

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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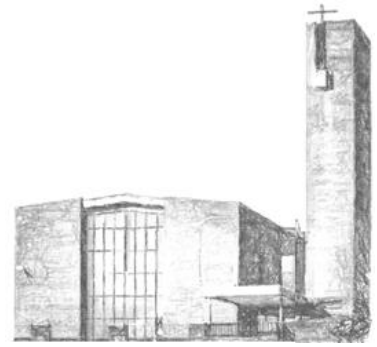
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23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 9th and 10th September 2023

Mon	10:00	Devotions
Tue	10:00	Mass
Wed	10:00	Mass - St John Chrysostom
Thu	10:00	Mass - Exaltation of the Cross
	18:15 - 18:45	Confessions
	19:00	Mass - Exaltation of the Cross
Fri	10:00	Mass - Our Lady of Sorrows
Sat	09:00 - 09:45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09:15 - 09:45	Confessions
	10:00	Mass - St Ninian
	16:15 - 16:45	Confessions

24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 16th and 17th September 2023

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

EZEK 33:7-9

If you do not speak to the wicked man, I will hold you responsible for his death.

PS 94: 1-2. 6-9 R.7-8

O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

ROM 13:8-10

Love is the answer to everyone of the commandments.

MATT 18:15-20

If he listens to you, you have won back your brother.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Sermon four of five from Matthew's gospel provides today's gospel. This is directed to the community. What is to be done regarding a wrongdoer? We can almost hear echoes of an early Christian debate! Jesus teaches that on the one hand, the community must be saved from damage at the hands of wrongdoers, but on the other, every compassionate effort must be made to help the wrongdoer undergo a change of mind and behaviour.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK

William Henderson

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ruby Goodwin, Betty Neil, Irene Kirkpatrick, Mark Gormley

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Frank Gillen, Sr Agnes Mary Anne, Rosina and Hugh McGinty, Agnes Brown, Marion and Matthew Henderson, Gerry Docherty, Michael Berry, Jim O'Hagen Jnr, Harriet O'Hagen, Maureen Martin, Jackie O'Hagan & Family, Brenda Pearson & Family, Kay Flannigan & Family.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Cash & envelopes	£1,284
Envelopes	£244
Standing Orders	£905
Estimated Gift Aid	£265
	£2,698

Stall received **£20** and votives **£185**. Thank you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND

CHILDREN'S MASS

This Sunday at 11:00.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Mon	18:30	Legion of Mary	Hall
Tue	09:00	Knitting and Craft Group	Hall
	09:25	Novena, Rosary & prayer for Priests	Church
	10:30	Mother's Prayer Group	Oratory
	19:30	Bingo	Hall
Wed	10:30	Café after morning Mass	Hall
	09:25	Novena, Rosary & prayer for Priests	Church
	10:30	Pro-life Prayer Group	Oratory
Thu	10:30	Mother and Toddler Group	Hall
	13:00	Friendship Group	Hall
Fri	09:25	Novena, Rosary & prayer for Priests	Church
	13:30	Prayer for priests & vocations	Church

FUTURE SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

LEPRA

On the weekend of 23rd and 24th September, we will be joined by Liz Osborne from the charity Lepra who will speak about their work and make an appeal for your support. Lepra aims to change the negative attitude that surrounds the disease of leprosy and is committed to making sure that people affected by leprosy have the chance to live with dignity and that their disease is of little adverse consequence to their lives.

DIOCESAN PRO LIFE WORKING GROUP

Following two meetings of the Working Group regarding the setting up of a Pro Life Cell in each parish, the next meeting will take place on Thursday 28th September 2023, at 19:00 in St Augustine's Parish Centre, Coatbridge.

MESSAGE FROM WESTWOOD COMMUNITY COUNCIL

We are trying to get hold of every community group in the Westwood area, no matter how big or small, Church groups, play groups, any kind of social Club that can help. Also a big shout out to every resident in the Westwood area.

South Lanarkshire Council have a proposal going out to close the last two public run facilities in the Westwood area: Red Deer Centre & Bowling Club, and the Westwood Community Hall. Other parts of East Kilbride will be affected by this proposal like the Murray Bowling Club.

The Westwood Community Council will meet on the 28th of September at 18:00 at the Westwood Community Hall, Riverton Drive, G75 8ZU to set up a committee to fight the SLC proposal made up of all groups in the Westwood area.

OTHER NOTICES

PARKING

We recently received a complaint from a neighbour regarding people parking fully on the pavement during Mass. Parking is a perennial problem here, but it is always worthwhile to

periodically remind each other to be considerate of our neighbours.

FOODBANKS

Yet again, incredible generosity from the Parish towards our local Foodbanks - 3 bags and £2,506. The 3 bags and £1,150 have been passed to Loaves and Fishes with the

CATHOLIC CHURCH CALLS ON PARISHIONERS TO LOBBY MSP'S AGAINST ASSISTED SUICIDE.

The Catholic Parliamentary Office has called on parishioners across Scotland to lobby MSPs against dangerous proposals to legalise assisted suicide. A briefing, which has been sent to every Catholic parish in the country, asks parishioners to contact local MSPs, either as individuals or as part of an organised parish group.

Director of the Catholic Parliamentary Office, Anthony Horan, urged Catholics to get involved: "The Catholic community in Scotland was key to stopping assisted suicide in 2010 and 2015. We need them to step up once again. Please help us to stop death by prescription in Scotland and to call for better palliative care instead. We should be caring for people, not killing them."

Among the dangers outlined in the briefing is that assisted suicide undermines efforts to provide good palliative care by providing a quick, cheap alternative; that it undermines efforts to prevent suicide by suggesting that sometimes suicide is an appropriate response to an individual's circumstances, worries and anxieties; and that it pressurises vulnerable people, including the elderly and disabled, to end their lives prematurely through fear of being a burden on family, caregivers and the state.

The church also points out that Assisted suicide is uncontrollable. In every country where assisted suicide and/or euthanasia is legal, safeguards have been eroded and eligibility criteria expanded to now include people with arthritis, anorexia, autism and dementia. It has also been extended to include children.

Catholic parishioners and others are urged to visit the Scottish Catholic Parliamentary Office website for guidance on contacting MSPs: Assisted Suicide – Catholic Parliamentary Office (rcpolitics.org)

Liam McArthur MSP is expected to publish a Bill later this year proposing the legalisation of assisted suicide.