

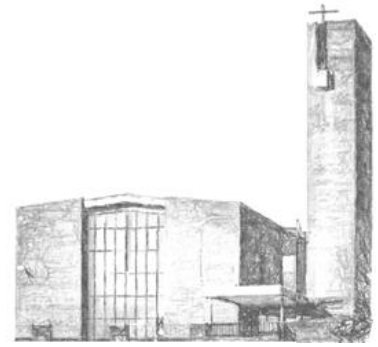
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MASS The Epiphany of the Lord 5th Jan 2025. Services for 6th – 12th Jan 2025

Monday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Requiem Mass for Alex Jackson
Tuesday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Wednesday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Thursday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
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
12 th Jan 2025. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.	
17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday	
09:00	Sunday Mass
11:00	Sunday Mass

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1400
Votives	£180
Fundraising	£1000
Gift Aid £	£2,580
Digital	£87

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

ISAIAH 60:1-6

'The glory of the Lord has risen upon you.'

PS 72(71)

All the nations on earth shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

EPHESIANS 3:2-3A, 5-6

'It has now been revealed that the Gentiles are fellow heirs of the promise.'

MATTHEW 2:1-12

'We have come from the east to worship the king.'

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

The annual telling of the Epiphany story could have us take it all for granted: magi from far-away places, guided only by a star, fabulously rich and so on. However, they were gentiles, outsiders, detested by all! Yet they sought out the New-born King when King Herod's religious advisors - who knew all the prophecies about the king being born in Bethlehem - made no move to go and see this wonderful deed of the Lord. Their gifts recognise that the Christ-Child is God (frankincense); that he is a king (gold); that he has come to die for us (myrrh).

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RIP

Nora Gillen, Alex Jackson, Mary Johnston, Chiara Kelly

UNIVERSAL HIKING CLUB MEMBERS :

Robert McFaul, Joseph Devlin, Harry Duffin, Frank Daly, James Doyle

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE

Robert Tamburrini

ANNIVERSARIES Margaret Gannon

FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

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.

JUSTICE AND PEACE COLLECTION:

Today the retiring collection goes to support the work of Justice and Peace.

THE CRIB

Will be dismantled and put away in the course of this week. Dentations placed in the crib go to St. Margaret and Family Association.

HOGMANAY CEILIDI

Many thanks to those who made the Ceilidh such a special night and so much fun. Well done!

TUESDAY EVENING BINGO:

It is with much regret that we announce that the bingo evening in the Hall is to cease after 50 years. We would like to thank everyone who supported this social evening over this time.

A special word of thanks to Dot and the team who have tried so hard to keep things going in recent times.

FOODBANK

Again, an astonishing response for this month's Foodbank collection - 12 bags and £3604. Both Foodbanks have restated this week that they could not function fully without the support of Our Lady of Lourdes parishioners. In 2024 alone you have given between them just over £30,000. That is sensational and thank you so much. This month Loaves & Fishes received all of the bags and £1800 with £1804 going to Community Foodbank.

Additionally, this month a parishioner handed over £500 from the annual collection from a Celtic fans' group. In turn, £250 was given to each Foodbank. Many thanks again for this.

ORBIS

Thanks to everyone who donated to Orbis in 2024. The total raised was £1681. Your generosity will provide the means by which many people will retain their precious gift of sight.

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.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

