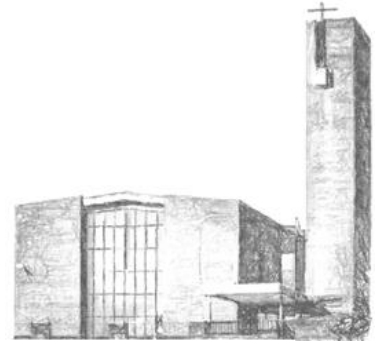


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SUNDAY MASS – 3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT 15th December 2024. Services for 16th – 22nd Dec

Monday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
12.00	Funeral Mass for Mary Gibson
19.00 – 20.00	Confessions
Tuesday	
7.30	Rorate Mass
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
19.00 – 20.00	Confessions
Wednesday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
19.00 – 20.00	Confessions
Thursday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Funeral Mass for Anne Fleming
18.15 – 19.00	Confessions
Friday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Funeral Mass for Marian Kirklands
11.30	Funeral Mass for Willie Fox
Saturday	
09.15 – 09.45	Confessions
10.00	Mass
16.15 – 16.45	Confessions
4 th SUNDAY OF ADVENT 22 nd December 2024.	
17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday	
09:00	Sunday Mass
11:00	Sunday Mass

CHRISTMAS MASSES Vigil Mass of Christmas 5pm

First Mass of Christmas 9pm (Carols sung from 8.30pm). Christmas Day: Mass at 10am

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

ZEPHANIAH 3:14-18A

'The Lord will exult over you with loud singing.'

IS 12:2-3. 4B-D. 5-6. R3

The rejoicing of a redeemed people

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-7

'The Lord is at hand.'

LUKE 3:10-18

'And we, what shall we do?'

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Paul wants everyone to be rejoice: the Lord is at hand! Zephaniah wants the Daughter of Zion to shout and rejoice, and when John the Baptist is baptising, people wonder if he is the Christ. John denies this and urges people to prepare for the Christ who is near to them. They need only do what is expected of them: tax collectors take only their due, soldiers must not intimidate people. Everyone should share possessions with the needy.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RIP Mary Gibson, Anne Fleming, Marian Kirklands, Willie Fox, Deborah Carroll, Nichol Hutchison.

SICK Alex Jackson Lorraine Bonnar.

ANNIVERSARIES George Reilly snr, Tom & Margaret Brown, John Clark, Hugh & Betty Ward, Ernie Robson.

FUNERALS Mary Gibson - Rite of Reception
 Sunday 15th Dec 2pm

Funeral Masses see schedule opposite.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,578
Votives	£145
Stall	£280
Other (OVO FIT)	£175
Gift Aid £300	£2,178
Digital	£60

FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

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.

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.

PARISH CHRISTMASS CARD

There is still some Christmas Cards Please take one.

DUNGAVEL IMMIGRATION CENTRE

I found my recent visit to the gates of Dungavel a very harrowing and disturbing experience. "Justice and Peace Scotland" who organised the short vigil mentioned that from time to time they take cakes and sweet goodies to the Immigration centre for the residents. At this time of year, many of us will be receiving goodies that we really could do without eating. I would be happy to accept sweets, chocolates etc and pass them on to J & P to give them to these poor souls. Leave donations at the Chapel House.

DONATIONS OF TOYS- A CHRISTMAS REQUEST

For a number of years now, leading up to Christmas, our parish has responded to a request to support disadvantaged children in the northeast of Glasgow, by donating Christmas presents (both new and good-as-new) which are collected in our church porch over two weekends in Advent.

These two weekends this year are 7th/8th December and 14th/15th December. As before, gifts should be Christmas-wrapped with a label to identify the age and gender of the intended recipient. The gifts will be delivered to St. Dominic's parish church in Craigend.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS:

There will be daily opportunities to get to Confession during the third week of Advent. More details next weekend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO REV. CHRISTOPHER IGWE

On Saturday 14th Dec. Christopher was ordained to the diaconate in St. Mary's College Oscott. Members of his family travelled from Nigeria for the ordination. Bishop Toal and many of the priests and deacons of the diocese were also present. We wish him well in his ministry and we pray for him as he looks forward to priestly ordination next year.

CONFESSIONS IN OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Mon to Wed 7pm – 8pm. Thurs 6.15 -7pm

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.

CONFESSION TIMES BEFORE CHRISTMAS – ADVENT QUIET DAY

On Saturday the 21st of December, Saint Bride's will have an Advent Quiet Day – with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, from the end of 10am Mass until the Vigil Mass.

There will be Confessions from the end of 10am Mass until 4.20pm; and after the Vigil Mass until 5.45pm. There will be a number of visiting clergy – we will publish the schedule of priests who will be heard next weekend. At 12noon, 1pm and 2pm there will be a short service of prayer and reflection to help us focus on preparing for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES

In some parishes it is traditional for the parish clergy to offer the Masses they say on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for our dead relatives and friends. We will do this at the three Christmas Masses here at Our Lady of Lourdes this year. Their names will also be included in a special Christmas Day edition of the Bulletin. These are called 'Christmas Remembrances'. If you like to have your loved ones remembered in this way, then please hand in their names to the Sacristy or the Chapel House, by the evening of Monday 23rd of December.

FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES 2025

Last year some parishioners asked that the 60th Anniversary of the Solemn Opening of the Church be marked. Given that I was here such a short time and knew very few people it seemed an impossible task.

By way of making up for that, I have invited Bishop Toal to celebrate the Feast day mass on 11th February next year.

I invite those wishing to be part of the preparations for that to meet in the Church House on 7th January 7pm.

CHRISTINGLE

Children are invited to meet in the hall at 2.30pm on Monday 23rd December to begin the Christingle procession. More info from Alana Barrie 07804740183