

"Do not be afraid, I will not harm you. I am from heaven."

- Our Lady's words to Sister Lucia (Sunday, May 13th 1917)

May 13

THE FIRST OF A SERIES OF APPARITIONS OF
OUR LADY OF FATIMA



Who is Our Lady of Fatima?

Our Lady of Fatima is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in connection with her apparitions to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. Our Lady of Fatima told the shepherd children to pray the rosary daily for the end of the war (World War I). Mary continued to appear once a month for 6 months to the three children, Lucia, Jacinta and Francisco. In October of 1930, the Bishop of Leiria-Fátima approved the visions as "worthy of belief."

Timeline and Summary of the Message of Fatima:

Angelic apparitions of Fatima

- **The first angelic visit – Spring 1916:** The Angel teaches the shepherd children how to pray.
- **The second angelic visit – Summer 1916:** The Angel reveals himself as the Angel of Portugal and motivates the children to continue praying and to offer as a sacrifice their suffering to the Lord.
- **The third angelic visit – Autumn 1916:** The Angel brings communion to the shepherd children and asks them to make reparation for the crimes of "ungrateful men."

Marian apparitions

- **The first Marian apparition of Fatima – May 13th 1917:** Mary asks the children to return on the 13th each month for 6 months. Mary tells the children they will suffer much, but will reach Heaven. She then asks the children to say the rosary every day to bring peace to the world.
- **The second Marian apparition of Fatima – June 13th 1917:** Mary asks the children to add the Fatima prayer to the end of each decade of the Rosary. They ask for her to take them to Heaven and she replies "Soon I will take Jacinta and Francisco, but Lucia is to stay a while longer."
- **The third Marian apparition of Fatima – July 13th 1917:** Mary shows the children a vision of Hell and reveals that God wishes for there to be a great devotion to the Mary's Immaculate Heart to save souls from Hell. She then predicted the Second World War and the persecution of the faithful in Russia warning that without prayer and consecration of Russia to her Immaculate Heart "she [Russia] will spread her errors throughout the entire world, fomenting wars and persecution of the Church."
- **The fourth Marian apparition of Fatima – August 19th 1917:** The local administrator imprisons the children to prevent them from making their appointment with Mary. 6 days later she appears to them in a pasture and asks them, "Pray, pray very much and make sacrifices for sinners. For many souls go to Hell because there is no one to pray for them."
- **The fifth Marian apparition of Fatima – September 13th 1917:** A crowd witnesses white rose petals falling from the sky and then disappearing as Lucia asked Our Lady of Fatima to cure the sick. She replies that only some will be cured while the Lord "has no confidence" in others who were not healed.
- **The sixth Marian apparition of Fatima – October 13th 1917:** 70,000 – 100,000 people witness "The Miracle of the Sun" from up to 10 miles away. Secular news reporters present for the miracle reported unexplainable phenomenon. Mary reveals herself as the Lady of the Rosary and says, "People must amend their lives, ask forgiveness for their sins and not offend Our Lord any more for He is already too much offended."



Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!



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For the weekend of May 7th/May 8th, 2022

4th Sunday of Easter - Year C



Prayer to Jesus the Good Shepherd

Faithful Shepherd,
You are not a hireling who runs away at the sight of danger,
but Your fidelity was tested
and proven on the wood of the Cross.
Accept our gratitude
for Your unfailing care.
Help us to hear Your voice and follow your call.

Watchful Shepherd,
who protect the flock
and search tirelessly
for those who wander from the fold,
retrieve those who stray and bring them home,
tend and heal their wounds.

Good Shepherd,
who lay down Your life for Your sheep,
nourish Your people with Your very Self: the Bread of Life,
that we may reflect Your likeness
and come to the springs of Living Water that never run dry.
Amen.



A Daily Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Times of Holy Mass & Confessions etc.



Monday 9th May	<i>No public Mass - Joint parish pilgrimage to Carfin Grotto</i>	
	<i>Prayer Group in St. James' from 7.30-9.00p.m. - All welcome</i>	
Tuesday 10th May	4th Week in Eastertide	
	<u>Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:</u>	9.15a.m. Holy Rosary 10.00a.m. Holy Mass
	<u>St. James' Parish:</u>	5.45-6.45p.m. Holy Hour 7.00p.m. Holy Mass Confessions after Mass
Wednesday 11th May	4th Week in Eastertide	
	<u>St. James' Parish:</u>	9.15a.m. Holy Rosary 10.00a.m. Holy Mass Confessions after Holy Mass
	<u>Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:</u>	5.00p.m. - Reception of Remains of Mr. Andrew Mitchell R.I.P. 7.00p.m. Holy Mass Confessions after Holy Mass
Thursday 12th May	4th Week in Eastertide	
	<u>Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:</u>	9.15a.m. Holy Rosary 10.00a.m. Holy Mass Confessions after Mass
		2.00p.m. - Requiem Mass for Mr. Andrew Mitchell R.I.P.
Friday 13th May	Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima	
	<u>St. James' Parish:</u>	9.15a.m. Holy Rosary 10.00a.m. Holy Mass Confessions after Mass
Saturday 14th May	10.30a.m. to 12.30p.m. Coffee Morning in St. James', Kinross	
	<i>All are welcome to join us!</i>	
	<u>Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:</u>	5th Sunday of Easter - C. (Vigil Mass) 4.15 - 4.45p.m. Confessions 5.00p.m. Vigil Mass
	<u>St. James' Parish:</u>	7.00p.m. Vigil Mass Confessions after Mass
Sunday 15th May	5th Sunday of Easter - C.	
	<u>St. James' Parish:</u>	9.00a.m. Holy Mass
	<u>Our Lady of Lourdes' Parish:</u>	11.00a.m. Holy Mass
	<u>Kilgraston School, Bridge of Earn:</u>	<i>Exeat weekend</i>



I begin each day with holy Mass, receiving Jesus hidden under the appearance of a simple piece of bread. Then I go out into the streets and I find the same Jesus hidden in the dying destitute, the AIDS patients, the lepers, the abandoned children, the hungry, and the homeless. It's the same Jesus. - Mother Teresa



This Sunday's readings from the Sacred Scriptures: - 4th Sunday of Easter, Year C.



A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:14,43-52

We must turn to the pagans.

Psalm 99(100)

Response: We are His people, the sheep of His flock.

A reading from the Book of the Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

The Lamb will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:27-30

I know my sheep and they follow me.



Sincere thanks from Wilma Carragher and the SSVP Conference at St. James'

Wilma and the sisters and brothers of the SSVP have asked me to pass on their heartfelt thanks to all who sponsored her recent sky-dive. Wilma, with your support, managed to raise a tremendous £2,370.00 for the work of the Society in St. James' parish. How fantastic! As you know, all your donations to the SSVP are put to good use in helping those in our parishes in need - and there is much need at the moment. Thank you for your generosity and your continuing support of the SSVP.

Coffee Morning

The SSVP Conference of St James would like to invite all parishioners to attend a coffee morning on Saturday 14th of May. The purpose of the event is to bring people together to socialize and perhaps learn more about what the group does. We also want to celebrate the amazing success of Wilma's recent sky dive and let you know how the fantastic sum that she raised will be spent. This will be a complimentary event and will take place in the church hall from 10.30 am until 12.30 pm. We would welcome tombola prizes, which can be handed in to any of the pass keepers or left in the hall from today. We are very much looking forward to hosting this event and hope to see you there. We will, of course, ensure that the hall doesn't become too crowded at any time in order to make everyone feel as comfortable as possible. Thank you.

Memorial to Fr. Colin Golden R.I.P.

Some while ago now, after the sad death of Fr. Colin Golden, and when I knew I had been appointed to Our Lady of Lourdes as Parish Priest, I ordered a statue as a memorial to Fr. Colin. The statue is a three feet high statue of St. Andrew. I chose St. Andrew because he is both patron saint of our beloved Scotland and also patron saint of Romania - a place whose people were so dear to Fr. Colin's heart. I intend to have the statue installed at the front of Our Lady's on one side of the sanctuary (probably the side opposite to where the baptismal font is located). The statue will be mounted on a shelf and an appropriate memorial plaque will be placed near the statue in memory of Fr. Colin asking for prayers for the happy repose of his soul. I know that Fr. Colin was dearly loved and is a much missed priest, and I hope this memorial will be a fitting tribute to his legacy in the parish and beyond. Should anyone wish to contribute financially towards the statue, the plinth, and the plaque, you can hand in your donation in an envelope marked "Fr. Colin's Memorial". Thank you for your generosity. The statue will probably not be in place until sometime after the Easter celebrations and donations can be handed in at any time. Thank you to those who have already handed in contributions, God bless you, Fr. Martin

Of your charity please remember in your prayers the sick and housebound of the parishes and those who care for them. Please pray for those recently deceased and those who mourn their loss, and remember also, please, to pray for the souls of all the faithful departed - may they rest in peace.