



OUR LADY of LOURDES

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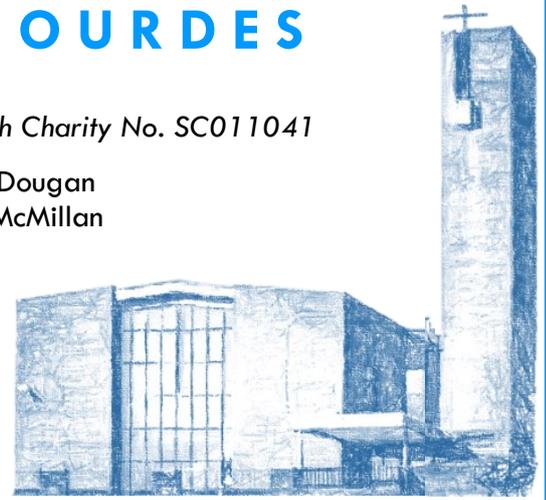
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The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time/Year B 10 October 2021

Mass Times

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

This Week's Readings

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 7:7-11
I esteemed Wisdom more than sceptres or thrones
Psalm 89
Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice
Hebrews 4:12-13
The word of God cuts more finely than a double-edged sword
Mark 10:17-30

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION THIS WEEK

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

This will be in what used to be the cry chapel

CHURCH OPENING TIMES THIS WEEK

The church will be open on Monday to Saturday from 9.00am until 4.00pm or until after the Evening Mass

October Devotions

Deacon Bill will lead devotions every Monday in October at 10am. This will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Benediction.

Pro-Life Prayer Group

This will now meet on Wednesdays after Mass. With the winter nights coming in, it makes sense to meet during the day.

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 28

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Reflection on the Readings

An apparently perfect candidate for discipleship fails. Why? He has never broken a commandment, he is respectful towards Jesus. Is it fair that he's told to give away his wealth? Actually, he breaks all the rules about the call to discipleship, which always starts with Jesus' initiative: this man picks Jesus. Disciples follow Jesus; this one stops Jesus' journey, kneeling in front of him. Disciples make Jesus their own priority: this man's wealth is his priority.

Optional Memorial of St John XXIII - Monday

1881-1963. Prior to his election to the Holy See, as apostolic visitor, apostolic delegate and nuncio, he ministered in Bulgaria, Turkey, Greece and Paris, concerning himself with the problems of Eastern Churches and assisting, in France, in the Church's post-war efforts. Within 3 months of his election to the See of Peter, he announced the convocation of an ecumenical council for the universal Church, the Second Vatican Council.

St Kenneth - Tuesday

He was born and died in 6th Century Ireland. During his life, he also spent time with St Cadoc in Wales, and on Iona with St Columba. He converted many in Scotland by his preaching, building a number of churches along the way. He founded a monastery in St Andrews. The ruined abbey of Cambuskenneth still bears his name. He died in 599.

St Callistus I - Thursday

Pope and Martyr. After a life of slavery and imprisonment for alleged criminal offences, he was freed and became a deacon in charge of the catacombs that bear his name. He became Pope in 217, and died at the hands of a mob in 222.

St Teresa of Avila - Friday

1515 - 1582. Deeply contemplative, highly active and practical, she established Carmelite convents under a reformed rule, and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life.

Next Week's Readings **29th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Isaiah 53:10-11

By his sufferings shall my servant justify many

Psalms 32

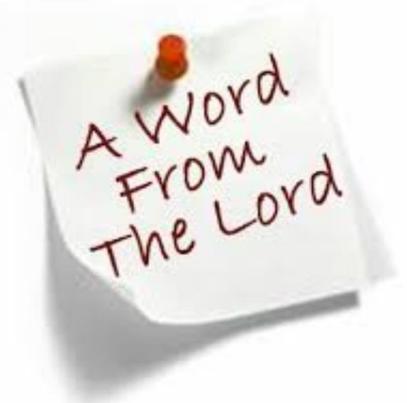
May your love be upon us O Lord, as we place all our hope in you

Hebrews 4:14-16

Let us be confident then in approaching the throne of grace

Mark 10:35-45

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for many



Association for the Propagation of the Faith

It's once again time to renew membership. Cathie Fox is again unable to collect monies at the church porch. If you are a member of the APF and would like to keep up your contributions this year, please hand in your offering in an envelope to the Parish House clearly marked APF with your name. Family membership is £15, individual membership £10. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining this year. Your membership gives practical help to the mission of the Church and brings the blessing of the prayers of the Church in other countries for you and your family. More details can be provided. Just give your name and number to Fr Dougan and he will pass that on to Cathie.

Foodbank

What incredibly amazing generosity this month towards the Foodbank - £1449! Thank you so much your outstanding effort and kindness. This could not have happened at a more appropriate time for those most in need in our local community. Your contributions will go a long way in enabling the Foodbank to support so many people, so many families.

Preparing for the Synod of Bishops

"For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission."
Pope Francis invites us all to take part in the Synod which will reflect on these themes. Every parish is asked to come together in prayer, listening and discernment to hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to us. In communion with each other, we experience that "we belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God" (1 Corinthians 3.23). Bishop Toal will mark the beginning of this synodal process with the celebration of Mass in Motherwell Cathedral on Sunday 17th October at 3pm. Make a note of this in your diary and take part in this important diocesan event. Please let your Parish Priest know you wish to attend.



Autism-friendly Mass

This was something I celebrated before the pandemic, once a month on a Sunday afternoon, and I am considering restarting it. This would be a short and quiet Mass with no lights, no microphone, no singing and minimal movement. While I know that no 2 people experience autism in the same way, I do know that for many it helps to reduce the amount of external stimulation and that would be my aim.

*This is **not** about discouraging people from attending the ordinary Sunday Mass. Instead it would be to offer an alternative that you might want to consider.*

The 1st will be on Sunday 10th October at 2pm.





Please remember in your prayers



Those who are sick

Heather Neilson, Denise Maria Cairns

Those who have died recently

Jim Curran, Marie Crossey, Jean Kingston, Alan Doyle, John Balkeen (funeral Tuesday 10am), James Crilly (funeral Wednesday 10am), John Reilly (funeral Friday 10am), Agnieszka Sobieski, Nancy Goss

The Months Minds and Anniversaries of

Catherine Kirk, Shuggy Docherty, Margaret Hannah, John McManus, Mary Lee, Denise Crawford, Jimmy McAnsh, Robert McDermott, Joseph Canning

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Fr Charles' Presentation

Fr Charles has asked that his thanks be passed on to you for your kindness to him and for so many joining him for Mass on Friday evening. He was very touched and most grateful.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be no children's liturgy on 10th and 17th October.



Sick and Housebound

Because I visit the hospital, I have received my booster jab, so am more confident now about visiting people's homes without worrying about passing on infection. Over the next couple of weeks I would ask people to let me know of those who were previously visited and any who should be added.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

Last Sunday's Offertory

£1733.57+ GiftAid/Standing Orders £800.00

Stall £39.10
Votive Candles £1124.52

**THANK
YOU**

The Hall - 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
- The mother and toddler group will meet on Thursdays between 10.30 and 12noon. Bushido Karate Club, Saturday, 9-11am, in the hall. This family orientated group welcomes new members of all ages and abilities. Contact Paul, 07552 082227 for more information.

