OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

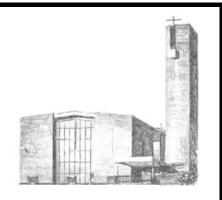
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30th March 2025 4th SUNDAY OF LENT-C

SERVIC	ES FOR 31st March – 6 th April 2025	
Monday		
8:20	Mass	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Mass	
Tuesday		
7:00	Mass	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Mass	
19:00	Stations of the Cross	
Wednesday		
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Mass	
Thursday		
7:00	Mass	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Mass	
18:15 – 18:45	Confessions	
19:00	Mass	
Friday		
8:20	Mass	
9:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Mass	
Saturday		
09:15 – 09:45	Confessions	
10:00	Mass	
16:15 – 16:45	Confessions	
6 th April 2025	5th SUNDAY OF LENT-C	
17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday	
Sunday		
09:00	Sunday Mass	
11:00	Sunday Mass	

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READING 1 JOSH 5:9-12

The People of God keep the Passover on their entry into the promised land.

<u>PSALM</u> <u>PS 33:2-7 R. 9</u>

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

<u>READING 2</u> <u>2 COR 5:17-21</u>

God reconciled us to himself through Christ.

GOSPEL LUKE 15:1-3, 11-32

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

We can enter this beautiful parable from various angles; the father, or either of the two sons. If we look through the father's eyes, we are asked to forgive and reconcile with people we felt have gone beyond the pale; if we enter as the younger son (as most of us do), we begin to realise the depth of God's love and mercy for us. If we enter as the older son, we end up having the most work to do.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (9am and 11am)

"Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast."

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1630
Votives	£175
Stall	£95
Gift Aid	£235
Digital	£135

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RIP Andrew Anderson

Sick Thomas Quinn (England)

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim McGee, Jim Hendry, Jessie Taylor, Kenny Tierney

NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

SCIAF SUNDAY

Traditionally the Fourth Sunday of Lent is known affectionately as SCIAF Sunday. SCIAF is our own Catholic Charity and has its roots in this Diocese.

I know there are many retiring collections at Our Lady of Lourdes, 12 more than most parishes, but this collection along with World Mission Day stands apart and really deserves our support. Given the decision to reduce Foreign Aid by the Government, the need is greater than ever. I am sure you will respond as best you can.

LENTEN PROGRAMME

As school closes for their holidays, this week will be the last week for the 8.20am Mass.

Many thanks to all who attended the Mass.

JOURNALS FROM JERUSALEM - HOLY LAND TALK

Anne-Marie Clements from Justice & Peace Scotland will present reflections on her recent journey to Jerusalem while accompanying Archbishop Bill Nolan for the Holy Land Coordination 2025. The evening will feature stories heard first-hand from the Christian communities of Jerusalem and the West Bank, an input from University of Glasgow Education students who have been on a Holy Land pilgrimage, and end with a O&A. Details:

Tuesday 8th April 7.30pm Motherwell Diocesan Centre, Coursington Rd, ML1 1PP

GIFT AID

Envelopes for the new tax year are available in the Porch. Please uplift them today.

A REFLECTION ON THE PASSION

We are very privileged to welcome John Pitcaithly to our parish to perform a reflection on the Passion including John Stainer's work "The Crucifixion" on Tuesday 15th April at 7.30pm. This promises to be an outstanding evening and an excellent way of preparing for the great feast of Easter.

Admission is free but a collection will be taken up.

DO YOU HAVE A VAN?

In preparation for the above reflection, help of a van and driver is needed. Anyone willing to help collect 65 chairs from Our lady of Lourdes School this week and deliver them to the church, please speak to Fr Kenny. (Otherwise, he will need to do 65 trips back and forward himself.). After school reopens, the chairs will also need to be returned to the school.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Four adults will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Please remember Caitlin, Scott, Vicki and Yvonne in your prayers at this special time of preparation for them.

MOTHER'S DAY

Candles will be on sale for mothers and heavenly mothers next weekend. The cost is £1. The candles will be placed on Our Lady's Altar and blessed at the end of Mass. Afterwards, they can be left or taken away as people wish.

THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday 1st April: Led by the Faith Sharing Group Tuesday 8th April: Led by the Altar Servers

We thank the SVDP who led us in prayer last week.

FOODBANK

Collection: 5th/6th April.

LONDON MARATHON

Margaret Mary Cowan (Depute Clinical Director) is running the London Marathon on 27th April to raise funds for Kilbryde Hospice. She is asking for your support by donating via the form at the back of the church or by the following link.

https://2025tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/margar et-mary-cowan

Thank you to all in the parish for your ongoing support.

MOTHERWELL DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES-14 TO 21 JULY 2025

For those travelling to Lourdes, a minibus can be laid on, taking us direct to and from Prestwick Airport at a cost of £300. If all the group of 15 people from Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Vincent's wish to join us, then the costs would be £25 per head, including driver's tip. There is a list on the notice board in the porch for you to place your names on this in confirmation that this is how you wish to travel to Prestwick Airport.

Please let us know by no later than Sunday 13 May if you wish to join us.

Please contact Robert Kinghorn (01355 702187) or John Burns (01355 229723).

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.

<u>https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-</u> of-lourdes-church

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.