

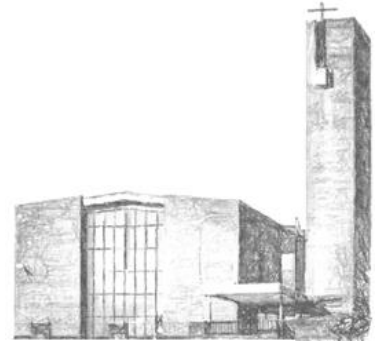
# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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## 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - C 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Mon	10:00	Mass
Tue	10:00	Mass - Memorial of St Agnes
Wed	10:00	Mass
Thu	10:00	Mass – Memorial of St Frances de Scales
	18:15 - 18:45	Confessions
	19:00	Mass
Fri	10:00	Mass
Sat	09:00 - 09:45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09:15 - 09:45	Confessions
	10:00	Mass – Feast of the Conversion of St Paul
	16:15 - 16:45	Confessions

## 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - C 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January 2025

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

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**IS 62:1-5**

The Lord delights in you.

**PS 96 (95)**

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord.

**1 COR 12:4 -11**

The one and the same Spirit,  
who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

**JN 2: 1-11**

This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilea.



### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

A passage from John is always read on this Sunday. This year, it's the first of Jesus' signs. Turning water into wine has nothing to do with the wedding; it is a sign demonstrating the power of Jesus' word to transform the human condition. Notice that he, the Word-made-flesh, does not actually do anything: his Word has power. His mother has implicit trust in the Word: she tells the servants: "do whatever he tells you"

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anne Daly, Mary Johnstone, Nora Gillen, Tony Wedlock.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Charlie & Ellen O'Kane, Roseann McGurk, Gerard McGurk, William McGurk, Mary McWilliams, Teresa Woodside, Ann Little, Christine Sampson, Frank McWilliams, Catherine McIntyre, Kathleen McIntyre, Tony Deary, Agnes Kenny.

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*Lord in your grief we turn to you. Are you not the God of love who opens your ear to all? Listen to our prayers for your servants, who you have called out of this world: lead them to your kingdom of light and peace and count them among the saints in glory.*

### COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory	£1567
Gift Aid	£280
Digital	£113
Votives	£130
Stall	£90
	<b>£2180</b>

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## **FUTURE SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY**

On Feb 11<sup>th</sup> Bishop Toal will be here in the evening to celebrate mass for our parish feast. This will also be an occasion to thank God for the sixty years plus of worship in the Church Building. While there was a very poor turnout for the meeting asking for support, I really appeal to you to put the date in your diary and come out for this Mass. I should feel very foolish if the Church is not full. The children from OLOL Primary, St. Louise Primary and St. Andrew and St. Bride Secondary will all have a role in the Mass. Michael and the choir are already putting in the hours rehearsing. I ask those involved in the Hall, passkeeping, etc. to make themselves available to help.

### **RCIA**

Meets every Monday evening at 7pm. We keep in our prayers Kaitlyn, Yvonne, Vicky and Scott who are preparing to be received into Church at Easter.

### **ST LOUISE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Parents and Carers along with Children making First reconciliation/First Communion this year are invited to an Enrolment mass in St. Vincent's Church on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 11am. Children do not need to wear school uniform and ought to sit with their parents. Fr. Romanus will guide them through the Mass.

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL**

A meeting of parents and their children from P3 and P4 who are to make the sacraments later this year will take place on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January. P3 at 6pm and P4 at 6.45pm.

### **AFTERNOON TEA IN AID OF HCPT**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February 1pm – 3pm.

Please join us in an Afternoon Tea to help raise funds for Group 116 travelling at Easter. You can enjoy some fresh sandwiches, sweet treats and bottomless tea and coffee! There will be Bingo and a raffle too. Cost is £10 per person which includes food, tea/coffee and a game of Bingo and may be paid on the day. Please contact Angela Welch on 07743090414 to book your place.

### **DAY OF PRAYER FOR CONSECRATED LIFE**

On the Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life, Bishop Toal has invited the religious communities of the diocese to join him for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Evening Prayer in Our Lady of Good of Good Cathedral, Motherwell at 3pm on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. All are welcome to join in prayer for the religious of our diocese and pray for vocations to religious life.

### **LITANY & ROSARY**

Please remember every morning before mass, Monday to Friday at 9.25am. The Litany of the Month and Daily Rosary are prayed.



## **MEETING WITH BISHOP BRIAN MCGEE ON THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY.**

An invitation is extended to a Diocesan Gathering to reflect with Bishop Brian McGee on the recent Synod on Synodality on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7pm in the Xavier Centre at Carfin. Bishop McGee was the Scottish Church's representative at the Sessions of the Synod in Rome in 2023 and 2024, and has kindly agreed to come to Motherwell Diocese to share his experience of the Synod and to participate in reflection on how we foster Synodality in Motherwell Diocese. During this time together, the Synodal method, particularly Conversation in the Synod, will form part of the Gathering. Bishop Toal encourages the participation of people from all the parishes.

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## **OTHER NOTICES**

### **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-lourdeschurch>

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.

### **POPE FRANCIS' JUBILEE PRAYER FOR 2025**

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. AMEN.

*Franciscus*

