



# OUR LADY of LOURDES

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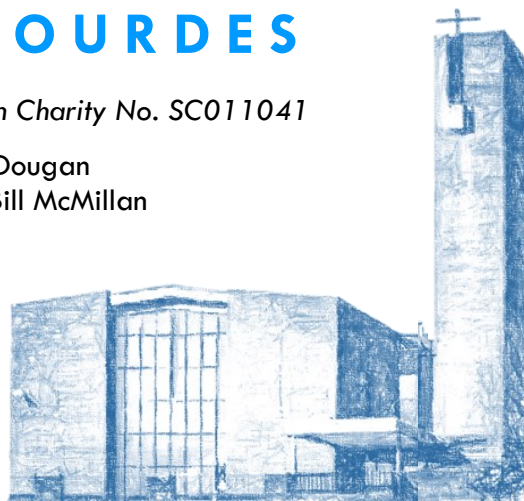


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## Lent Week 4 / Year C

27 March 2022

### Services this coming week (28 March - 3rd April)

<b>Monday</b>	10am	Devotions
	7pm	Stations of the Cross
<b>Tuesday</b>	9-9.30am	Exposition
	9.30am	Rosary
	10am	Weekday Mass Followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet & Litany of the Holy Face of Jesus
<b>Wed</b>	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
<b>Thurs</b>	9-9.30am	Exposition
	10am	Weekday Mass
	7pm	Weekday Mass
<b>Fri</b>	7am	Weekday Mass
	9-9.30am	Exposition
	9.30am	Rosary
	10am	Weekday Mass Followed by Stations of the Cross & Divine Mercy
<b>Sat</b>	9-9.30am	Exposition
	9.30am	Rosary
	9.15-45	Confessions
	10am	Weekday Mass
<b>Sun</b>	4.15-45	Confessions
	5pm	Vigil Mass for 5th Sunday of Lent
	9am	Sunday Mass
	11am	Sunday Mass



# Lent - 4th Sunday

## This 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**



## Reflection on the Readings

We can enter this beautiful parable from various angles: the father or either of the two sons. If we look through the father's eyes, we are asked to forgive and reconcile with people we feel have gone beyond the pale; if we enter as the younger son (as most of us do), we begin to realise the depth of God's love for us; if we enter as the elder son, we end up having the most work to do.



## Next Week's Readings 5th Sunday of Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

*I am making a road in the wilderness*

Psalms 125 (126)

*What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad*

Philippians 3:8-14

*I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ*

**John 8:1-11**

***Let the one among you who has not sinned throw the first stone***

## 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. There are some spaces remaining. If you are interested, please speak to Fr Dougan.

See the notice board for full details.

## Rosary for Peace in Ukraine and Mass

The SSVP will continue to say the Rosary for peace in Ukraine, in the oratory this Tuesday evening at 6:30pm please join us if you can. All welcome

## SCIAF Lenten Collection

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

## Foodbank

Our next collection for the local Foodbank is the weekend of 2nd/3rd April. As before donations can be made through food bags or the available box in the Church porch. This collection will cover the Easter period. If you are able, you may wish to include a seasonal offering, perhaps along the lines of an Easter

## Synod

*I think we should end with the 3rd session (so the 4th session will not go ahead). There is a natural end that comes with the next session. So instead, I propose that we have an open parish meeting sometime in Easter instead. This is a chance for us all to take stock and to plan for the future. Details to follow.*

### **Session 3 – The life of the Church**

*Scripture Reading for Reflection: John 13:1-15*

“This is what we experience in today’s celebration: the Lord who wants to remain with us in the Eucharist. And we become the Lord’s tabernacles, carrying the Lord with us; to the point that he himself tells us: if we do not eat his body and drink his blood, we will not enter the kingdom of heaven. This is a mystery, bread and wine, the Lord with us, within us, inside us.

*Service.* This gesture is the condition to enter the kingdom of heaven. Yes, to serve... everyone. But the Lord, in the words he exchanged with Peter (cf Jn 13:6-9), makes him realize that to enter the kingdom of heaven we must let the Lord serve us, that the servant of God be our servant. And this is hard to understand. If I do not let the Lord be my servant, do not let allow the Lord wash me, help me grow, forgive me, then I will not enter the kingdom of heaven.”” *Pope Francis, Holy Thurs 9 April 2020*

We can consider the Church to be a building and what we do within it, but the Church is all the people of God, all of us who recognise the dwelling of the Lord within us and the call to service of each disciple. How does each baptised person fulfil their vocation?

### **SHARING RESPONSIBILITY FOR OUR COMMON MISSION:**

Every baptised person is called to use their natural and supernatural gifts and talents to participate in the life and missionary service of the Church.

Do we understand what this means?

What stops us from giving our gifts and talents to the Church?

How does the Church community support its members who serve society in various ways (social and political involvement, scientific research, education, promoting social justice, protecting human rights, caring for the environment etc.)?

### **AUTHORITY AND PARTICIPATION:**

A synodal Church is a Church where everyone participates and everyone shares responsibility.

How well do we identify our goals and how to reach them?

What good examples do we have of governance, teamwork and shared responsibility?

How do we promote lay ministries and the responsibility of lay people?

What fruitful experiences can we share of lay leadership?

How can we develop fruitful participation and leadership?

### **DISCERNING AND DECIDING:**

A synodal Church makes decisions through discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying through our whole community.

How well do we promote participation in decision making and how well do we make decisions together?

How can we improve our methods so that everyone’s voices can be included?

How can we grow in communal spiritual discernment?

***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.***





## Please remember in your prayers



### Those who are sick

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

### Those who have died recently

Alan Macdonald, James Lee, Nigel Kelly, Frank Bullen, Roma Paton, Ian Dixon Frew, John Padden, Jim Graham

### The Months Minds, Anniversaries, and Birthday Remembrances of

Tommy Nelson, Hugh Nelson, Jim McGee, Johnny and Joan Gray, James McGhee, Thomas Connolly, William and Helen McGill, Desmond Magill, Margaret and John Malloy, George Cairns, Kenny Tierney, Tommy, Annie and Thomas Flaherty, Betty Sweeney, John Kirby, Charles McLean, Rosie McLean

### Tearoom

The Wednesday tearoom has donated a further sum of £56.81 to SCIAF bringing the total so far to £154.21. Thanks to all who contributed.

## COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS

### Last Sunday's Offertory

£1641 + Standing Orders £800.00

Votive Candles	£152
Stall	£138

**THANK  
YOU**

### SCIAF Sunday

On this SCIAF Sunday, we pray for all Mothers around the world – that they may realise how special they are to us, their children. We thank you Lord for giving us this precious gift and we thank Mothers for the love, care and understanding they have given to us. We especially give thanks for Mothers in Malawi who, despite living in poverty, are providing their children with the love and support they need to survive. By getting involved with the SCIAF WEE BOX appeal, by Acting in Hope, and by putting money in your WEE BOX this Lent, you're providing a lifeline to families living on the front line of the Climate Emergency who are facing extreme hunger and life on the edge of survival. Please give what you can in today's collection.

### WEE BOX Prayer

Loving God, You have given us your gift of creation;

To enjoy it, make use of its resources, but not forgetting to also take care of it.

Forgive us for the times that we have taken for granted and mistreated your work of art.

Help us to delight in all the good things that you graciously give us,

but equally stand up against the injustice that drives people into poverty and keeps them there.

Creator God, help us to put our faith into action as we strive for a just and green world. Amen.