



OUR LADY of LOURDES

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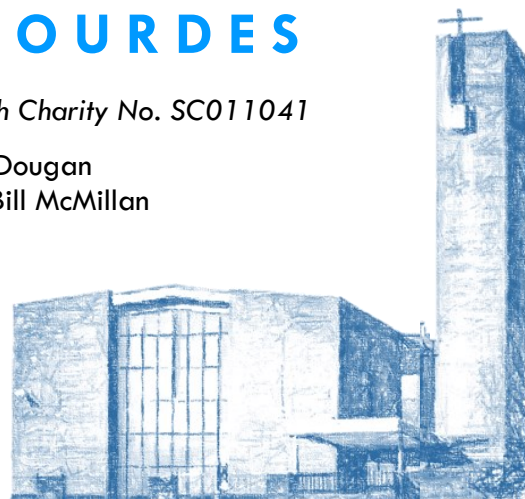


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Ordinary Week 6 / Year C 13 February 2022

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 or Service.

Autism-friendly Mass

2nd Sunday of each month at 2pm. Next Mass is this weekend



Services this coming week (14-20 Feb)

Monday	10am	No service
Tuesday	10am	Weekday Mass
Wed	10am	Weekday Mass
	6pm	Reception of Remains
Thurs	10am	Funeral Mass - Jimmy McClure
Fri	10am	Weekday Mass
Sat	9.15-45	Confessions
	10am	Weekday Mass
	12noon	Memorial Mass - Ellen O'Kane
	1.30pm	Baptism of Frankie Cardoo
	4.15-45	Confessions
	5pm	Vigil Mass for 7th Sunday of the Year
Sun	9am	Sunday Mass
	11am	Sunday Mass



Communal Prayers Throughout the Year

Tues - Fri 9.30am	Rosary
Sat 9.25am	Miraculous Medal Novena and Rosary
Tuesdays after Mass	Mothers' Prayer Group begins with Rosary in the Church and then prayers in the Oratory
Wednesdays after Mass	Pro-life Prayer Group
Fri 1.30pm	Prayers for priests followed by the Chaplet of Divine Mercy at 3pm
1st Saturday 9.15am	Miraculous Medal Novena & 1st Saturday Devotions to Our Lady of Fatima

Ordinary Time - 6th Sunday

This Week's Readings 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 17:5-8

A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord

Psalms 1

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

If Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins

Luke 6:17,20-26

Happy you who are poor, who are hungry, who weep



Reflection on the Readings

Luke's version of the Beatitudes and the sermon they belong to get under way. In Luke, Jesus descends from a mountain and teaches the crowds at ground level. Here, each 'beatitude/ blessing' addressed to the poor and suffering is countered by a warning to the rich self-absorbed. Luke's version displays more visible traits of how a Jewish teacher of the Law might work: comparing and contrasting traits - poverty and riches, hunger and plenty, tears and rejoicing.



Next Week's Readings 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

Do not lift your hand against the Lord's anointed

Psalms 102(103)

The Lord is compassion and love

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first Adam became a living soul; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit

Luke 6:27-38

Love your enemies

Monday - Sts Cyril and Methodius (826-869 & 815-885)

They were brothers, born in Thessalonica, Greece, who spread the faith in Moravia (in present-day Czech Republic). They translated liturgical texts into Slavonic, using the Cyrillic alphabet which they devised. Cyril died, aged 43, on a visit to Rome. Methodius became a bishop and in Pannonia and present-day Czech Republic, where he is buried at the shrine of Velehrad. They were both named as patrons of Europe by St John Paul II in 1980.

Foodbank Collection

Yet again outstanding generosity on your part towards this month's Foodbank request - 32 bags and £1445. Additionally the £1000 previously donated by the PACSC has brought about an overwhelming beginning to 2022. Thank you so much for all of this and your unending consideration to those in need.



Crib Collection

Your donations throughout the Christmas Season and beyond came to £910 for the St Margaret's Adoption Society. Thank you for your generosity.

Pastoral Letter from Bishop Toal

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I wish you every blessing on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, especially to all who are sick in any way – may the Lord be close to you and touch you with his healing mercy. This day is the Church's 30th World Day of the Sick, and Pope Francis' reflection focuses on Jesus' words – "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful" (Lk 6:36). The final section of the message is headed Pastoral Mercy: presence and proximity, and says the following:

"If the worst discrimination suffered by the poor – including the sick, who are poor in health - is the lack of spiritual attention, we cannot fail to offer them God's closeness, his blessing and his word, as well as the celebration of the sacraments and a journey of growth and maturing in faith. In this regard I would like to remind everyone that closeness to the sick and their pastoral care is not only the task of specially designated ministers: visiting the sick is an invitation that Christ addresses to all his disciples. How many sick and elderly people are living at home and are waiting for a visit? The ministry of consolation is the task of every baptised person, mindful of the words of Jesus "I was sick and you visited me" (Mt 25:36).

As we celebrate the Feast of Our Lady's Apparitions at Lourdes, with the Holy Father we seek her intercession for all the sick and their families, and for all healthcare workers, who offer God's mercy and closeness to all they care for.

In 2022 we are celebrating the Centenary of our own Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes at Carfin Grotto. To mark this important anniversary the Scottish Bishops have confirmed that the Grotto be designated as Scotland's National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes and wish to encourage the faithful from across the country and beyond to make personal, family, and parish pilgrimages to the Grotto. As we move through the time of trial and restrictions due to the Covid pandemic the Grotto offers a tranquil, spiritual space for both personal and communal prayer and celebration of our Catholic Faith. With fewer opportunities for organised pilgrimages to other shrines a visit to Carfin offers a special opportunity to spend time with Our Lady and to pray for all who are suffering and in special need.

In recent times it has been made known that a pilgrimage of the Relics of St Bernadette to the Uk is being organised this autumn, and the Scottish week of the visit will be held at Carfin, culminating with Mass on Saturday October 1st, the Feast of St Therese of Lisieux, whose Relics also graced the Grotto and places in Scotland in 2019. It seems most fitting that St Bernadette, whose experience of the Apparitions of Our Blessed Lady, are central to the Lourdes story, should come to Carfin during this Centenary Year and offer opportunity for an outpouring of love for our faith in Our Lord through devotion to his Blessed Mother.

Through this year also the Church in Scotland wishes to encourage the faithful to return to Sunday Mass. The re-introduction of the Sunday Obligation from the 1st Sunday of Lent, March 6th, is an important step in calling everyone to renew their commitment to this necessary aspect of our Catholic Faith, which Covid has restricted. Effort will be necessary in all parishes to reach out to parishioners and welcome them back to Mass, while recognising that some may be remain hesitant. Some instruction on the Eucharist will also be desirable and opportunities offered also for acts and times of devotion to the Blessed Sacrament. Over the Corpus Christi weekend in June it is planned to have a "Eucharistic Congress" at Carfin including a Procession from St Teresa's, Newarthill to Carfin Grotto. The growing devotion to Blessed Carlo Acutis, whose life was centred on love of the Holy Eucharist, will be another feature of the spiritual life of the Grotto, along with the traditional pilgrimages and monthly gatherings.

Bishop Bill Nolan's appointment by Pope Francis as the new Archbishop of Glasgow has been joyfully welcomed here in Motherwell, particularly in Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, East Kilbride, where he was Parish Priest for almost 20 years. Bishop Bill's installation as Archbishop will be on Saturday 26th February in St Andrew's Cathedral and our prayers, particularly on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, are very much with him as he takes leave of Galloway Diocese and gets ready to move to Glasgow. I am sure we can look forward to welcoming him also in Motherwell, and possibly East Kilbride, as our Metropolitan Archbishop.

As the cost of living grows, and particularly the huge increases in energy costs loom, I thank you for your continued generosity to the Church, particularly towards your parishes and the Diocese, and I ask for your support in the times ahead. Inevitably finances have suffered due to the lockdowns and smaller congregations, and the rise in prices will affect us further. Whatever contributions you can afford will be much appreciated.

With my prayers and best wishes

Yours in Christ,

+ Joseph Toal



Please remember in your prayers



Those who are sick

Heather Neilson, Emilia McMillan, Jenny McDade, Bridie Dugan

Those who have died recently

David Timlin, Jimmy McFadden, Agnes Kenny, Jimmy McClure (funeral Thurs 10am)

The Months Minds, Anniversaries, and Birthday Remembrances of

Bill and Therese Lavery, John McLean snr, Bridget McLean, Frances McCrossan, John McLean jnr, Jimmy McAnsh and Family, Eddie Sherry, Margaret Campbell, Rena, Rose and Jane Fox, Annie and Jimmy Kyle, Betty Ward

Lord, in our grief we turn to you. Are you not the God of love who opens your ears to all? Listen to our prayers for your servants, whom you have called out of this world: lead them to your kingdom of light and peace and count them among the saints in glory.

APPEAL FOR UNWANTED SEWING ITEMS

Do you have any unwanted fabric or thread in your cupboards? They would be gratefully received by refugees in Glasgow to use with a recently donated sewing machine. A box for donations will be at the back of the church 12th/13th and 20th/21st February. Thank you!

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

Last Sunday's Offertory

£1149 + Standing Orders £800.00

Votive Candles	£155
Stall	£61

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SSVP APPEAL

With the rising cost of living we in the SSVP are acutely aware of the pressure this will put on many families. We are available and willing to help, each case is taken on its own merits and every referral is treated in the strictest confidence. There are a number of ways to contact us, you can speak to one of our pass keepers, you can put a note into our collection box or you can contact us through our Facebook page. @OLOLSSVP where you can private message confidentially on the Messenger & WhatsApp platforms. Please don't let pride stand in the way of receiving assistance.

St Andrew's Hospice – Make a Will Month – March 2022

Make or update your Will and support St Andrew's Hospice during the month of March. Several Lanarkshire Legal Firms have agreed to write a basic Will or update an existing Will and waive their legal fee, in return for a donation to St Andrew's Hospice. For further information please contact Lorna McCafferty, Trusts, Legacy and Individual Giving Manager at St Andrew's Hospice on 01236 772087 or email lorna.mccafferty@standrews.scot.nhs.uk or visit the Hospice website :-www.st-andrews-hospice.com for details of the Solicitors taking part.