

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PARISH

Saint Mary Immaculate Larkhall &
Our Lady & Saint John's Blackwood

Scottish Charity Number - SC011041

Telephone - 01698 884017

Email - ourladyoffatima@rcdom.org.uk

Website - parishofourladyoffatima.com

Parish Priest - Reverend Father Seán G. Wyllie



Our Lady & St John's
Carlisle Road
Blackwood, ML11 9RZ

EASTER SUNDAY
4TH APRIL 2021

St Mary's
Raploch Road
Larkhall, ML9 1AN

HAPPY EASTER FROM FR WYLLIE

This Easter is like none other. It is a day when we not only celebrate and rejoice in the resurrection of Our Lord from the dead but it also marks a new springtime after the year-long darkness we have been living through as a result of the Covid pandemic and the many restrictions which have been placed on all our lives. The return to public worship for this most sacred solemnity is God's gift to us and we thank him for that with full and joyful hearts.

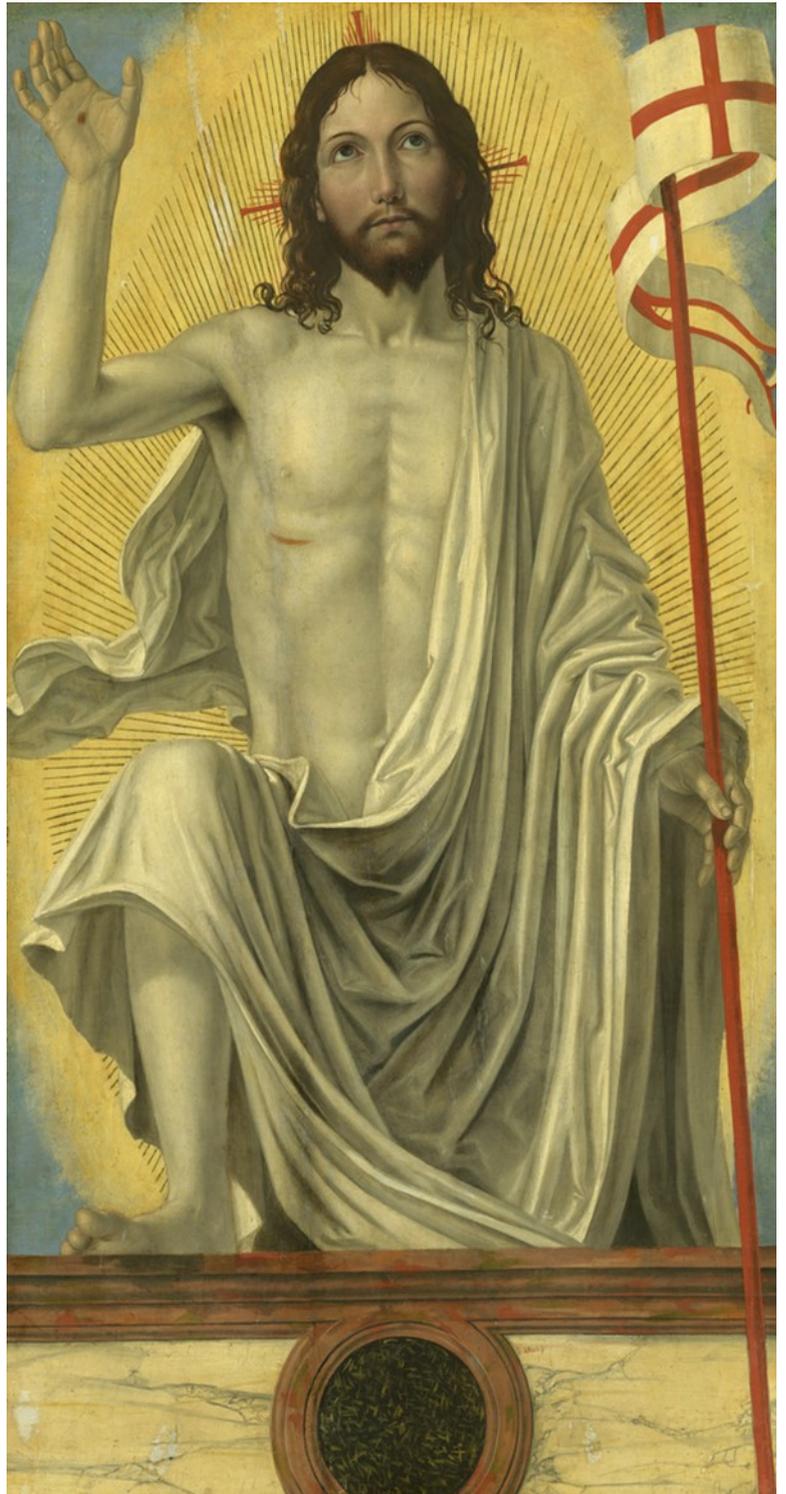
Our separation from the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church over the course of the past few months should give us a new fervour and vigour for living our lives of faith in a new and real way. I am very much looking forward to working with you all to build up our parish after the lull of the past year.

The sacramental and liturgical life of the Church is where we draw our strength as followers of the Lord, it's essential for our life as Catholic Christians, it is from these encounters that the Lord gives us the grace we need to live out our vocations each day. We will continue to have Mass each day of the week between the two churches, opportunities for the Sacrament of Confession, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction as well as the Holy Rosary and, from time to time, Novena's and other devotions.

Another important aspect of parish life is working together to, first and foremost, love and serve God, but also to love and serve one another. It is hoped that we will now be able to plan and organise events and ventures for the not to distant future to build up our parish community but also to show our care and concern for those who need our support and help.

As we step forward cautiously from the pandemic, we look to the future with hope and with faith, with the desire to live our faith in the resurrected Christ in a stronger and deeper way.

Happy Easter to all of you!



THIS WEEK IN OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Saturday 3rd April

8.00pm Solemn Easter Vigil & Mass of the Resurrection (St Mary's)

Sunday 4th April

10.00am Holy Mass for Easter Sunday (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for Easter Sunday (Our Lady & St John's)

Monday 5th April

12noon Holy Mass for Monday of the Easter Octave (St Mary's)

Tuesday 6th April

12noon Holy Mass for Tuesday of the Easter Octave (Our Lady & St John's)

Wednesday 7th April

12noon Holy Mass for Wednesday of the Easter Octave (St Mary's)

Thursday 8th April

12noon Holy Mass for Thursday of the Easter Octave (Our Lady & St John's)

Friday 9th April

12noon Holy Mass for Friday of the Easter Octave (St Mary's)

Saturday 10th April

12noon Holy Mass for Saturday of the Easter Octave (St Mary's)

4.45pm Confessions until 5.15pm (St Mary's)

5.30pm Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Eastertide (St Mary's)

Sunday 11th April

10.00am Holy Mass for the Second Sunday of Eastertide (St Mary's)

12noon Holy Mass for the Second Sunday of Eastertide (Our Lady & St John's)

3.00pm Divine Mercy Devotions & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament (St Mary's)

5.00pm Holy Mass for the Second Sunday of Eastertide (Our Lady & St John's)

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

If you wish to attend any of the Sunday Masses in our parish you need to send an email to the parish to request a place, you only need to send this email once. This is for all parishioners, whether they had previously been on the list or not. When you email you will automatically be placed on the list for attending Mass and will receive an email to confirm attendance at Mass for the coming weekend.

You must include the following details:

The name of each person wishing to attend Mass

Your preferred Mass

A contact telephone number

EASTER COLLECTION

Traditionally we are asked to make a special monetary gift to the parish at Easter and Christmas, according to your financial means. From today through to the Second Sunday of Easter (11th April) there will be a box available as you leave the church to contribute to this collection. Last year, due to lockdown and our churches being closed for such a long time, our income was down £25,000 from the previous year. Your financial support of the parish is greatly appreciated as it is the only source of income we have to maintain and manage the parish properties. May God reward you all for your continued financial support of the parish.

LARKHALL 100 CLUB

Congratulations to our Easter 100 Club winners. No. 36 - Jim McLearn and No. 62 - Gemma Barton. The next draw will take place on 9th May.

There are plenty of numbers left so with the congregation in St Mary's we should easily fill these spaces. Could all members hand their money to either Patsy Walker or Amelia Peacock at the earliest opportunity. you need any more information please Patsy - 07957222769.

Bank details to set up a Standing Order are below:

Name: Larkhall 100 Club

Sort Code: 802260

Account No. 07418369

The
100
CLUB

EASTER MASS ON BBC SCOTLAND

BBC Scotland will televise Sunday Mass from St Mirin's Cathedral in Paisley at **12noon today (Sunday)** celebrated by Bishop John Keenan, Bishop of the Diocese of Paisley. If you know of any parishioner who does not have access to the internet please let them know about this.

The Masses can be found on iPlayer or:

Platform HD SD
Freeview & Youview 108 9
SKY 115
Freesat 106
Virgin Media 108

BAPTISMS

As things stand at the moment we are unable to celebrate Baptisms out-with Mass (which seems a very strange rule, but we have to go along with it).

If you wish your child to be baptised in our parish you must contact Fr Wyllie either by phone or by speaking to him after Mass to begin the preparation period for the celebration of the sacrament. Baptisms can take place either at Sunday Masses or weekday Masses but cannot be celebrated at any other times. Please keep this in mind when you make contact.

PARISH FINANCES

Collection & Donations:	£1,311.90
Stall:	£72.00
Votive Candles:	£66.00
Standing Orders:	£947.00
TOTAL:	£2396.90

The Holy Places £395.86

**Many thanks for your very generous support
To set up a Standing Order please use the
details below:**

PARISH BANK DETAILS:

**Sort Code 800877
Account Number 00499758**

CONFIRMATIONS FOR S1

Today is the cut off date for those S1 pupils who were at St Mary's Primary School last year who had their Confirmation postponed due to the Covid pandemic back in March 2020. As things stand at the moment we have four young people wishing to be confirmed on Thursday 6th May. Combined with the five young people who were confirmed on 8th December we have a total of nine young parishioners who have chosen to take this important step in their faith life. Fr Wyllie will be in touch with the parents/carers who have requested Confirmation over the next week or so to make firm arrangements and preparations.

GREAT HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

The boys and girls who form the Mini Vinnies group from St Mary's Primary have made a very generous donation of £125.00 towards our parish collection for SCIAF, the overseas charity of the Bishops' Conference of Scotland. Many thanks to the boys and girls for their very generous donation to help the poorest people in our world.

St Andrew's & St Bride's in East Kilbride, where Fr Wyllie is chaplain, handed over a cheque for £11,700 to SCIAF on Tuesday of Holy Week.

EASTER OCTAVE

The joy and celebration of Easter Sunday continues for the whole of Easter week. Since the young people are on holiday from school it would be great to have some of them join us for our weekday Masses. Please bring our young people along to Mass as often as you can to highlight the importance of daily Mass and the celebration of the Sacraments. If we instil these values in our young people it will help them to grow in their relationship with God and with the parish community.

OUR LADY & ST JOHN'S CHURCH

As of Tuesday of this coming week, Our Lady & St John's will be closed in order to complete the work which was begun last November. In this phase of work we will be restoring the statues of the Sacred Heart & Our Lady back to colour, giving the main body of the church a second coat of paint, bringing the arch, the west window and statue plinths back to their original stone colour, carrying out work to explore the feasibility of restoring the angels on the back sanctuary wall, re-writing the inscription which once decorated the cancel arch. If all goes according to plan it will be discussed if we will place temporary flooring at the back of the church, the central aisle and the front of the church with a possible view to eventually laying church floor tiles in these areas, just leaving the current brown carpet for under the pews. The plan and the hope is to have the work completed by the end of April. Please pray for the success of this project.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING:

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

RIP - Betty Robertson

EASTER REMEMBRANCES, MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES - Charles Morrison, The Morrison, Maguire & McStay Families, Jennifer Cochran, John Corr, Mary Corr, William Tait, Charles & Monica McCorry, Tessie & Tommy Wedlock, Chris McCorry, Frank McCorry, James & Catherine McLaren, Frank McKenna, David O'Neill, Marie McLaughlin, Sharon Moncur, Very Reverend Denis Canon Keane, John & Catherine Deerin, Gerard Wyllie, Margaret & Hugh Wyllie, George Wyllie, Martin Wyllie, David James, Annie Mulhearn, Ellen Mullen, Frank Lyons, Very Reverend Kieran Canon O'Farrell, Very Reverend Giles Canon Goward, Very Reverend Henry Canon McGinn, Very Reverend Patrick Canon Moss, James Lyons, Betty & Bill Hutchens, Ian Hutchens, Mr & Mrs A Carr, Mr & Mrs J Hutchens, The Hutchens, Carr, Burns, Munro, Rafferty, Fleming, Anderson, Green, Forbes, McGeachy, Cullen, Kelly, Law, MacFarlane, Lynch, Cook, Kent & Sheridan Families

SINCERE THANKS

Although our parish celebration of Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum was curtailed this year, there was still plenty of hard work and energy put in to making everything go as smoothly as possible. As a parish we owe a debt of gratitude to all those involved with planning, working and overseeing everything that took place over the past week.

A graphic with the words "THANK YOU!" in large, colorful, block letters. The letters are multi-colored: 'T' is green, 'H' is yellow, 'A' is blue, 'N' is purple, 'K' is red, 'Y' is green, 'O' is orange, and '!' is yellow.

A special word of thanks must go to the readers, musicians and cantors, sacristans, cleaners, stewards, those who arranged our floral displays, our parish Covid coordinators, the two gentlemen (one from St Mary's & one from Our Lady & St John's) who have cleaned up our parish brassware and silverware, to those who have maintained and looked after the parish grounds, and also to the SSVP conferences for the Easter eggs too. When we all work together we can achieve great things for the glory of God and for the life of our parish. Many thanks to all of you for the dedication, commitment and pride you show in everything you do.

Thank you too, to all of you for coming along to the various Masses, Liturgies and Confessions in such good numbers. It has been very heartening to see so many people availing themselves of the opportunities for Confession in our parish over Holy Week. A parish which places great emphasis on the Sacrament of Confession and on the Blessed Sacrament is a parish that will grow and prosper. May we build on the graces we have received for the glory of God and the building up of his Church on earth.

RCIA

Normally this weekend we would have received into full communion with the Catholic Church those who had completed the RCIA Programme. Sadly, this has not been the case. The RCIA programme will begin over the next few weeks with those who complete the course being received into full communion with the Catholic Church on 1st October. At the moment we have five people who have expressed a wish to begin the course, wonderful testimony to how the Lord is working in our world. Fr Wyllie will be in touch with those who wish to begin the course over the next week or so. Please get in contact with Fr Wyllie if you'd like to join the RCIA programme.

GIFTAID

If you are a UK Tax payer please complete the Gifaid form attached to this bulletin and return it to the parish once you have set up your Standing Order. **There are a few parishioners who pay the parish through Our Lady & St John's Giftaid envelopes from last year, 2019-2020. If you use the following envelope numbers, with Our Lady & St John's written at the top, please contact Fr Wyllie as soon as possible -**

1	7	8	14	21	30
---	---	---	----	----	----