

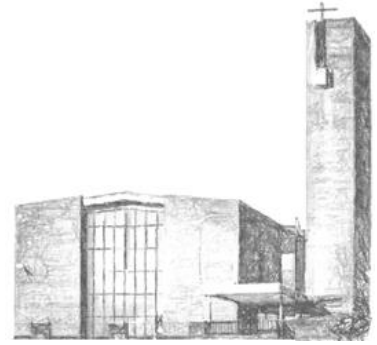
OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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MASS The Baptism of the Lord 12th Jan 2025. Services for 13th – 19th Jan 2025

Monday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
18:00	Nora Gillen RIP - Rite of Reception
Tuesday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Requiem Mass for Nora Gillen
Wednesday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
17:00	Anne Daly RIP - Rite of Reception
Thursday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Requiem Mass for Anne Daly
Friday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Requiem Mass for May Johnston
Saturday	
09.15 – 09.45	Confessions
10.00	Mass
16.15 – 16.45	Confessions
19th Jan 2025.	2nd Sunday of the Year - C
17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday	
09:00	Sunday Mass
11:00	Sunday Mass

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1361
Votives	£126
Special Collection J&P	£775
Other D by D	960
Gift Aid 280£	£3,222
Digital	£95
Digital J&P	£30

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

ISA 42:1-4, 6-7

Behold my servant in whom my soul delights.

PS 28 (29)

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

ACTS 10:34-38

God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit

LUKE 3:15-16, 21-22

When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

'Baptism' literally means 'immersion'. Before his ministry begins, Jesus immerses himself in water as a sign that he immerses himself in the will of God, Father, Son and Spirit. This is the only time in the Bible where the Trinity is manifested in ways that humans can recognise. The Father's voice is heard; the Son is in human form, and the Spirit is visible as a dove. Here, among humans, is God, visible, audible and tangible.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RIP Lucy Meechan, David Shearer, May Johnston, Anne Daly, Nora Gillen, James McCabey

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE Robert Tamburrini

ANNIVERSARIES

Denise Maria Cairns, Margaret Burke, Willie John O'Hagan, George O'Hagan, Sean Perry, Eddie Houston snr. Joe Keenan, Darren Joliny, Maureen Tiernan

FUNERALS

Nora Gillen RIP Monday 6pm Rite of Reception.

Tuesday 10am Funeral Mass

Anne Daly RIP Wednesday 5pm Rite of Reception

Thursday 10am Funeral Mass

May Johnston RIP Friday 10am Funeral Mass

FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY:

On Feb 11th 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 make themselves available to help.

RCIA

Recommences on Monday 13th January at 7pm. We keep in our prayers the four adults 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 19th 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:

A meeting of parents/children from P3 and P4 who are to make the sacraments later this year will take place on Tuesday 28th January.

P3 :6pm, P4 :6.45pm.

AFTERNOON TEA IN AID OF HCPT-

Saturday 15th February 13:00-15:00

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. Interested?!- Please contact Angela Welch on 07743090414 to book you 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 2nd February. All are welcome to join in prayer for the religious of our diocese and pray for vocations to religious life.

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 21st 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.

FOODBANK

Members of our parish who run the Paul Abrams CSC have raised an astonishing £3900 for our foodbanks. (Paul Abrams was a young man and member of our parish who tragically lost his life attending a Celtic match in Liverpool in October 1997.) With their indulgence Loaves & Fishes and EK Community Foodbank have received £1,950 each. Thank you to all members for such heartening generosity. Particular thanks to Andy McAdam, Charlie McLean, Ellie McLean and Stuart McLuckie who facilitated this and ensured it happened with such magnitude. Needless to say both Foodbanks are overwhelmed by this.

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.