



OUR LADY of LOURDES

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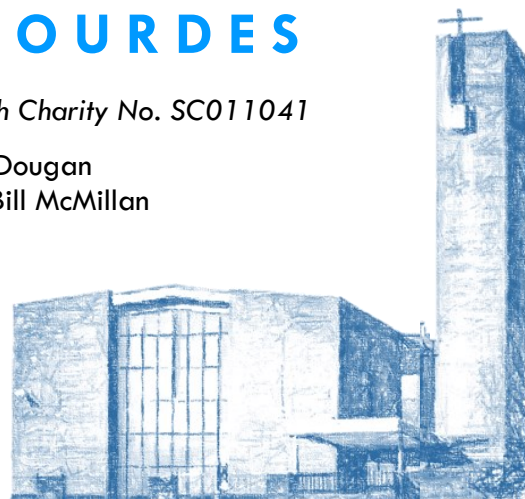


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Lent Week 3 / Year C

20 March 2022

Services this coming week (21-27 March)

Monday	10am	Devotions
	7pm	Stations of the Cross
Tuesday	9-9.30am	Exposition
	9.30am	Rosary
	10am	Weekday Mass
		Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet & Litany of the Holy Face of Jesus
Wed	7pm	SVDP Mass (All welcome)
	8.15am	Weekday Mass
	9-9.30am	Exposition
	9.30am	Rosary
	10am	Weekday Mass
Thurs		Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet & Litany of the Holy Face of Jesus
	10am	Weekday Mass
	7pm	Vigil Mass for Annunciation
Fri	7am	Mass of Annunciation
	9-9.30am	Exposition
	9.30am	Rosary
	10am	Mass of Annunciation
		Followed by Stations of the Cross & Divine Mercy
Sat	9-9.30am	Exposition
	9.30am	Rosary
	9.15-45	Confessions
	10am	Weekday Mass
Sun	4.15-45	Confessions
	5pm	Vigil Mass for Laetare Sunday
	9am	Sunday Mass
	11am	Sunday Mass (with blessing of Mothers' Day candles)



Lent - 3rd Sunday

This 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'



Reflection on the Readings

We are presented with a warning in today's liturgy, 'Unless you repent, you will perish'. We know we are sinners, in need of God's mercy and forgiveness, but sometimes we are not alert enough about our spiritual health; we grow lazy and lackadaisical in our faith, we develop a blasé attitude towards God. St Paul tells us that 'the man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall.'



Next Week's Readings 4th Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9-12

The Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the Promised Land

Psalms 33 (34)

Taste and see that the Lord is good

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

God reconciled himself to us through Christ

Luke 15:1-3,11-32

The Prodigal Son

Friday - Solemnity of the Annunciation

This feast changes the flavour of Lent, from the violet of penance to the white of celebration, and we are given a glimpse of God's plan for salvation. We are reminded that God is always active, taking the initiative. Whatever graces Lent brings us, let us remember, 'Nothing is impossible for God'.

As well as the two Friday Masses (7am and 10am), the Thursday 7pm Mass be a Vigil Mass for the Annunciation.

Bingo

This will begin again on Tuesday 29th March at 7.30pm in the hall. All welcome.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The dates for this will be Fri 30th Sept - Fri 7th Oct 2022. If you have put your name down and still want to go, we need a deposit of £250 and a photocopy of your passport by Wednesday. I will be available in the parish office at the following times to receive deposits and make photocopies:

Tues 6-6.45pm

Wed 11-11.30am

If you put your name down but cannot now travel, then please let us know. ***If anyone will struggle to provide the deposit in the time provided, then we can help with that.***

See the notice board for full details.

Synod

Thank you to all those who came along to last week's meeting. We had some interesting and lively discussion, and it was very fruitful.

You are all now invited to the 2nd session. This is open to everyone, and not just to those who came to the first session (so no using that as an excuse!).

After listening to each other's experience of how their faith mattered during the height of the pandemic, and what they experienced of the Parish and the Church, we now move on to our experience of what is central to the life of the Church: worship. This is what impacts people most, especially the Sunday Mass. So let's take some time to discuss how we experience worshipping together, where we find it fruitful, where we can make it even more fruitful.

SESSION 2 – THE CHURCH AS A COMMUNITY OF PRAYER AND WORSHIP.

Scripture Reading for Reflection: Luke 9:11-17

"The Lord asks us and, in the midst of our tempest, invites us to reawaken and put into practice that solidarity and hope capable of giving strength, support and meaning to these hours when everything seems to be floundering. The Lord awakens so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith. We have an anchor: by his cross we have been saved. We have a rudder: by his cross we have been redeemed. We have a hope: by his cross we have been healed and embraced so that nothing and no one can separate us from his redeeming love. In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side. The Lord asks us from his cross to rediscover the life that awaits us, to look towards those who look to us, to strengthen, recognize and foster the grace that lives within us. Let us not quench the wavering flame (cf Is 42:3) that never falters, and let us allow hope to be rekindled."

Pope Francis, Friday 27th March 2020

As we rediscover the joy of gathering as the people of God in the Church after our experience of closed churches and gathering with social distanced congregations we are renewed in our love of the celebration of the sacraments. **How do we celebrate with love and faith that others will wish to join us?**

CELEBRATION:

The celebration of the Eucharist, the Mass, is at the centre of our Catholic communities, and forms the basis for our 'walking together'.

How well do communal prayer and liturgical celebrations inspire and guide our sense of community?

How well do we allow and enable every member of the faithful to participate?

Our meetings will take place on:

Tuesday after the 10am Mass

Wednesday at 6.30pm

Come to one or the other, and we will meet in the Church.



Tearoom

The Wednesday Tearoom is donating all money raised during Lent to SCIAF's humanitarian appeal. Last week's donation was £57.60, this week's is £40.00. All money has been forwarded to SCIAF. Many thanks to our patrons for their support and generosity.



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, Mgr Tom O'Hare, Sean Farrelly, Jim Lee, Eileen Mooney, Nancy Docherty, Denis Kelly, Nigel Kelly, Roger Shoemaker

The Months Minds, Anniversaries, and Birthday Remembrances of

Annie Flaherty, Thomas Flaherty, John Hughes, Bill Whitters, Rita Tweedie, Rose Tierney, May McKeown, Catherine McCabe, Rose Douglas, Sheila Deary, Frank and Mary McWilliams, Teresa Woodside, Ann Little, Christina Samson, Angela Marie Price and Family, James Hislop, Catherine McCartney, Rosalin McGuire

Mgr Thomas O'Hare

Mgr O'Hare's body will be received into St Anthony's Rutherglen this Sunday at 6.30pm and his funeral will be on Monday at 12noon.

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

£1363 + Standing Orders £800.00

Votive Candles	£128
Stall	£42

**THANK
YOU**

Support for Ukraine

Thanks to your wonderful generosity last week, we raised £7250 that can be sent via SCIAF to support those suffering on account of the war.

Rosary for Peace in Ukraine and Mass

SSVP continue their Rosary for peace in Ukraine this Tuesday evening at 6:30pm in the oratory. Following the Rosary there will be a Mass in the church at 7pm where we welcome the other SSVP conference's from the deanery. Once again all are welcome to join.

SCIAF Lenten Collection

Next weekend we will hold the traditional second collection for SCIAF.

Appeal for unwanted sewing items - this appeal is now closed.

Many, many thanks for all the donations.