

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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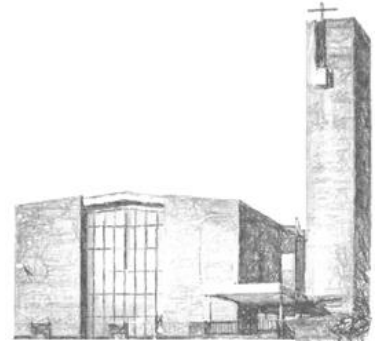
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## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024 Services 26<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.

Monday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Tuesday	
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10:00	Mass
Wednesday	
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Thursday	
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10:00	Mass
Friday	
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10:00	Mass
Saturday	
16.15 – 16.45	Confessions
22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2024	
17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday	
09:00	Sunday Mass
11:00	Sunday Mass

### COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1614
Votives	£172
Stall	£20
<b>Gift Aid £257</b>	<b>£1,806</b>

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Resumes again at the 11am Mass on Sunday 5th. This is a very useful tool our younger parishioners and I encourage parents to bring their children to this.

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

JOSH 24:1-2, 15-18

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God.

PS 33:2-3, 16-23 R.9

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

EPH 5:21-32

This mystery has many implications for Christ and his Church.

JOHN 6:60-69

Whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life.

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

By the time we reach this final extract from the Bread of Life Discourse, we find that Jesus' disciples are struggling with his teaching, but Jesus refuses to compromise. Instead, he asks the twelve, "What about you, do you want to go away too?" replies "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life. We believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God".

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Sick Kevin McMonagle

RIP Patrick Ferrie

Anniversaries James Deary, Millie Shaw, John & Bridget McLean, John McLean Jnr, Frances McCrossan, Josephine Gillespie, Margaret, Mary Gardyne, James Hamilton.

Birthday Remembrance Catherine McLennan

Six Months Mind: Eileen Hamilton

### PRAYERS GROUP

Resuming this week. Tuesday's Pro-life prayers after Mass in Church. Wednesdays Mothers prayer group after Mass and Friday's prayers at 1.00 pm for vocations and priests with Divine mercy at 3.0'clock

### CHRISTOPHER IGWE

Returns to Oscott in the course of this week. Please keep him in your prayers as he prepares for Ordination to the Diaconate in a few months time.

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## **FUTURE EVENTS AND SERVICES**

PASTORAL VISIT OF HIS EXCELLENCY ARCHBISHOP MIGUEL MAURY BUENDIA, APOSTOLIC NUNCIO TO GREAT BRITAIN, TO MOTHERWELL DIOCESE, ON 30TH AUGUST TO 1ST SEPTEMBER.

The Pope's Ambassador to Great Britain, the Papal Nuncio Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia will be present with us from the evening of Friday August 30<sup>th</sup> until his return to London on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Bishop Toal asks you to join with him in welcoming Archbishop Miguel, particularly at the Masses he will celebrate with us.

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Solemn Mass of Welcome in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, celebrating the Communion of the Diocese in the Universal Church led by our Holy Father, Pope Francis. After Mass there will be a reception afterwards in St Bride's Centre.

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> at 10 am Archbishop Maury Buendia will celebrate the Saturday Morning Mass in the Cathedral in honour of Our Lady, Fountain of Salvation, and its particular focus will be to pray for the continued progress of Project Wellspring, the Motherwell programme for pastoral renewal. Bishop Toal proposes we make this Saturday Morning Mass for the whole Diocese. It is particularly hoped that those who are involved in Wellspring in the parishes and in the diocesan missions will attend this Mass and come afterwards to St Bride's Centre for a presentation on Wellspring and discussion on its development. This is scheduled to last from 11.30 to 14.30 and will include lunch. Bishop Toal has asked that four people from each parish accompany the parish clergy.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> at 3pm – the National Pilgrimage Mass at Carfin Grotto

Archbishop Maury Buendia will be the main celebrant at the National Pilgrimage Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto at Carfin. The theme for the Pilgrimage this year is Pilgrims of Prayer, in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Bishop Frank Dougan of Galloway will be the homilist. Everybody is most welcome to attend.

Bishop Toal realises that to have three special Masses on consecutive days is quite demanding but he hopes that you will be able to participate and ensure that we give a very special welcome to our Papal Nuncio and assure him of our loyalty to, and our supportive prayers for, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

BISHOP DOUGAN

At the request of some parishioners, Bishop Dougan will return to Our Lady of Lourdes on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate Mass at 7pm. Those who are organising this visit will announce the plans in due course.

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## **OTHER NOTICES**

PANTOMIME - A CRACKING CHRISTMAS CAROL.

This will be at the Village theatre on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00 pm. All tickets £10.50. A list will be on the notice board, please put your name with mobile number and number of tickets required.

ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC

Any adult interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith with a view to joining the Church is invited to "An evening of Enquiry" in the Chapel House. This will take place on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 7pm. If you know of someone who may be interested please bring them along to the meeting.

CALL FOR CANTORS AND CHOIR UPDATE!

From the 1<sup>st</sup> of September onwards the Choir will rehearse between the 9 and 11am Masses every Sunday. Everyone is welcome and we'd love to see more people coming along to see what it's all about (especially if you think you can't sing!) - no commitment necessary, but we're sure if you come to one, you'll want to come again! There's no obligation to stay and sing at the 11am Mass, just come through to the Oratory to start rehearsal at 10am. We'd love to hear from anyone who would like to be a Cantor at the 11am Mass with the intention to lead the psalm with the Choir and with enough people volunteering no one should have to do more than once a month with plenty of rehearsal time and practice materials in between. Come see Michael at the Organ on Sundays or ask for my details from Fr Kenny or Deacon Bill. There's no age limit as long as you can sing confidently and are willing to practice!

PARISH FINANCE GROUP:

According to Canon Law every parish must have a Finance Group. I wish to establish such a group to bring in a degree of accountability to the running of the Parish. If you have a background in finance and feel you could help in this regard then please speak to me after the Mass on Sunday.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION:

We have a very small but dedicated band of Eucharistic Ministers who assist with the distribution of Holy Communion and, in many cases, take the Blessed Sacrament to sick and housebound parishioners.

Since arriving here, it is evident to me that we really need more parishioners to take on this ministry. That would help us, for example, take Holy Communion again to patients in Hairmyers Hospital. Not a week goes by without calls from people asking for the Eucharist from the hospital. I have already approached some parishioners and have still to see others to invite them to take on this ministry. If you are asked, please be generous with your response.