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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (C) 1st & 2nd February 2025

Monday:	10:00 Mass		
Tuesday:	10:00 Mass		
Wednesday:	10:00 Mass		
Thursday:	10:00 Mass	18:15 – 18:45 Confessions	19:00 Mass
Friday:	10:00 Mass		
Saturday:	09:00 – 09:45 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 09:15 – 09:45 Confessions		
	10:00 Mass	16:15 – 16:45 Confessions	17:00 Vigil Mass
Sunday:	09:00 Sunday Mass		11:00 Sunday Mass

SUNDAY READINGS

Reading 1 MAL 3:1-4 'The Lord whom you seek will come to the Temple'
Psalm 24 (23) 'The Lord of hosts, he is the king of glory!'
Reading 2 HEB 2:14-18 'He had to be made like his brothers, so that he might become merciful'
Gospel Lk 2: 22-40 'The child grew, filled wisdom'

Reflection on the Readings

Luke notes repeatedly Joseph's and Mary's fidelity to the Law of the Lord, the heritage of their people. Yet Simeon represents a heritage of hope, reminding them to look to the new realities beginning through their child (though at a cost, especially to Mary). With devotion, they brought him for rituals; with trust, they hand him over into Simeon's arms. New light and salvation are dawning. Simeon call us to welcome – and reveal – that light.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Those who died recently, especially: Betty McSorley,
Fr John McFadden OMI, Jim Patterson, Betty Ward, Ann Teaz



Anniversaries, Month's Minds, Birthday Remembrances: Margaret Campbell, Mary Kirk, Charles Kirk, Jimmy McCourt, Emma Harkinson, Cathy McCullouch, Jim Hanlon, Alex Coyle, Tony Conroy.

Sick: Lily Brien, Neil Cairns

LITANY & ROSARY: Please remember, every morning before Mass at 9:25 am, the Litany of the month and daily rosary are prayed.

PRO-LIFE RAFFLE: Raffle tickets will be sold in the porch in support of the pro-life movement. £2 per strip. This is small way to help a hugely important cause.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY: On **Tuesday, 11th February** 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. The children from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, St. Louise Primary School & St. Andrew and St. Bride Secondary School, will all have a role in the Mass.
Michael and the choir are already putting in the hours rehearsing. Could I ask those involved in the hall & passkeeping etc. to make themselves available to help?

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 prayer in Our Lady of Good Aid 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.

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

READERS MEETING: There will be a readers meeting following Mass on **Thursday, 13th February**.

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AFTERNOON TEA IN AID OF HCPT
SATURDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY 1:00pm– 3:00pm: Please join us for afternoon tea to help us raise funds for Group 116 travelling to Lourdes 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 07743 090414 to book your place.

FOODBANK NEWS: The next food bank collection will be taken up on the weekend of **8th/9th February**.

CANDLE MASS: Traditionally on the feast of the Lord's presentation, candles are blessed for Catholics to take home, we will do this, this weekend.
The optional memorial of St Blaise; Blaise is the patron saint of those with sore throats. At the end of Mass on Monday morning, we will have the blessing of throats.

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, but there is also provision to give a donation for any special collections.

<https://donate.myдона.com/our-lady-of-lourdeschurch>



You can also register to add Gift Aid to your offering. Only those who add Gift Aid will have their details recorded. You can also include a short message.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS – THANK YOU	
Offertory	£890
Gift Aid	£321
Digital	£100
Votives	£115
	£1426