

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH



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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
13TH JUNE 2021

THE FOUR EVANGELISTS

Traditionally, the four Gospel writers have been represented by the following symbols:

St Matthew, a divine man;
St Mark, a winged lion;
St Luke, a winged ox; and
St John, a rising eagle.

These symbols are taken first from the Prophet Ezekiel (1:1-21) and in the Book of Revelation (4:6-8), we find a similar description.

These images in both the Old Testament and the New Testament prompted St Irenaeus (140-202) to liken them to the four Gospel writers because of the content of their Gospels and their particular focus on Christ. In his treatise *Adversus Haereses* (Against Heresies XI), St Irenaeus wrote:

"The first living creature was like a lion" symbolising His (Christ's) effectual working, His leadership, and royal power; "the second was like a calf," signifying His (Christ's) sacrificial and sacerdotal order; but "the third had, as it were, the face as of a man," - an evident description of His (Christ's) advent as a human being; "the fourth was like a flying eagle," pointing out the gift of the Spirit hovering with His wings over the Church. And therefore, the Gospels are in accord with these things, among which Christ Jesus is seated.

Being more specific, St Irenaeus explained the symbolism as follows:

St Matthew is represented by a divine man because the Gospel highlights Jesus' entry into this world, first by presenting His family lineage and then His incarnation and birth. "This then," according to St Irenaeus, "is the Gospel of Christ's humanity."

St Mark, represented by the winged lion, references the roar of a lion, calling out in warning, like Christ warned and preached the need for repentance and the prophetic spirit descending to earth reminds one of a "winged message." The lion also signifies Christ's royalty.

The winged ox represents St Luke. Oxen were used in temple sacrifices. For instance, when the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem, an ox and a fatling were sacrificed every six steps. St Luke begins his Gospel with the announcement of the birth of St John the Baptist to his father, the priest Zechariah, who was offering sacrifice in the Temple. St Luke also includes the parable of the Prodigal Son, in which the fatted calf is slaughtered, foreshadowing the joy we have in receiving reconciliation through Christ, who as Priest offered Himself in sacrifice to forgive our sins. Therefore, the winged ox reminds us of the priestly character of our Lord and His sacrifice for our redemption.

Lastly, St John is represented by the rising eagle. The Gospel begins with the "lofty" prologue and "rises" to pierce most deeply the mysteries of God, the relationship between the Father and the Son, and the incarnation. The Gospel of St John, unlike the other Gospels, engages the reader with the most profound teachings of our Lord, such as the long discourses Jesus has with Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman, and the beautiful teachings on the Bread of Life and the Good Shepherd. Jesus, too, identified Himself as "the way, the truth, and the life," and anyone who embraces Him as such will rise to everlasting life with Him.



THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Sunday 13th June

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| 10.00am | Holy Mass for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's) |
| 12noon | Holy Mass for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's) |
| 1.00pm | Baptism (Our Lady & St John's) |
| 5.00pm | Holy Mass for the Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's) |

Monday 14th June

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| 12noon | Holy Mass for Monday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's) |
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Tuesday 15th June

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| 9.30am | Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's) |
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Wednesday 16th June

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| 9.30am | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 9.55am (St Mary's) |
| 9.30am | Confessions until 9.50am |
| 10.00am | Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's) |
| 1.00pm | Holy Mass for the P7 pupils of St Mary's Primary (School) |
| 7.00pm | Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (Our Lady & St John's) |

Thursday 17th June

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

Friday 18th June

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| 10.00am | Holy Mass for Friday of the Eleventh Week in Ordinary Time (St Mary's) |
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Saturday 19th June

NO 10.00AM MASS IN ST MARY'S

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| 10.45am | Funeral Service for Celia Mangan (Our Lady & St John's) |
| 4.45pm | Confessions until 5.15pm (St Mary's) |
| 5.30pm | Vigil Mass for the Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (St Mary's) |

Sunday 20th June

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

NO PUBLIC MASS IN THE PARISH UNTIL 26TH JUNE AT 5.30PM

SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE MONTH OF JULY - PETER'S PENCE

"The offerings of the faithful [toward the Peter's Pence Collection] are intended to support the activities of the Holy Father for the whole Universal Church. These activities are carried out by the Holy See. The Pope, as Pastor of the universal Church, is concerned both with the needs of evangelisation (spiritual, educational, justice, communication, political charity, diplomatic activity, etc.) and with the material needs of poor dioceses, religious institutes and faithful in serious difficulties (the poor, children, the elderly, the marginalised, victims of wars and natural disasters; special aid to Bishops or Dioceses in need, Catholic education, aid to refugees and migrants, etc.).

Every service provided by the Holy See is possible, thanks to Peter's Pence. In fact, it guarantees the activity of the Dicasteries that assist the Pope every day in the exercise of his ministry."

The Special Collection box will be available throughout the month of July for us to assist the Holy Father in his ministry. Please give generously.



ST MARY'S MINI VINNIES

The St Mary's Mini Vinnies recently sent a donation of £300.00 to the SSVP Conferences in India to assist those in need due to the Covid pandemic. The people of India have been hit very hard with the most recent wave of the virus over the past few months so this very generous donation will be very gratefully received by those suffering and by those who are caring for them in India. We give thanks to God for all the wonderful work being done by our Mini Vinnies and we congratulate them on living out the Lord's command to love and serve those most in need.

MAY DEVOTIONS & CORPUS CHRISTI

Many thanks to all those parishioners who came along to our Devotions during May and the Vespers and Benediction for the Solemnity of Corpus Christi last Sunday. These opportunities allow us to delve into the rich heritage and tradition of our Catholic Faith and to come closer to the Lord in the Holy Eucharist.

PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Parish Finance Committee will meet this Tuesday at 3.30pm in St Mary's Parish House. At this meeting the committee will go over the accounts for 2020 and discuss various future plans for expenditure, ways of saving money and also to discuss ways to generate income for the parish.

VOTIVE CANDLES

We now have new votive candles in both churches priced at £1.50. They are red and blue, traditionally red for the Sacred Heart and blue for Our Lady. The normal votive candles are still available priced at 50p. Just let the steward know what candles you would like lit and they will be happy to oblige.

P7 LEAVERS MASSES

As the school term draws to a close we will be wishing our P7's farewell as they embark on their journey to secondary school. We keep the P7's in our prayers as they take this important step in their lives and wish them the very best.

St Mary's P7 Leavers Mass will take place on Wednesday of this week, 16th June at 1.00pm.

St John's P7 Leavers Mass will take place on Tuesday 22nd June at 11.30am.

May Our Lady & St John pray for them all.

RCIA

On Sunday 20th June we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance for those who are currently in the RCIA programme who wish to take the next step on their journey. The Rite of Acceptance will be celebrated at the various Masses which those who wish to be received into the church normally attend. We pray for them all.

PARISH FINANCES

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| Collection & Donations: | £804.83 |
| Stall: | £41.50 |
| Votive Candles: | £111.57 |
| Standing Orders & Bank Transfers: | £470.00 |
| TOTAL: | £1,427.90 |

Many thanks for your very generous support

FLOWERS IN THE CHURCH GROUNDS

Many thanks to those who have donated pots of flowers and hanging baskets to make the exterior of our churches look so nice. A word of thanks also go to those who maintain our parish grounds and look after them so well, your hard work and dedication is appreciated by all of us especially in this lovely weather.

MOTHERWELL LOURDES HOSPITALITE

The annual Motherwell Diocesan Lourdes Hospitalite Day at Carfin Grotto will take place next Sunday, 20th June, with Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Toal at 3.00pm. During the Mass there will be the opportunity for a special blessing of the sick to replace the normal Sacrament of the Sick which would customarily be administered at this special Mass. All parishioners are very welcome to attend the Mass in Carfin to pray for the work of the Motherwell Lourdes Hospitalite and to join with them at the shrine in Carfin.

PRAYER TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

O sacred heart of Jesus, I place my trust in thee,
Whatever may befall me, Lord, though dark the hour may be;
In all my woes, in all my joys, though nought but grief I see,
O sacred heart of Jesus, I place my trust in thee.

When those I loved have passed away, and I am sore distressed,
O sacred heart of Jesus, I fly to thee for rest.
In all my trials, great or small, my confidence shall be
Unshaken as I cry, dear Lord, I place my trust in thee.

This is my one sweet prayer, dear Lord, my faith, my trust, my love,
But most of all in that last hour, when death points up above,
O sweet Saviour, may thy face smile on my soul all free.
Oh may I cry with rapturous love, I've placed my trust in thee.



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 - Bernadette Lyons, Martin (Matt) Lennon (Bothwell), James Reynolds (Shieldmuir)

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - Christine McCluskey, Michael James Fleming

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

CANTORS & MUSICIANS

Each week our celebration of Mass is enhanced by the input and dedication of those who lead our music. We offer to them our thanks, especially for learning some beautiful new hymns and for regaling us with some golden oldies which may not have been heard for a while. All the musicians have worked very hard to learn new Mass settings too. Their commitment to making the music in our parish so lovely is appreciated by us all. Throughout the summer holidays, to allow the cantors & musicians to take it a bit easier, we will only sing the hymns and Gospel Acclamation at Mass.

ALTAR SERVERS

It has been wonderful to welcome our young people back to the ministry of serving at the altar over the past few weeks and many parishioners have commented on how good it is to see the return of the altar servers at Mass. The majority of our servers are currently at secondary school - this is very encouraging. Fr Wyllie is looking to recruit new servers for our Sunday Masses. During the summer months Fr Wyllie will have the opportunity to take the new servers for rehearsals to ensure that they are well prepared before serving at Mass. Any new server must have made their First Communion.

SSVP

Even though last year was a very different year for all of us, the St Vincent de Paul Society in our parish were still assisting those less fortunate than ourselves. In order for them to continue with this corporal work of mercy we must give them our prayerful and financial support. As you leave the church over the next few weeks please place a donation, no matter how small, in the SSVP box to help with the great work that the SSVP do on our behalf for the most needy.

PARISH FORTY HOURS

It is planned to have the parish Forty Hours of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament from Sunday 5th September until Tuesday 7th September in preparation for the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 8th September in St Mary's. It is hoped that some of the stricter restrictions placed on us at present will be relaxed by that time. More info to follow over the next few weeks as we know more about the plan ahead and the lifting of restrictions.

OVER THE NEXT FEW WEEKS

QUIET WEEK

We will have a quiet week in the parish from Monday 21st June until Saturday 26th June. This will mean that from **after** the Sunday 5.00pm Mass on 20th June there will be no Mass celebrated in the parish **until** the Saturday Vigil Mass on 26th June at 5.30pm. Fr Wyllie will not be available.

OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S SUNDAY MASSES

From Sunday 4th July we will have both the church and the hall opened to accommodate everyone who wishes to attend the 12noon Mass.

ST MARY'S SUNDAY MASSES

At the moment we are currently working on a rota basis for Sunday Masses in St Mary's.

FR WYLLIE'S HOLIDAY

Fr Wyllie will be on holiday from 25th June until 3rd July. During this time Masses will be celebrated by Monsignor Millar and Fr Coyle from Our Lady of Lourdes, East Kilbride. Trying to find priests to supply is extremely difficult at the moment so Fr Wyllie is extremely grateful to them both.