

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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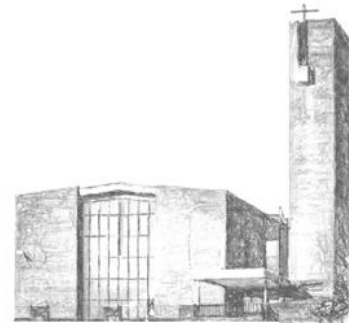
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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 7th & 8th September 2024

Mon	9:25 10:00	Litany & Rosary Mass
Tue	9:25 10:00	Litany & Rosary Mass
Wed	9:25 10:00	Litany & Rosary Mass
Thu	9:25 10:00	Litany & Rosary Mass
Fri	9:25 10:00	Litany & Rosary Mass – St John Chrysostom - Memorial
Sat	9:15 – 9:45 10:00 16:15 - 16:45	Confessions Mass – Exaltation of the Cross - Feast Confessions

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 14th and 15th September 2024

	17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sun	09:00	Sunday Mass
	11:00	Sunday Mass

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

IS 35:4-7

The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy.

PS 145

My, soul give praise to the Lord.

JM 2:1-5

God chose the poor according to the world to be rich in faith.

MARK 7:31-37

'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Jesus, now in Gentile territory, is faced with someone unable to hear or speak. Followers of Jesus must be able to hear, and therefore to speak his word. But this man is not a disciple. Perhaps the Gentile setting explains Jesus' unusual word (Ephphatha) and actions. Does he use word and action to show he is the originator of the cure? The crowd are impressed: "he has made the deaf hear and the dumb speak".

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sarah McGee, Emma Ramsay, Stephen Lynch, Kevin McMonagle.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Harry Hamill, Jim & Annie Flanagan, Jim Flanagan Jr, Anne Flanagan, Rosina & Hugh McGinty, Marion & Matthew Henderson, Sr. Agnes Mary Anne, Patrick & Mary Corrigan, Richard & Rose Campbell, Catherine Conaghan, Agnes Brown, Michael Berry, Nancy Rock.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS THANK YOU

Cash	£1,521
Envelopes	£279
Standing Orders	£905
Estimated Gift Aid	£265
	£2970

Stall received **£40**

Votives **£225**

Thank you.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Please note that not only can you donate your weekly donation online, there is also provision to give a donation for any special collections such as this weekend's 2nd collection for the Ecclesiastical Students Fund.



FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

PRAYER GROUPS

Tuesday – Rosary for unborn babies & Mothers prayer group after Mass.

Wednesdays - Pro-life prayers after Mass in Church.

Friday - Prayers at 1.00 pm for vocations and priests with Divine Mercy at 3.0'clock.

MASS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA IN CARFIN

A bus will leave from the bus stop opposite the Church at 6.40pm for anyone wishing to go to the Mass. (Please add your name to the list on the noticeboard).

RCIA - 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 1st October at 7pm. If you know of someone who may be interested please bring them along to the meeting.

OTHER NOTICES

WELCOME!

To Fr. David Brown who is celebrating the Masses this weekend. By now, he is no stranger to OLOL and we hope he enjoys his stay

MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

To Esther Daly who celebrated her 80th Birthday this week past.

WELLSPRING GROUP

The group will meet on Thursday 27th September at 7pm in the Church House.

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 today. So far, three people have volunteered, all men. It would be great if some women who have a background in finance would also assist with this matter.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

The practice of hearing confessions on Saturdays from 9.15am to 9.45 am has now resumed. Mass will also be celebrated at 10am on Saturdays again.

Health & Safety Audit of the Parish Tuesday 17th September 10:30am

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a meeting with the new volunteers on Tuesday 17th September at 7pm in the Chapel House.

BISHOP FRANK DOUGAN

Bishop Frank will return to OLOL on Tuesday 24th September to celebrate Mass at 7pm. There will be a presentation to mark his tenure as Parish Priest here and afterwards there will be light refreshments in the Hall. All parishioners are invited along to the Mass and to the Hall afterwards.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

I will soon be writing to the parents of P3 children in our two schools. It is at this stage that children receive the sacrament of First Reconciliation. Last year it was necessary to baptize a good number of P7 children immediately before their first confession. This is never good practice. To avoid this happening again, I ask that parents of children who are not baptized to respond quickly to the letter which they receive. Children not baptized before the end of the year cannot be included in the sacramental program.

SAFEGUARDING

For many years Bill Kerr has acted as the Safeguarding Coordinator. Recently, Bill has suffered from a health setback and has decided to step down from this role. We thank him for the work he has done in this very important area and we hope his health soon improves.

I have invited Karen Fusi and Paul Murphy to take on jointly the role of coordinating safeguarding here at OLOL and they have both generously accepted. Karen has a background in education and Paul was a social worker. Veronica McKenna, Diocesan Safeguarding Coordinator, will see that they are trained for this role. In the meantime, if any has any safeguarding concerns Veronica can be contacted on 01698269114 or by emailing her at veronicamckenna@rcdom.org.uk

DIGITAL SUNDAY OFFERING

I very much appreciate your generosity in supporting our parish. To make things more flexible, the following link takes you to a secure web page that can be used for your Sunday Offering.



Some parishioners may prefer this method. There is also the opportunity to Gift Aid your offering as well as register for Gift Aid should you choose. All offerings are 100% anonymous, only those who Gift Aid will have their details recorded. Anyone using this service has the opportunity to include a short message should they wish to do this.

Assisted Dying for Terminally ill Adults (Scot)

Now that the General Election and summer holidays are over MSPs at the Scottish Parliament will turn their attention to the Liam McArthur bill on Assisted Dying. This is the third time that this type of bill has been presented to the Scottish Parliament. It is important that we write to all our MSPs including both the Constituency MSP for East Kilbride, Collette Stevenson and the seven Regional MSPs. Your email to all of them only needs to be - "I live in the area that you represent at the Scottish Parliament and I wish you to vote against the proposed bill on Assisted Dying".

This QR code will take you directly to the MSP list based on the church's post code.

