OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A 11th and 12th March 2023

Mon	10:00 19:00	Devotions Stations of the Cross
Tue	08:15 10:00	Mass Requiem Mass for Frank Jackson
Wed	10:00	Mass
Thu	10:00 18:15 - 18:45 19:00	Mass Confessions Mass
Fri	07:00 10:00	Mass Mass
Sat	09:00 - 09:45 09:15 - 09:45 10:00 16:15 - 16:45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions Mass Confessions

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY) - YEAR A $18^{\text{th}} \text{ and } 19^{\text{th}} \text{ March } 2023$

17:00 Vigil Mass of Sunday

Sun 09:00 Sunday Mass 11:00 Sunday Mass

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

EXODUS 17:3-7 Strike the rock, and water will flow from it

PSALM 94(95):1-2,6-9 O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts.'

ROMANS 5:1-2,5-8 The love of God has been poured into our hearts

JOHN 4:5-42 A spring of water welling up to eternal life.



REFLECTION ON THE READINGS The woman at the well seems a marginal figure, coming to draw water alone and in the heat of the day. Her encounter with Jesus causes her to leave her bucket behind, and what had seemed so essential for life now pales into insignificance compared to the new life and healing that faith in Christ brings. PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS **RECENTLY DECEASED** Kevin McLauchlan, James McVittie, Teresa Convy, Frank Jackson (funeral Tues 14th 10am), Susan Ferguson, Jack Fishman, William Knox, **Denny Atkins** ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES Mgr Tom O'Hare, Frances Doyle, Frank Brien, Louise Morrison, Desmond McMahon, Gerard Hart, Mary McNamara, Annie Flaherty, Thomas Flaherty, Tommy Flaherty, Betty Sweeney, Winnie Howarth THE SICK Margaret Gannon, Mary (May) McCann, Nora Houston, Terry Cassidy and Holly McConville, Clare Kean. **COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU** Cash offerings £1.814 Envelopes £313 £905 **Standing Orders** Estimated Gift Aid £265 £3,297 FORTHCOMING SERVICES, EVENTS AND

ACTIVITIES

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

NEXT CHILDREN'S MASS Sunday, 2nd April at 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.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY LENTEN ROSARY Tuesday at 19:00 in the Oratory.

<u>PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP</u> Wednesday in the Oratory after Mass

FAITH SHARING GROUP Wednesday, at 18:30. in the Oratory.

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS & VOCATIONS

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

All Welcome

OTHER NOTICES

SECOND COLLECTIONS

This week there will be a retiring collection for retired and infirm clergy. Next week there will be a retiring collection for SCIAF.

FAITH SHARING GROUP - TIME CHANGE

Please note that the Faith Sharing Group Meetings will now begin at 18:30 on 15^{th} , 22^{nd} and 29^{th} March in the Oratory.

CANDLES

Candles can be bought this weekend for Mothers' Day. These can then be brought back to be blessed on the weekend of Mother's Day (19th March) at all Masses. You can then either leave them on the altar or take them away for someone special.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Congratulations to the boys and girls who celebrated their 1st Reconciliation in Wednesday and Thursday.

KEVIN KIRBY – CANDIDACY

Congratulations to Kevin who was formally accepted by Bishop Toal as a candidate for Deacon on Saturday at St Vincent's Parish.

PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Fr Bryan Shortall OFM Cap, Director of the Padre Pio Apostolate in Ireland, will celebrate the Padre Pio Healing Mass, followed by individual blessing with the mit/glove of Padre Pio, in St Augustine's Church in Coatbridge on Wednesday 22nd March at 19:00.

COFFEE MORNING SUNDAY 19TH OF MARCH

To help raise funds for the Scottish Youth Group travelling to Lourdes this Easter.

SYG are aged between 17 and 24 years old, and travel out to Lourdes to help support the travelling groups. They are each allocated to a different group and give extra support to them throughout each day. This support can be in many different forms and is specific to each group's needs.

Any support would be greatly appreciated to help raise funds to get them to Lourdes.

ALTAR SERVERS FOR DIOCESAN EVENTS

The Diocese would like to create a group of Altar Servers aged 16 or over to serve and assist at the diocesan celebrations throughout the year. If anyone is interested in becoming part of the group, please get in touch with Fr Stuart Parkes on 01698 842709 or email frparkes@rcdom.org.uk.

HOSANNA HOUSE/LOURDES 2023

We are looking for people to join us this year at Hosanna House/Lourdes from $14^{th} - 21^{st}$ July in the following categories:

- a) Since we have our full capacity of wheelchair bound pilgrims, we require those who only require mild assistance whilst at Hosanna House and in Lourdes, but perhaps require a wheelchair whilst out and about.
- b) We are also looking for people who require no supervision and are self-sufficient but may require a wheelchair whilst out and about.

Please speak to or phone Robert Kinghorn on 01355 702187 or 07369 272063 for more details.

INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE MEETING

The Diocese has organised a meeting on Interreligious dialogue. The subject of the meeting is: What is Interreligious dialogue, and why is it important? The meeting will begin with a talk by Sr Isabel Symth, who recently retired as secretary of the Bishops Conference Interreligious Dialogue Commission. We will then break for a light lunch, after which we will have group discussions on the points raised by Sr Isabel.

The meeting is in St Bride's Hall in Motherwell, next to the Cathedral, on Saturday 18th of March from 11:00 until 14:00. All welcome.

<u>FOODBANK</u>

Another astonishing round of generosity this month towards our local Foodbanks - 25 bags and £2,588! Loaves and Fishes received £1,000 with the Community Foodbank receiving £1,588 and all of the food bags. Both Foodbanks have said separately this week that their work, such is the demand, would be impossible to undertake without the outstanding monthly donations from the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes. Thank you so much for all of this.