

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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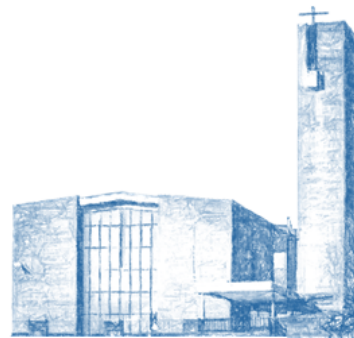
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 18th and 19th February 2023

Mon	10:00	Devotions
Tue	10:00	Mass
Wed	10:00	Ash Wednesday (with OLOL Primary)
	13:30	Ash Wednesday (with St Louise Primary)
	19:00	Ash Wednesday
Thu	10:00	Mass
	18:15 - 18:45	Confessions
	19:00	Mass
Fri	10:00	Mass
Sat	09:00 - 09:45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09:15 - 09:45	Confessions
	10:00	Mass
	16:15 - 16:45	Confessions

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A 25th and 26th February 2023

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

LEVITICUS 19:1-2,17-18

You must love your neighbour as yourself.

PSALM 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is compassion and love.

1 CORINTHIANS 3:16-23

You belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

MATTHEW 5:38-48

Love your enemies.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

The ancient Babylonians had introduced the principle of 'eye for eye and tooth for tooth' to try to curb excessive retaliation in war. Jesus replaces this with a radical demand: when someone hits you on one cheek, turn the other; go an extra mile, give to anyone who asks. His reason? Retaliation does not stop violence: it doubles it. Jesus' idea of turning the other cheek is the way to stop violence in its tracks.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RECENTLY DECEASED

Kevin McLauchlan, James McVittie, Teresa Convy (funeral Fri 3rd March 10am), Sr Patricia Flynn, Archie McDonald, Paddy Feeney, Felix Porter, Joe Lowe, John McLaughlin, Nan O'Rourke and James Boyle.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Frank & Mary McWilliams, Teresa Woodside, Ann Little, Christina Samson, Davidia Hamilton, Frank McMahan, Margaret Campbell, Peter Gallacher, Bridget Gardyne, Geoff Gardyne, Ellen O'Kane, Jan Sproul, Ellen Symon, Tommy, Annie and Thomas Flaherty, Betty Sweeney, Winnie Howarth and Austin Toner.

THE SICK

Margaret Gannon, Mary (May) McCann, Nora Houston, Terry Cassidy and Holly McConville.

OFFERINGS LAST WEEK- THANK YOU

Open plate	£1,359
Envelopes	£310
Standing Orders	£905
Gift Aid (estimate)	£265
	£2,839

ANNUAL MISSION APPEAL

This weekend we are joined by the Kiltegan Fathers, who will be making a mission appeal. There will be a retiring collection for them.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses at 10:00, 13:30 and 19:00. A day of fasting and abstinence when we should reduce the amount we eat and refrain from meat.

A powerful and beautiful way of living out penance and self-denial, both important realities in our Christian life.

LENT

Lent prepares for Easter, and the Lenten liturgy disposes both the faithful and catechumens to celebrate the Paschal mystery as the centre of the liturgical year and of the Christian life. Violet is the colour of the season. Flowers are not used and musical instruments are only used to support singing. The Gloria is omitted except on Solemnities and Feasts.

The Sunday Readings are dominated by truths of faith (Sundays 1 and 2) and Baptismal Themes (3, 4 and 5). Weekdays have a golden thread also: encounter inviting change.

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

FORTHCOMING SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

PANCAKE CAFÉ

Tuesday, 21st February after Mass (**no** Café on Wednesday this week).

DIOCESAN EDUCATION MASS

Thursday, 23rd February at 19:00 in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral in Motherwell.

NEXT CHILDREN'S MASS

Sunday, 5th March at 11:00.

NEXT AUTISM FRIENDLY MASS

Sunday, 12th March at 14:00.

OTHER NOTICES

FOODBANK

Thank you once again for your amazing generosity this month towards our local Foodbanks - 23 bags and £2107.50. This included a very generous contribution from local furniture retailer, Beds2Go. All the bags and £1307.50 were given to the Community Foodbank with £800 being allocated to Loaves and Fishes. Both Foodbanks stated this week that demand for their support had increased immeasurably since the start of the year - proof, if it were needed, that your donations are being put to sustained and immediate use and are greatly appreciated.

FAITH SHARING GROUPS

"The proclamation of the Gospel begins from us meeting Jesus, knowing Him, and discovering that we are loved and saved. Our vocation is to share this joy with our sisters and brothers." Pope Francis (15th February, 2023)

A new Faith Sharing Group will begin on Wednesday evenings during Lent. This group is aimed at adults of all ages, young and not-so-young, and everyone in between, and starts on Wednesday, 8th March at 19:00 in the Oratory.

More information soon!

DIOCESAN MAGAZINE

Fontes is a new monthly magazine for the Diocese of Motherwell which launches this Ash Wednesday. Featuring news, events and features from parishes and schools around the Diocese. The monthly magazine will be available for FREE on the last weekend of every month. You can pick up a copy from the Church or download a copy online from rcdom.org.uk.

ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT

The Ignatian Spirituality Centre is delighted again this year to run an online Lent retreat and to provide a free App and free booklets to those that would like them.

Retreat details and how to get the booklets can be seen at: <https://www.iscglasgow.co.uk/lent23.html>

(You can view the retreat on www.onlineprayer.net/saints)

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 14th to 21st July 2023, a total of seven nights.

Tangney Tours has arranged travel and accommodation for the Pilgrimage, flying from Edinburgh Airport, with costs ranging from £919 to £984, depending on hotel, and exclusive of single room supplement and insurance costs.

Further information can be found on the Tangney Tours website via the undernoted link:

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/pilgrimages/lourdes/diocese-of-motherwell>