

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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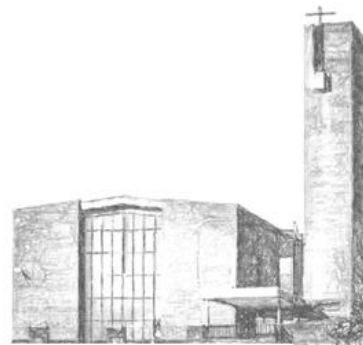
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SUNDAY MASS – 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1st December 2024. Services for 2nd - 8th Dec	
Monday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Tuesday	
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10:00	Mass
Wednesday	
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10:00	Mass
Thursday	
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10:00	Mass
Friday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Saturday	
09.15 – 09.45	Confessions
10.00	Mass
16.15 – 16.45	Confessions
2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8th December 2024.	
17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday	
09:00	Sunday Mass
11:00	Sunday Mass

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,510
Votives	£150
Stall	£340
Gift Aid £260	£2,000
Digital	£45

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

JEREMIAH 33:14-16

I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David.

PSALM 24(25):4-5,8-9,10,14

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1 THESSALONIANS 3:12-4:2

May the Lord establish your hearts for the coming of Christ.

LUKE 21:25-28,34-36

Your redemption is drawing near.'

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

It is easy to be filled with fear with the images of destruction in the world. Yet Advent is a time of joy, anticipation, and a time to be ready and stand tall since our salvation is near.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED Peter McCarron, Ellen Maloney, Hugh McLean, Margaret Cairns

Teresa Murphy :Rite of Reception Monday 6pm

Funeral Mass; Tuesday 10am

ANNIVERSARIES

Ciaran Jame Newlands, Martin Breen, Patrick Baird, George Tait, Cathie Russell, Elizabeth Mooney

FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

RCIA- ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC

This week's meeting is at 7pm in the Chapel House.

FAITH SHARING GROUP:

The new session begins on Monday at 7pm in the Oratory. Anyone wishing to attend is most welcome.

PARISH FINANCE GROUP:

Meet in the Chapel House on Thurs 28th Nov 7.30pm

FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

ASSISTED DYING- WESTMINSTER

The issue of Assisted Dying has now become a major UK Parliament issue with a vote on a Private Members Bill to be taken on 29th November 2024. This UK vote is important for Scotland as it may influence the Scottish Parliament when they vote in the New Year. Our new East Kilbride MP is Joan Reid (Labour), contact at joani.reid.mp@parliament.uk or by writing to her at House of Commons, London, SW1A 0AA. A flyer from David Alton is available in the porch

HOGMANAY FAMILY CEILIDH

The Parish will be hosting a family Ceilidh in the church hall on Tuesday 31st December from 8pm-12.30am. Tickets are £5 for adults and kids go free. There will be games and raffles on the night as well as a hot pie. BYOB and snacks. Tickets on sale at the back of the church on the first Sunday of advent.

CARITAS CAFÉ:

Runs every Sunday after the 11am Mass. All welcome.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes for the Holy Year 2025 Motherwell Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will depart from Prestwick Airport on 14th July for one week. We will be travelling on a charter flight with Joe Walsh Tours. All the pilgrims will be staying in the adjoining hotels Alba and Mediterranean on the River Gave. Booking will be available soon online at www.joewalshstours.co.uk/pilgrimages/pilgrimage-destinations/lourdes and over the telephone 0808 1890468. Please note, I have booked a place on the pilgrimage and appeal to parishioners to join me. Whilst the pilgrimage will be under the leadership of the Diocese, I am sure it could help us build up the community and spiritual life of this parish dedicated to our lady of Lourdes

THE STALL:

Please buy your Christmas Cards from the stall, firstly to help retain the Christian message of the coming feast and secondly because it supports the parish too. Keep Christ in Christmas.

THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST. PETER CLAVER

Will sell their calendar the weekend of 14th/15th December. Please support them in their work.

FOODBANKS

Next collection for our local Foodbanks is the weekend of 7/8th Dec, the final one before Christmas. No collections in January. As ever, thank you so much in helping to sustain the basic needs of those in our communities. Your help is indispensable.

THE NEW LECTIONARY:

Today with the beginning of Advent we will use the new Lectionary. Hopefully by now, all readers will have had a chance to look at the Lectionaries themselves. They are different in appearance and in translation. It will take time to 'acclimatise' to the style of English and the structure of some sentences.

DIGITAL SUNDAY OFFERING

The following QR Code or link takes you to a secure web page that can be used for your Sunday Offering.



Please note that not only can you donate your weekly donation online, there is also provision to give a donation for any special collections.

<https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-church>

You can also register for Gift Aid or Gift Aid your offering. Only those who Gift Aid will have their details recorded. You can also include a short message.

VOCATIONS EVENING

A meeting will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 7.00pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral for those in our diocese who feel called to the priesthood. This informal evening will begin with a short time of prayer and provide an opportunity for anyone considering a vocation to the priesthood to ask questions, come together and learn a bit more about priesthood and the discernment process. If interested in a vocation to the priesthood but can't make it to the meeting, please email Fr Sean Wyllie, Diocesan Vocations Promoter: frwyllie@rcdom.org.uk

MY DAY BY DAY BOOKS 2025

Message for all our parish subscribers to the books of daily scripture readings used at mass, and any who would like to subscribe for the year ahead. The books now follow the new lectionary, will be issued as 11 books (small, pocket size, paperbacks) over the full year, each book covering a period of one month, except around Lent and Easter.

The publisher has informed me that the cost this year will be increased. Our subscription for the whole year ahead will therefore increase to £12, a rise of only £1 for the year's supply. If you wish to continue receiving the books in 2025, please let me know soon and please pay the full subscription fee for the year ahead, during December. If you no longer wish to continue with the books, please let me know asap.

If you would like to join our group of subscribers, speak to me after mass, or text 07788918579.

All money received from subscribers is passed to the parish. The parish then pays the regular bills that accompany deliveries.