and Greece and made archbishop of Mesembria.



In 1952, Roncalli was appointed as Patriarch of Venice. At the same time he assumed his new title, Roncalli became the Cardinal-Priest of Santa Prisca. He assumed his new responsibilities on March 15, 1953. Roncalli's papal predecessor died on October 9, 1958 and he was soon summoned to Rome where he was to participate in the process of selecting a new pope. The College eventually settled on Roncalli for election and he accepted, saying "I will be called John," a surprising choice because of that name's association with schism.

As Pope John XXIII, he immediately began to change the culture in the Vatican. On Christmas, 1958, he resumed the papal practice of making visits to the community within the official Diocese of Rome. He visited the sick, the poor, and prisoners. He apologised for episodes of anti-Semitism within the Church carried on by some of his predecessors. It was originally expected that Pope John XXIII would only serve a short time before passing away and that he would make no significant changes to Church practice. By late 1962, Pope John XXIII has executed most of the work for which he would be known. He was, like his own sister before him, diagnosed with stomach cancer, which was a terminal diagnosis for that time.

In his last months, he offered to negotiate peace between the Soviet Union and the United States, then at the height of the Cold War. The offer, although declined, was popular in both countries. In the wake of the news, John XXIII was the first pope to be honoured as the Time Magazine Man of the Year. Pope John XXIII did the best he could although his health and doctors were failing. On June 3, 1963, Pope John XXIII died in his bed at age 81. The world mourned John XXIII and he was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Johnson in December 1963.

THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Sunday 10th October

- 10.00am Holy Mass for the Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
6.30pm October Devotions concluding with Benediction (St Mary's)

Monday 11th October

- 11.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for Monday of the Twenty Eighth Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Tuesday 12th October

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

Wednesday 13th October

- 9.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am (St Mary's)
9.30am Confessions until 9.50am (St Mary's)
9.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Twenty Eight Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
6.30pm Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
7.00pm Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Twenty Eighth Week in Ordinary Time (OLSJ)

Thursday 14th October

- 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.25am (Our Lady & St John's)
9.00am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (Our Lady & St John's)
9.00am Confessions until 9.20am
9.30am Holy Mass for Thursday of the Twenty Eight Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)

Friday 15th October

- 9.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Teresa of Avila (St Mary's)

Saturday 16th October

- 9.30am Recitation of the Holy Rosary (St Mary's)
10.00am Holy Mass for the Memoria of St Margaret Mary (St Mary's)
4.45pm Confessions until 5.15pm (St Mary's)
5.30pm Vigil Mass for the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)

Sunday 17th October

- 10.00am Holy Mass for the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's)
12noon Holy Mass for the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
2.00pm Baptism (St Mary's)
2.40pm Baptism (St Mary's)
5.00pm Holy Mass for the Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's)
6.00pm October Devotions concluding with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (OLSJ)

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

15th October - Memoria of St Teresa of Avila - St Teresa was born in Avila, Spain in 1515. She joined the Carmelite convent at Avila and, after a quarter of a century as a nun, began to reform the Order, with the help of St Peter Alcantara and St John of the Cross. She founded seventeen reformed houses in Spain and, despite her busy life of administration, reached the highest 'mansions' of union with God. She died in 1582. Her outstanding works of ascetical and mystical theology led her to be declared a Doctor of the Church in 1970. She is the patron of those who suffer from headaches, against sickness, for lace makers and the patroness of Spain

16th October - Memoria of St Margaret Mary Alacoque - St Margaret Mary Alacoque was born in 1647 at Verosvres in Burgundy (France) and joined the Order of the Visitation at Paray-le Monial. She received mystical revelations concerning the Sacred Heart of Jesus and, with the help of her Jesuit confessor, spread this devotion throughout the world. She died in 1690. She was canonised in 1920. She is the patron of those suffering from polio and for those who have lost their parents.

MASS ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK

5.30pm - 80

10.00am - 100

12noon - 61

5.00pm - 37

EVEREST CHANNEL CHALLENGE

Scott Smith together with a team of local residents recently took part in an Everest Channel Challenge to raise awareness and much needed funds for Motor Neurone Disease. Locally they swam the distance of the Channel and climbed the equivalent of the height of Mount Everest for this very worthy cause. They would like to thank all parishioners who donated to their efforts. Scott raised £705.00 and the team total amounted to £6,952.00.

RCIA 2021-2022

It is hoped that we will begin the RCIA Programme for 2021-2022 at the beginning of November with a view to receiving new converts into full communion with the Catholic Church on Holy Saturday next year. If you have thought about becoming a Catholic please contact Fr Wyllie over the next few weeks to begin the preparation for joining the course in November.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy will resume in Our Lady & St John's on Sunday 31st October at the 12noon Mass. The children will be taken to the Parish Hall as was previously the case. The Children's Liturgy is only available to children in P1-P4. We look forward to welcoming the children back to their Liturgy of the Word.

PARISH FINANCE MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place this Wednesday 13th October at 2.30pm in St Mary's. Please note change of date. The members of the Finance Committee are: Patricia, Weir, Gerry McCaughey, Mary McDermott and Irene McGoldrick.

SECOND COLLECTION

During the month of October we are asked to pray for priests, religious and the lay faithful in mission lands. We will have an opportunity to support the work being done in the missions through a second collection which will be taken up on Mission Sunday, 24th October. Please give as generously as you always do to support the Church in mission lands.

OPENING OUR CHURCHES

Thankfully we are able to have our churches open for private prayer and visits to the Blessed Sacrament. The churches will be open from 8.00am until 5.00pm or until after the evening Mass/Liturgy. Spending time with the Lord in the tabernacle is never time wasted. Please pop in if you are passing by or have some free time.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£1,037.00
Standing Orders & Bank Transfers:	£1,482.00
Votive Candles:	£118.00
TOTAL:	£2,637.00

Many thanks for your very generous support

NOVEMBER LISTS

This weekend you will find November Lists at the back of the church. A box will be provided from next weekend for you to place your completed November Lists in time for November. Mass will be offered each day during the month of November for all those named in our November Lists, the Book of Remembrance will be blessed on All Souls Day. Praying for our dead has always been a much loved and popular devotion of Catholics so please remember your dead loved ones.

PARISH STALL

Our parish stalls have a wide selection of cards, rosaries, candles and other religious items which you may like to purchase. The stall is a great way of providing for the needs of parishioners and supporting our parish. Please support our parish by having a look at the selection of items after Mass today.

CONGRATULATIONS

On Tuesday of this week Bob & Mary McDermott celebrate their silver wedding anniversary. We send them both our prayerful congratulations. That morning at Mass they will receive a special blessing to mark this milestone.

NOVENA TO OUR LADY

Our Novena in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help will begin on Tuesday 26th October in St Mary's and continue for nine consecutive weeks. At the conclusion of the Novena we will have Benediction. The Novena will begin on Wednesday 27th at 6.30pm in Our Lady & St John's and continue for each of the successive nine Wednesdays, followed by Holy Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

SICK - Paul Fleming, James Ferguson, Bunty McDonald, Murray Brown, Alice Cumming, Alice Goodwin, Rory Quigley, Janet McIntosh, David Hillhouse, Annette Thomson, Liz Rees OCV, Kathleen Brannigan, Mandy Murray McVie, Gerard Lyons, John Gowans, Kevin Feeney

RIP - Jim Picken, Sara McFadden, Billy Agnew, Elizabeth (Betty) McMullan (Ireland), James Welsh (Cambuslang)

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - Michael Weir, Mary Corr, John Corr, Jennifer Cochran, William Tait, Agnes Mannion, Charles Morrison, The Morrison, Maguire & McStay Families, Margaret Maguire, Phil Maguire (S.A.), John Creechan, Catherine Kennedy, Cathie & George Gibney, Catherine Ann Bews, Margaret Love, Patrick Grant, Ann Grant, Jim & Helen Grant, Jack Hastie, Thomas McDonagh

HALL COMMITTEE

Over the past year and a half the social life of the parish has been non-existent due to the pandemic and the many restrictions which have been placed on us. As we emerge from the pandemic we are aiming to have the social life of the parish back up and running as quickly as possible. To facilitate this there will be a meeting of the Hall Committee on Wednesday 3rd November in the Hall after the 7.00pm Mass. All members of the Hall Committee are asked to attend. If this date is unsuitable a new date can be agreed.

CATECHETICAL TEAM & CHILDREN'S LITURGY LEADERS

Could those who have volunteered to be a part of the Catechetical Team meet with Fr Wyllie on Tuesday 2nd November after the 7.00pm Mass in St Mary's. The first meeting will be to gather ideas and thoughts on how best to proceed with offering catechetical formation for our young people and their families, especially when preparing for the Sacraments of Confession, Holy Communion and Confirmation. This new team will tie in closely with the Children's Liturgy which already helps to catechise our young people on a weekly basis, so it would be good for the leaders of the Children's Liturgy to come along to the meeting and offer their opinions and ideas.

POPE BENEDICT XVI CARITAS AWARDS

This year we have two S6 pupils who are working toward gaining the Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award in our parish. We thank Jamie Lyons and Ryan Burns who were commissioned for the award in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral last week. Please encourage these young men in all that they will take part in over the next few months, and hopefully into the future.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Fr Wyllie had intended to have a Young Adults Group established in his first few weeks in the parish, but Covid had other ideas. This group would be for the young adults of our parish to come together to learn more about their faith, to socialise together and deepen their prayer life. The group would follow a rolling four week pattern of one session of catechesis, one session of prayer, another of catechesis and one socialising. If you are a young adult in our parish who is 17+ then please consider coming along with other young adults from our parish to explore and learn more about our faith and to get to know other young Catholics in your community. Fr Wyllie also looked at the possibility of involving the parishes of St Mary's Lanark and St Patrick's Strathaven but we may have to look at how practical that would be as time goes on.

STATUE OF ST PATRICK FOR ST MARY'S

We are still looking for a statue of St Patrick which is the same height as the other statues in St Mary's and also a reasonable price to be placed at the back of the church. Many thanks to all those parishioners who made donations to purchase this statue, the quest is ongoing to find a statue and hopefully one will be in place soon.