## **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH**

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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

- Mon 10:00 Devotions
- Tue 10:00 Mass funeral of May Goldie

Wed 10:00

#### The Ascension of the Lord – Holy day of Obligation

Mass

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Thu	10:00	Mass – OLOL Primary attending
	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

### SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023

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

#### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

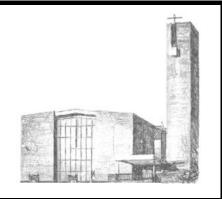
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#### **REFLECTION ON THE READINGS**

Philip (the deacon) proclaims the Good News and even works many miracles to bring the Samaritans to faith and baptising them. But it is the Apostles who confer the Holy Spirit. The Apostolic foundation of the Church and the special role they play are reinforced in Acts; this is a gift the world cannot give and flows through the channels Jesus chooses.

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

May Goldie (funeral Tue 10:00), John Prete, Elizabeth Kennedy (funeral Tue 23<sup>rd</sup> May), Fr George Donaldson, David Joyce (funeral Wed 24<sup>th</sup> May), Bridie Brady, Raymond Murphy, Aileen Knighton, Johnny Martin.

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

Angela McMonagle, Charlie and Ellen O'Kane, Mary and Andrew Bartle, Stephen McKell.

### THE SICK

Tom Walton, Baby Rory Love.

#### **COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU**

Cash	£1,382
Envelopes	£275
Standing Orders	£905
Estimated Gift Aid	£265
	£2,827

Stall received £80 and votives £130. Thanks.

#### WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

FAITH SHARING GROUP Monday at 18:30 in the Oratory.

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.

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

<u>PRAYER FOR PRIESTS & VOCATIONS</u> 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

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#### EVENTS SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

BAPTISMS IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday 12.30 – Bonnie

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION

This is on Thursday, and as well as the 10:00 mass, which will be attended by the pupils of Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, there will be 19:00 Mass as usual.

In addition, Fr Dougan will be celebrating three Masses in St Bride's for the high school pupils, and a Mass in St Louise Primary School.

#### OLOL HIKING CLUB

This Thursday at 19:30 in the Church Hall, a signup meeting will be for the next high and low-level walks on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May in the Tyndrum area. Tea and coffee will be served. Please get in touch with Charles Croser for more information 01355 222464.

#### **REV COLUM MARTIN**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May in Motherwell Cathedral, Colum will be ordained a priest. Please keep him in your prayers.

#### FUTURE SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

#### CHURCH GARDENS

We were all very grateful for the time and hard work Father Coyle put into our gardens in his short time in the parish. Since he left, Nature has asserted herself, and the gardens need some tender loving care.

There are a few parishioners who, when the weather is kind, and they have a little time to spare, come and tidy up a small patch and sometimes do some planting. However, more help is needed, and we would like to extend this idea. If you would like to take over a small area and look after it at times of your choosing, please come to the Oratory at 19:00 on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> May, to stake your claim.

NEXT CHILDREN'S MASS Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June at 11:00.

NEXT AUTISM FRIENDLY MASS Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June at 14:00.

#### HCPT MASS AND COFFEE MORNING

On the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> / 4<sup>th</sup> June, Katie, one of our young people who travelled to Lourdes at Easter will speak of her experience at all three Masses.

The 11:00 children's Mass will also be HCPTthemed, and anyone who has travelled with HCPT is invited to dig out their group colours and wear them.

After the Mass, there will be a coffee morning in the hall to help raise money to support some of our young people who hope to go away on retreat with the high school next year.

#### **OTHER NOTICES**

#### <u>FOODBANK</u>

Another outstanding and wholly generous effort from our parishioners this month - 17 bags and £2,154. Thank you so much for all of this and for enabling the Community Foodbank and Loaves & Fishes to function meaningfully. The bags and £1,204 have been passed to the Community Foodbank, with Loaves & Fishes receiving £950. For this to happen in the current economic situation is astonishing!

#### FIRST COMMUNIONS

Congratulations to the boys and girls from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary who celebrated their First Holy Communion this weekend.

Please remember that any child who has celebrated their communion is more than welcome to volunteer to become an altar server.

#### PRAYERS PLEASE

The 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> year pupils in St Andrew's and St Bride's and elsewhere will be sitting exams over the next few weeks. Please keep them in your prayers.