

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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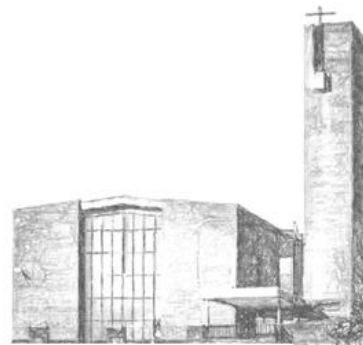
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## MASS The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 29<sup>th</sup> December 2024. Services for 30<sup>th</sup> Dec – 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025

Monday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Tuesday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
19:30	Mass
Wednesday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
11:00	New Year's Day Mass
Thursday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
11:00	Mass
Friday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Saturday	
09.15 – 09.45	Confessions
10.00	Mass
16.15 – 16.45	Confessions
5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2025. The Epiphany of the Lord	
17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday	
09:00	Sunday Mass
11:00	Sunday Mass

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

SIRACH 3:2-6, 12-14

PSALM 128 (127): 1-2.3.4-5 1A

COL 3:12-21

LUKE 2:41-52

Jesus is found by his parents sitting among the teachers.

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

"And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart". This occurs in Luke's Infancy Narrative: when the shepherds have left, and in today's gospel. Today we see the heart as where feelings are located and decisions made. Mary had much treasure to ponder: from Gabriel's message, to her Son declaring he must be about his Father's business.

We should take Mary as the model on how to reflect on the things of God revealed in her Son.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RIP

Allan Elliot, Thomas McMahon & Alex Jackson

### ANNIVERSARIES

Jimmy McCabe, John Russell, Campbell McAdam, Bridget O'Hara, Laurence Hill, Ann Rafferty, Bruce Cairnduff

## COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£955
Votives	£186
Stall	£110
Envelopes	£310
<b>Gift Aid £</b>	<b>£1,561</b>
Digital	£75

## FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

### HOGMANAY FAMILY CEILIDH

The Parish will be hosting a family Ceilidh in the church hall on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

### A WORD OF THANKS

On behalf of the two deacons, Bill and Christopher, and myself I wish to thank you for the kindness and many gestures of affection shown to us over the holidays. Your kindness is much appreciated.

Kenny Campbell

### A VOTE OF THANKS

To all those who worked so hard to make Christmas so special, musicians, choir, sacristans, servers, readers, pass keepers, cleaners. Your effort and contribution are invaluable to the smooth running of the parish.

### HOGMANAY MASS

A extra mass will take place on Hogmanay at 7.30pm. It has a dual purpose, to thank God for the year ending to ask his blessing on the year ahead.

New Year's Day Mass 11am

2nd January Mass 11am

### DUNGAVEL IMMIGRATION CENTRE:

The Governor of Dungavel was very appreciative of the donations sent in on Christmas Eve.

### 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.myдона.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-church>

You can also to 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.

### FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES 2025

Last year some parishioners asked that the 60<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> February next year. I invite those wishing to be part of the preparations for that to meet in the Church House on 7<sup>th</sup> January 7pm.

## PROGRAM FOR SECOND COLLECTIONS 2025

Special Collections dates for 2025

Justice and Peace

5 January 2025 (Epiphany)

Sick and Retired Priests

16 March 2025(2nd Sunday of Lent)

SCIAF

30 March 2025(4th Sunday of Lent)

Holy Places

18 April 2025 (Good Friday)

Communications

1 June 2025 (7th Sunday of Easter)

Day for Life

15 June 2025 (3rd Sunday in June)

Peter's Pence

29 June 2025 (Solemnity of Peter and Paul)

Ecclesiastical Students

7 September 2025 (23rd Sunday of the Year)

Mission Sunday

19 October 2025 (Penultimate Sunday in October)

Education Sunday

16 November 2025 (33rd Sunday of the Year)

In addition, there is to be the annual mission appeal, the date is not set.

Also, there will be two Pro Life Raffles, the first on the weekend 1st/2nd February.

### JUSTICE AND PEACE COLLECTION:

As you can see from above, there is a second collection next weekend for Justice and Peace.

### HOLY YEAR

The Holy Year opens in our diocese with a pilgrimage moving towards the Cathedral behind the cross prepared by Holy Cross High School for the jubilee – a pilgrim people behind the cross of Christ which remains the anchor of salvation.

People are invited to gather at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes in Carfin at 1pm on Sunday 29th December for a short gathering that introduces the pilgrimage and the opening of the Holy Year. Bishop Toal, with a small group of young people, will then make the first part of the pilgrimage towards the Cathedral.

At 2.30pm, all people from across the Diocese are invited to gather in St Bride's Hall (across from the Cathedral) for another gathering time on the journey behind the cross and for the short pilgrimage to the Cathedral, the veneration of the Cross, a memorial of our baptism and the celebration of Mass on the feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.