



OUR LADY of LOURDES

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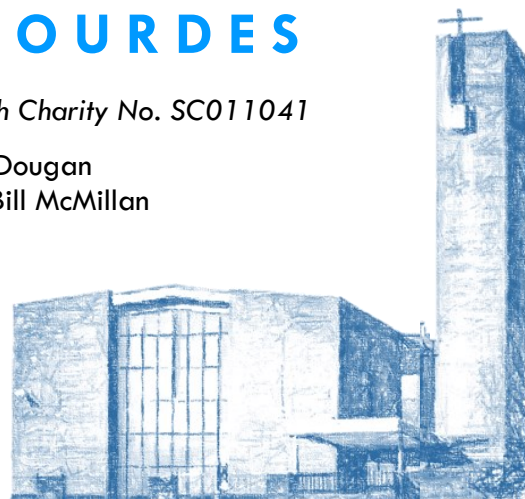


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Lent Week 2 / Year C

13 March 2022

Services this coming week (14-20 March)

Monday	10am	Devotions
	6pm	Reception of Body
	7pm	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	9-9.30am	Exposition and Rosary
	10am	Funeral of Jessie McIntyre Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet & Litany of the Holy Face of Jesus
	7pm	Holy Hour
Wed	8.15am	Weekday Mass
	9-9.30am	Exposition
	9.30am	Rosary
	10am	Weekday Mass Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet & Litany of the Holy Face of Jesus
Thurs	10am	Feast of St Patrick
	7pm	Feast of St Patrick
Fri	7am	Weekday Mass
	9-9.30am	Exposition
	9.30am	Rosary
	10am	Weekday Mass Followed by Stations of the Cross & Divine Mercy
Sat	9-9.30am	Exposition
	9.30am	Rosary
	9.15-45	Confessions
	10am	Feast of St Joseph
Sun	4.15-45	Confessions
	5pm	Vigil Mass for 2nd Sunday of Lent
	9am	Sunday Mass
	11am	Sunday Mass



Lent - 2nd Sunday

This Week's Readings 2nd Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12,17-18

God enters into a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith

Psalms 26 (27)

The Lord is my light and my help

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes Christ to transfigure us

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus is transformed before them



Reflection on the Readings

We hear the command from the cloud, the Father's voice, "Listen to him." In all we do for Lent, this is crucial. All our Lenten endeavours, our prayer and fasting, must be centred on Christ, otherwise it is worthless. Just like the apostles on the mountain, we are promised, as St Paul tells us, that our wretched bodies will be transfigured into copies of Jesus' glorious body. But only if we listen to him.



Next Week's Readings 3rd Sunday of Lent

Exodus 3:1-8,13-15

'I AM has sent me to you'

Psalms 102 (103)

The Lord is compassion and love

1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12

The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall

Luke 13:1-9

'Leave the fig tree one more year'

Thursday - Feast of St Patrick (385-461)

He was kidnapped while very young and taken to Ireland, where he was put to work looking after sheep. On the lonely hillsides he learned to pray. He escaped, and felt the call to priesthood. There was an insistent call to return to Ireland and he spent the rest of his life there building up the Kingdom of Christ. He was fearless in facing opposition from pagan rulers; he practiced regular penance which became a strong feature of Irish monasticism; he instilled a missionary spirit which led to the Gospel being preached in many lands.

Saturday - Feast of St Joseph

He is shown in the Gospels as the wise and just man, who had worked out the kindest way to deal with Our Lady's mysterious pregnancy, and who could then accept the will of God which pointed out a different path, even when it contradicted his life plans. He has acquired many titles: Husband of Mary, Foster-Father of the child Jesus, Guardian of the Holy Family, Protector of the Church, patron of a happy death.

Support for Ukraine

There will be a special collection for Ukraine this weekend.

Small Faith Sharing Groups

These continue through Lent. Why not go along to see what it is all about?

Tuesdays 2.30pm in the Oratory

Wednesdays 11am in the Hall (Committee Room)

Synod

The clergy keep talking about Synod as if it is an everyday word, and it is still unfamiliar to us all. For many years 'synod' has been linked to gatherings of Bishops in prayer, listening and sharing with the Holy Father. Pope Francis has asked the whole Church to be part of this process of prayer, listening and sharing that we might know the calling of the Holy Spirit. In short, how do we walk together as Church and how can we do it better?

Basically, we can take the chance to talk and listen to each other, focusing on the parish and the Church at large. It won't just be a 'talking shop' but it should be a 'listening shop'. Our 1st meetings are this week. Come to one of these:

Tuesday at 11am

Wednesday at 6.30pm

For both meetings, we will gather in the Church. Below is the material we will use for the first meetings, although we don't have to stick slavishly to it.

SESSION 1 - PANDEMIC

Our experience of Church and life in the last two years

Scripture Reading for Reflection: Mark 4:35-41

"We find ourselves afraid and lost. Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying "We are perishing" (v. 38), so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this." Pope Francis, Friday 27th March 2020

Two years ago, we suddenly shut the doors to our church buildings because of the pandemic. We were generally unprepared for the experience and the life of the world has changed, what about the Church? How did we journey together, listen and speak out during this time?

COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY:

The Acts of the Apostles tells us how the first disciples worked together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to build the early Church. Pope Francis invites every baptised person to work - or 'walk' - together under the guidance of the Holy Spirit to build today's Church. How are we already working/walking together? How can we do this better? Who is getting left behind and why?

LISTENING:

The first step in walking together is to really listen to one another, without prejudice or personal agenda. When we can listen like this, we may hear God's voice speaking to us through other people. How well do we listen, especially to people who have different views than our own? How can we better listen to young people, women and minority groups?

SPEAKING OUT:

We are invited to speak out boldly and responsibly.

What helps us to do this?

What prevents us from doing this?

How does the relationship with local media work (not only Catholic media)?

How well do we choose the people who speak on our behalf to the wider community?





Please remember in your prayers



Those who are sick

Heather Neilson, Emilia McMillan, Jenny McDade, Bridie Dugan, Moira Reilly, Mary McGunnigle

Those who have died recently

Jessie McIntyre (funeral Tues 10am), Mgr Tom O'Hare, Neil Duffy, Trixie Givens, Frank Connor, Mary Gunn, James Lee

The Months Minds, Anniversaries, and Birthday Remembrances of

Alex Law, Louise Morrison, Desmond McMahon, Frances Doyle, Harry and Rena Rose, 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.

Mgr Thomas O'Hare

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mgr O'Hare who died on Thursday. After retiring as Parish Priest of Our Lady and St Anne's, Hamilton, he resided in St Anthony's, Rutherglen.

Mothers' Day Candles

Candles for Mothers (or any other person special to you) will be available this weekend with a suggested price of £1. You would then bring your candles to church on 27th March (Mothers' Day) and place them at Our Lady's Altar where they will be blessed at Mass, after which they can be taken away.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

Last Sunday's Offertory

£1624 + Standing Orders £800.00

Votive Candles £178

Stall £124

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Foodbank

In times of so many demands on your resources your generosity towards our local Foodbank is nothing short of staggering - 28 bags and £2026.40 (not a misprint) this month. These have such a massively positive impact on the work of the Foodbank in caring for those most in need around us. Thank you so much for all of this in demonstrating Christianity in action within our Parish.

If anyone requires to access Foodbank resources this can be done by telephone on 01355 520765 or by email info@calderwoodbaptist.co.uk

The nearest outlet from our Church is Westwood Baptist Church, 2 Tasman Drive (behind Westwood Shops) with distribution on a Sunday from 2.30 - 4.00pm. Please be assured that no referral is required and discretion is guaranteed.

Rosary for Peace in Ukraine

The parish SSVP intend to recite the Rosary every Tuesday evening during Lent for peace in Ukraine. We'll continue this Tuesday in the Oratory at 6.30pm all are welcome.

It's also hoped that weather permitting and with lighter evenings we may be able to use the Rosary garden for this.