

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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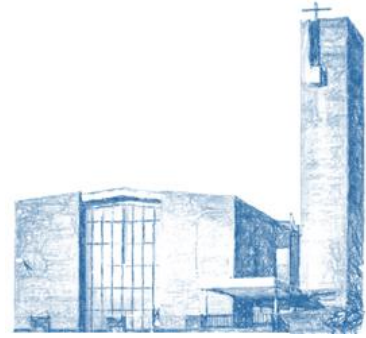
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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY) - YEAR A 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023

|     |               |                                     |
|-----|---------------|-------------------------------------|
| Mon | 10:00         | Devotions                           |
|     | 19:00         | Stations of the Cross               |
| Tue | 08:15         | Mass                                |
|     | 10:00         | Mass                                |
| Wed | 10:00         | Mass                                |
| Thu | 10:00         | Mass                                |
|     | 18:15 - 18:45 | Confessions                         |
|     | 19:00         | Mass                                |
| Fri | 07:00         | Mass                                |
|     | 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                         |

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> March 2023

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

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

1 SAMUEL 16:1,6-7,10-13

David is anointed by Samuel

PSALM 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd: there is nothing I shall want.

EPHESIANS 5:8-14

Anything exposed by the light will turn into light

JOHN 9:1-41

The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Clearly patterning Christian Initiation, the man born blind is "anointed" with the paste and then washed clean and can see. His new sight leads to mixed reactions, choices and the opportunity to bear witness. Only in remaining steadfast in the face of opposition is he able to receive the gift of life eternal.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Teresa Convy, Betty Allison, Willie Crawford, Susan Furey, Frank Jackson, Allan Gilmour, Emmet McCourt, Douglas Bennie

#### ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Rose Tierney, May McKeown, Mary Whitting, Frank and Mary McWilliams, Teresa Woodside, Ann Little, Christina Samson, Tommy Nelson, Hugh Nelson, James Hislop, Catherine McCartney

#### THE SICK

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

### COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

|                    |               |
|--------------------|---------------|
| Cash offerings     | £1,782        |
| Envelopes          | £313          |
| Standing Orders    | £905          |
| Estimated Gift Aid | £265          |
|                    | <b>£3,265</b> |

Retired and inform clergy: **£1,740**

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## 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.

### PRO-LIFE PRAYER GROUP

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**

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## FORTHCOMING SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

### COFFEE MORNING IN AID OF LOURDES

This Sunday after the 11:00 Mass 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.

### NEXT CHILDREN'S MASS

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 11:00.

### NEXT AUTISM FRIENDLY MASS

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at 14:00.

### PADRE PIO HEALING MASS

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March at 19:00 at St Augustine's Church in Coatbridge. 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.

### PIONEER LENTEN RETREAT

On Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023, commencing at 19:00 in St Augustine's Church, Coatbridge. Conducted by Fr Michael Kane. All are welcome to attend.

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## OTHER NOTICES

### SCIAF – RETIRING COLLECTION

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

Zambia, who despite suffering from devastating hunger are providing their children with the love and support they need to survive.

Please give what you can in today's collection for SCIAF. You can also donate to SCIAF by visiting [sciaf.org.uk/donate](http://sciaf.org.uk/donate) or by calling 0141 354 5555. Thank you.

### CANDLES

If you have bought candles to be blessed at the weekend Masses, then please place them on the Our Lady altar and they will be blessed at the end of Mass. You can either leave them or take them away.

### 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](mailto:frparkes@rcdom.org.uk).

### HOSANNA HOUSE/LOURDES 2023

We are looking for people to join us this year at Hosanna House/Lourdes from 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

### HIKING CLUB

The Hiking Club is looking for new members. The next walks are on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Low Level: Aberfoyle Circular via The Duke's Pass

High level: Aberfoyle Circular via Creag Innich

Sign on in the Church Hall on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 19:30. All welcome for tea/coffee.

Contact Charles Croser for more information 01355 222464.

### PETITIONS FOR LOURDES

Fr Dougan will be travelling to Lourdes with HCPT on Easter Sunday. Any petitions for the Grotto can be handed to him or Deacon Bill.