OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 14th and 15th January 2023 Mon 10:00 Mass Tue 10:00 Mass Wed 10:00 Mass 10:00 Thu No Mass – Church open for private prayer 18:15 - 18:45 Confessions 19:00 Mass Fri 10:00 Mass 09:00 - 09:45 **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Sat 09:15 - 09:45 Confessions 10:00 Mass 16:15 - 16:45 Confessions

THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 21st and 22nd January 2023

17:00Vigil Mass of SundaySun09:00Sunday Mass11:00Sunday Mass

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

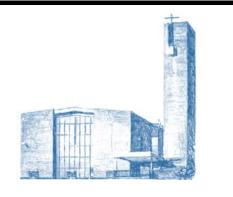
ISAIAH 49:3,5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth

<u>PSALM 39(40):2,4,7-10</u> Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

$\underline{1\ \text{CORINTHIANS}\ 1:1-3}$ May God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace

JOHN 1:29-34 'Look: there is the Lamb of God'



REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Ordinary Sundays for the Year of Matthew begin today, but this Sunday's gospel is always from John. Thus, we begin Ordinary Time with an introduction to Jesus prior to his ministry. Today, only John the Baptist speaks. He introduces Jesus to his own disciples as "the Lamb of God". Jews chose a lamb from their flocks to offer to God at Passover. Jesus is God's choice of victim: one who takes away the sins of the world!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED

Betty Bissett, Rolando Fusi (funeral Monday 23rd at 12 noon), Mae O'Donnell, John Boyle, Angela Milligan, Gemma Maria McCall, Canon Joseph Clements (funeral St Aidan's, Wishaw Friday 20th at 12 noon).

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

John and Paul Murphy, Eddie Houston snr, Emma Harkinson, Cathy McCulloch, Gerard and William McGurk.

THE SICK

Margaret Gannon, Jan McKnight, Mary (May) McCann, Nora Houston, Terry Cassidy, Holly McConville, Maureen Darby.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Weekly Collection	£1,665
Weekly Standing Orders	£880
Votive Candles	£146
Stall	£100
Justice & Peace	£905

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 8:23-9:3 In Galilee of the nations the people has seen a great light

PSALM 26(27):1,4,13-14 The Lord is my light and my help.

1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-13,17

Make up the differences between you instead of disagreeing among yourselves

MATTHEW 4:12-23

He went and settled in Capernaum: in this way the prophecy of Isaiah was fulfilled

REGULAR EVENTS IN THE HALL

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

All Welcome

FORTHCOMING SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ENROLMENT MASSES

For children receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion this year:

- Our Lady of Lourdes this Sunday at 11:00.
- St Louise next Sunday, 22nd January at 11:00.

NEXT CHILDREN'S MASS

Sunday, 5th February at 11:00.

NEXT AUTISM FRIENDLY MASS Sunday, 12th February at 14:00.

OTHER NOTICES

SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL

Thanks to our parishioners' generosity, we are now able to help more people than ever. If you or someone you know is struggling to make ends meet, then please consider contacting us. You can drop a note into our collection box with contact details or contact us through social media (@ololssvp is our Facebook page). All referrals are confidential, and no one is judged.

ST MARGARET'S CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE

All crib donations will go to the Society and there will be a chance to contribute until the cribs are removed on 2nd February (the Presentation of the Lord).

Adoption has changed significantly over the years. Historically most children placed for adoption were babies. The reality nowadays is that, for numerous reasons, many children are unable to remain within their birth family. The primary role of St Margaret's is to recruit and assess prospective adopters for these children. Sadly many of these children will have suffered trauma, neglect or abuse from the very people who were supposed to keep them safe. These early experiences mean that many of our children need what we call "therapeutic parenting" to enable them to grow and develop and reach their full potential.

Various levels of support and training may be required at various stages of the adoption journey. Your generosity allows the Society to deliver these supports when and where they are needed.

See www.stmargaretsadoption.org.uk or www.facebook.com/stmargaretscafcs

CHRISTOPHER IGWE

This weekend will be Christopher's last weekend with us for a while as he returns to Oscott to continue his studies. Please keep him in your prayers as he continues his path of discerning a vocation to the priesthood. We will look forward to welcoming him back for the Easter holidays.