

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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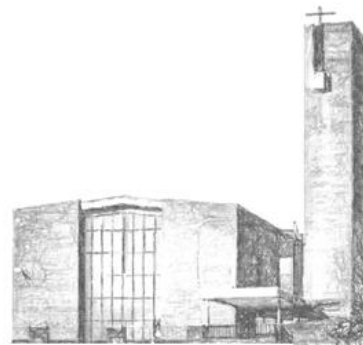
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MASS 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2nd March 2025. Services for 3rd – 9th March 2025

Monday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Tuesday	
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10:00	Mass
Wednesday	
7.00	Mass – Ash Wednesday
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass – Ash Wednesday
19.00	Mass – Ash Wednesday
Thursday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
18:15 – 18:45	Confessions
19:00	Mass
Friday	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Saturday	
09.15 – 09.45	Confessions
10.00	Mass
16.15 – 16.45	Confessions
9th March 2025	1ST SUNDAY OF LENT-C
17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sunday	
09:00	Sunday Mass
11:00	Sunday Mass

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1120
Votives	£150
Stall	£85
Other	£370
Gift Aid £370	£1,725
Digital	£85

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READING 1 SIR (ECCL) 27:4-7

Do not praise a man before he has spoken.

PSALM PS 91:2-3, 13-16 R. 2

It is good to give thanks to the Lord.

READING 2 1 COR 15:54-58

He has given us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL LUKE 6:39-45

A man's words flow out of what fills his heart.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Jesus concludes his Sermon on the Plain. Like the Jewish Wisdom teachers, Jesus uses proverbs and short parables to prompt his hearers to change their thinking, and then their actions. Good advice for us as we approach Lent. It's worth remembering that good fruit can only come from a sound tree. In Lent we might check the soundness of our spiritual tree, and remove the logs from our own eyes before removing the specks of others!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RIP Elizabeth Coner, Margaret Eccles

ANNIVERSARIES

Francis McMahon, James Branigan, Francis Bradley, Tommy, Annie & Thomas Flaherty, Betty Sweeney, Winnie Howarth, Maureen McCourt and Mary Finlay

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Robert McDermott

NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

AFTERNOON TEA

Many thanks to all who attended the afternoon tea on Saturday 15th February. Just over £1,000 was raised which will go towards a wonderful pilgrimage at Easter for the children of HCPT.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

The deadline for items to be published in the bulletin is 5pm on Thursdays.

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FAREWELL!

To Deacon Bill who leaves us this weekend to begin ministering in the parish of St. Mary and St. Bernard, Coatbridge. We thank him for all his hard work since he joined us in late summer 2021 and we wish him well in his new appointment. After 11am Mass on Sunday, there will be a coffee morning to which all parishioners are invited. This is the last opportunity to say farewell to a hard-working member of the team.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES FINANCE GROUP:

David Halliday, Chair of this group, will speak at the end of all masses this weekend regarding parish Finances. If you are a taxpayer and not in the Gift Aid Scheme, please consider joining it.

ASH WEDNESDAY:

Falls on Wednesday and is a Day of Fast & Abstinence. This means that Everyone of age 14 and up must abstain from consuming meat. Also, everyone of age 18 to 59 must fast, unless exempt due to usually a medical reason.

Please note the times of mass on Ash Wednesday:

7am. 10am. 7pm.

LENTEN PROGRAM

Starts Monday 10th March, Mass times as follows:-

Monday	8.20am	10.00am	
Tuesday	7.00am	10.00am	<i>7pm Stations of the Cross</i>
Wednesday	10.00am.		
Thursday	7.00am	10.00am	7.00pm.
Friday	8.20am	10.00am.	

It would be good if school children were present for Monday and Friday 8.20am Mass.

(Please note, St. Bride's will have a 7am mass Monday, Wednesday and Friday.)

FIRST CONFESSIONS

The P3 children from our schools will celebrate First Reconciliation on these dates:

Monday 10th Mar: Our Lady of Lourdes Primary 6pm

Tuesday 11th Mar St. Louise Primary 6pm.

SCIAF PACKAGES:

As always during Lent, there is a wee box etc from SCIAF. Everyone is encouraged to make use of the wee box as part of our Lenten efforts.

WELLSPRING MEETING:

Wellspring Parish Renewal Meeting on Monday 10th March, 7pm – 9pm in Saint Bernadette's Parish Hall.

I will attend this meeting and would be grateful if other members of the team can come along too. Our Lady of Lourdes work in this area will be highlighted at the meeting.

MASS FOR LIFE AT CARFIN THURSDAY 27TH MARCH

Rosary, Exposition 7.00pm confession and Holy Mass 7.30pm. If you wish to join us, there will be a bus leaving at 6.20pm at bus stop opposite church. Please put your name and mobile no on list which can be found on the porch noticeboard.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST ASSISTED DYING MEETING

The Campaign Against Assisted Dying will be holding a meeting for concerned constituents in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall on Thursday 6th March 2025 at 8pm. The purpose of the meeting is to update East Kilbride residents about the progress of

the two bills in Holyrood and Westminster and to share concerns about the issues contained in the bills. Our Westminster MP, Joani Reid and our Holyrood Constituency MSP, Collette Stevenson have been invited to attend the meeting. Invitations have also been sent to the Regional List MSPs.

(The Campaign Against Assisted Dying was formed arising from concerns about the proposals for Assisted Dying and is a single-issue group with no affiliations to political parties or other groups.)

ST PATRICK'S FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT SOCIAL.

Saturday 15th March 7pm-11.30pm in the Church Hall. Tickets £5. BYOB and snacks. Raffles, Irish bingo, Irish music and Irish dancing on the night! Proceeds to the Osborne Academy of Irish Dancing. Tickets on sale after all masses from 2nd March or by phoning/texting Michael on 07824 445912.

THE PARISH FAITH SHARING GROUP

Begins a series of Lenten sessions, leading up to Easter. The first of these will be held on Monday, 10th March at 6.30pm in the Oratory.

During these sessions, using prayer, reflection and contemplation, we encounter Jesus in our lives and walk with Him through the Scriptures, to His Glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

If you would like to come along and join us, you would be made most welcome! Any enquiries, phone Esther on 07954652268.

FOODBANKS

Collection for Foodbanks will be this weekend 1st / 2nd March. As ever, thank you for your unyielding support.

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.