



OUR LADY of LOURDES

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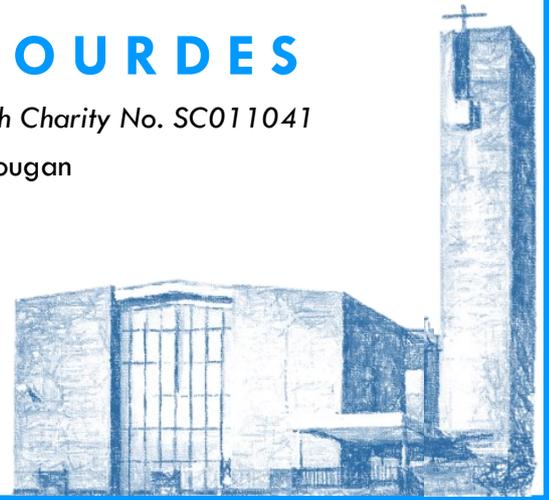
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The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year B 12 September 2021

Mass Times

Saturday 5pm Vigil Mass
Sunday 9am
11am
Tues—Sat 10am

This Week's Readings 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 50:5-9
I offered my back to those who struck me
Psalm 114
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living
James 2:14-18
If good works do not go with it, faith is quite dead
Mark 8:27-35
The Son of Man is destined to suffer grievously

CHURCH OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK

The church will be open from 9.00am until 4.00pm or until after the Evening Mass or Service.

Please remember to sanitise your hands when you arrive at the church and when you are leaving the church. Thank you for keeping to this protocol.

ENTERING THE CHURCH

ALL VISITORS to our parish should sign their name and provide a contact telephone number, or alternatively, sign in using the QR bar code which is clearly visible on the entrance doors.

Please also note that all regular Mass goers from our parish **DO NOT** have to sign in, but can still use the QR



Sanitise hands
on entry to and exit from Church



Wear a face covering
(ideally a mask)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK

- **Friday** from 9.30am until 9.50am
- **Saturday** between 9.30am and 9.50am
- **Saturday** between 4.30pm until 4.50pm

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS AND DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

On Fridays in the church at 1.30pm and concludes with the Chaplet at 3.00pm. All are welcome to gather for these prayers.

THE MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP & PRO LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Meetings on Tuesdays after 10.00am Mass with Rosary in the church and Mothers' Prayers afterwards in the Oratory. All welcome.

ORDINARY TIME - WEEK 24

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Reflection on the Readings

Who do people say Jesus is? His disciples report what they've heard. When asked 'who do you say I am?' they struggle. Only Peter speaks up: 'You are the Christ'. The words are good but Peter's understanding isn't! When Jesus says that the Son of Man must suffer, die and rise, Peter objects and is told 'Get behind me Satan'. A rebuke? Perhaps, but the Greek is also 'follow me', making this a renewed call to discipleship.

Fr Charles

In his short 2 years here, I know that Fr Charles made a big impact on you (and the gardens!). So, I am glad to say that there are already plans for his presentation. A donation box will be placed in the porch during the month of September and, possibly in early October, we will invite Father to come and celebrate a Thanksgiving Mass in the church, followed by sandwiches and tea/coffee in the Hall.

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Tuesday

This will be celebrated on Tuesday. The Feast originally commemorated the dedication of the Emperor Constantine's Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem. The remains of the cross that St Helen (his mother) had recently discovered were venerated there the following day.

Our Lady of Sorrows - Wednesday

The devotion to Our Lady of Sorrows flourished in the Middle Ages, and the hymn *stabat mater* was composed for it. Although it is officially celebrated the day after the Exaltation of the Cross, popular devotion in many parts of the Mediterranean celebrates it with processions on the Friday before Holy Week.

Feast of St Ninian—Thursday

He was born in Cumbria about the year 360 and was ordained bishop in 394 in Rome. He landed at Whithorn in 397 and built a church called Candida Casa (White House). This church was a centre from which he and his disciples preached the Gospel in Scotland. He died about 432 and was buried in Whithorn.

Next Week's Readings **25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The wicked prepare to ambush the just man

Psalm 53

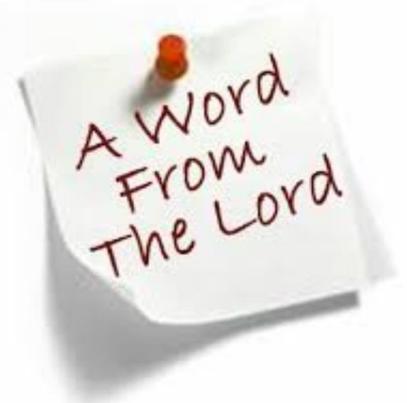
The Lord upholds my life

James 3:16-4:3

The wisdom that comes from above makes for peace

Mark 9:30-37

Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me



East Kilbride Foodbank

Thank you for your continued support of the foodbank and specifically for your donations last week. We will continue to have a monthly collection, and when that can extend to actual foodstuffs etc I will let you know. As I get settled in, I will also try to be better at giving you notice!

Please see the notice board for details of how someone can access the food bank or telephone 01355 247660 (www.calderwoodbaptist.co.uk/foodbank)

Eucharistic Ministers' Rotas

These can be collected from the sacristy.

SSVP FACEBOOK

The Parish Society of St Vincent De Paul has set up a new Facebook Page. This will hopefully make it easier for people to contact them when they need help. The page can be found by searching for @OLOLSSVP on Facebook.

BOOK CLUB

The new book for the club is The Book Thief by Markus Zusak. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 22nd September at 7.30pm** in the Oratory. The date will be confirmed nearer the time. If anyone is interested in joining the book club then please feel free to come along to the meeting. For further information speak to Celie McLaughlin.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

This will restart this Sunday and will be every Sunday except holidays periods. All children from P1-7 are welcome to attend. Parents are very welcome to accompany their children if they feel this will help (but not just to avoid the homily!). Face coverings must be worn by adults. The children will gather (after the beginning of Mass) in the oratory via the sacristy.

If anyone wants to find out more or who feels they could offer some help should get in touch with Alana Barria (07804740183) or speak to any member of the group.

RCIA

Our new RCIA team has now been established, and the new programme will begin towards the end of September. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming a Catholic or knowing more about the faith then please speak to Fr Dougan and he will introduce you to the new RCIA team.

Peter Claver - Calendars

We welcome Sr Edita and some of the Sisters of Peter Claver will be here this weekend to give out their calendars and accept any donations.



Please remember in your prayers



Those who are sick

Heather Neilson

Those who have died recently

Robert Tamburrini (funeral Saturday 10am), Jacques Brounaeu, Sandra McKay

The Months Minds and Anniversaries of

Martin Gowran, Peter Devine, Stewart Mulligan, James Hunter, Gerry Docherty

Birthday Remembrance

Hannah Devine

Fr Terry Donnelly RIP

Bishop Toal has given the following message following the death of Fr Terry:

"It is very sad to hear of Fr Terry Donnelly's death and I and the whole Motherwell Diocesan community join with his sister, Margaret, and all his family, and his brothers in the Holy Ghost Fathers in grieving his loss. We thank God for his vocation and ministry as a missionary priest and ask the Lord to bring him fully now into his presence in eternal life. For many of us in the Diocese, we have come to know him well in recent years and his service as a priest has been much appreciated, particularly in recent months in St Vincent's, East Kilbride. He will be very much missed in his own community and in the Diocese."

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

Sunday Offertory 29th August 2021

£1512.05+ GiftAid/Standing Orders £800.00

Stall	£20.20
Votive Candles	£100.19
Foodbank	£491.80

**THANK
YOU**

NEW READERS

A few of our parishioners have recently stepped down from Reading at Mass, due mainly to age and ill health. We thank them for their service to the parish. Happily, we have a couple of new Readers, but we need more new faces. If anyone would like information on what would be involved in taking on this service, please contact ANN RUSSELL on 01355245793. In particular, if any young people in the Caritas programme in the High School are interested, please get in touch. No obligation!

A Few Things

- The Friendship Club has resumed on Thursdays at 1.30pm in the lounge
- There will be tea and biscuits in the hall lounge after the 10am Mass on Wednesday 15th September
- Anyone interested in joining the Mother and Toddler Group on Thursday morning please text or phone Sue on 07800 981354 to give her an idea of numbers

