OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A 10th and 11th December 2022

Mon	10:00	Devotions
Tue	10:00	Mass – St Lucy
Wed	10:00	Mass – Dedication of the Cathedral
Thu	10:00 18:15 – 18:45 19:00	Mass – St John of the Cross Confessions Mass - St John of the Cross
Fri	07:00	Mass
	10:00 13:00	Mass Funeral of Jim McFadden

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A 17th and 18th December 2022

	17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sun	09:00	Sunday Mass
	11:00	Sunday Mass

During Advent there will be an additional Mass on Friday at 07:00.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

ISAIAH 35:1-6,10

God himself is coming to save you

PSALM 145(146):6-10

Come, Lord, and save us.

JAMES 5:7-10

Do not lose heart; the Lord's coming will be soon

MATTHEW 11:2-11

A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen.'

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

An imprisoned John seeks the reassurance that he correctly identified Jesus as the one who was to come. Jesus' reply to John's delegates is characteristically enigmatic. Jesus invites them (and John!) to evaluate him, not just by his word, but by his giving sight to the blind, mobility to the lame, rehabilitation to lepers. John challenged Pharisees to display signs that they embraced the kingdom; now Jesus challenges John to see the kingdom present in his works.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK

David Doherty, Margaret Gannon, Jan McKnight, Mary (May) McCann, Nora Houston, Terry Cassidy

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jim McFadden (funeral Friday 1pm), Eddie Caffrey, Wullie Hay, Alex Docherty, Gerry Kennedy, John Kennedy, John Harkins, Maria Conway

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Tom and Margaret Brown, Lizzie Nelson, John Clark, Hugh and Betty Ward, Peg and Tony Conroy, Kathleen McGee, Patrick and Mary Boyce Annie and Joseph Nelson.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU.

Last Sunday's Offerings	£1,775
Votive Candles	£181
Stall	£240

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday 24th December: Children's Mass at 17:00. Carol Service and Mass at 20:30. Sunday 25th December: Christmas Day Mass at 09:00 and 11:00.

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

NOVENA, ROSARY AND PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday before Mass at 09.25 and after Mass on a Saturday.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday after Mass in the Oratory.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday in the Oratory after Mass

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS & VOCATIONS

Friday at 13:30 in the Church, Stations of the Cross and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY ROSARY

First Tuesday of the month at 19:00 in the Oratory.

All Welcome

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

ISAIAH 7:10-14

The maiden is with child.

PSALM 23(24):1-6

Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

ROMANS 1:1-7

Our apostolic mission is to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations.

MATTHEW 1:18-24

How Jesus Christ came to be born

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE HALL

Tue	09:00 19:30	Knitting and Craft Group Bingo		
Wed		Café after morning Mass		
Thu	10:30 13:00	Mother and Toddler Group Friendship Group		
All Welcome				

FORTHCOMING SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

AUTISM FRIENDLY MASS

This Sunday at 14:00.

DIOCESAN CHOIR CAROL CONCERT

Annual Carol Concert, entitled Unto Us is Born a Son:

- Wednesday 14th December in St Mary's, Larkhall
- Sunday 18th December in St Bride's, East Kilbride
- Tuesday 20th December in The Cathedral, Motherwell

All performances will begin at 19:30; admission is free, and all are cordially invited to attend.

KILBRYDE HOSPICE

See the poster in the porch for the various events the hospice is running in December.

OTHER NOTICES

COFFEE MORNING

A huge thank you to everyone who helped run this, especially our fantastic young people. Over £600 was raised which is just tremendous. It was great to see so many of our children and young people taking part; we are definitely blessed!

MONTHLY TEAS AFTER 11:00 MASS

With the success of last week's coffee morning after the children's Mass, we might want to think about doing something similar on a smaller scale each month. But it will require a few volunteers, so why not give it some thought?

K-OTIC CHRISTMAS SHOWS

K-otic is a drama club for adults with disabilities. They are having Christmas shows in the parish hall and you are all invited. Shows start at 19:30 with tickets priced £5 paid at the door:

- Friday 2nd December Christmas through the Ages
- Saturday 10th December Elf
- Friday 16th December Snow White

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

The deadline for bringing toys will be next Sunday, 18th December.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Once again, we invite our children (wee and big) to help decorate the Christmas trees on the sanctuary. They are welcome to bring their own decoration and place it on one of the trees. The trees will be up from next weekend. There is no guarantee they will get the decoration back, so bear that in mind.

CHURCH OPENING FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

During the winter months, the church will be open from 08:00 until 16:00, except on Thursdays when it is open until after the 19:00 Mass.