

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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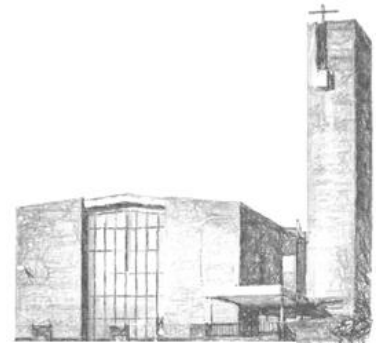
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25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 23rd and 24th September 2023

Mon	10:00	Mass
Tue	10:00	Devotions
Wed	10:00	Mass – St Vincent de Paul
Thu	10:00	Mass
	18:15 - 18:45	Confessions
	19:00	Mass
Fri	10:00	Mass – SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
Sat	09:00 - 09:45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09:15 - 09:45	Confessions
	10:00	Mass – St Jerome
	16:15 - 16:45	Confessions

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 30th September and 1st October 2023

	17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sun	09:00	Sunday Mass
	11:00	Sunday Children's Mass

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

ISA 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

PS 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18 R.18

The Lord is close to all who call him.

PHIL 1:20-24, 27

Life to me is Christ.

MATT 20:1-16A

Why be envious because I am generous?

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

This famous parable, about the vineyard of the Lord, tells of people engaged to work in the vineyard at different times of the day. The agreed wage: one denarius - the minimum wage of the time. Those who worked longer expected more, but the denarius is a symbol of what sustains life: God's gift; not something earned. What kind of owner would pay less than enough to live on? God gives life itself as gift, not as wage.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK

Billy & Doreen Shaw, Richard Carnichan.

RECENTLY DECEASED

James Nicol, Mima McCabe (funeral Mon 2nd Oct 10am), Billy Henderson (funeral Sat 7th Oct 10am), Beatrice Conner (funeral Fri 13th Oct 10am), Barry White, Frank Honan, Ena Garden

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY

REMEMBRANCES

Marie Martin, Moira Murphy, John McQuillan, Frank McWilliams, Teresa Woodside, Ann Little, Christina Samson, Mary McWilliams, Peter Campbell, Jack McBurney, Mary Bradley, Joe Gallacher

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Cash	£1496
Envelopes	£
Standing Orders	£905
Estimated Gift Aid	£265
	£2666

Stall received **£50** and votes **£130**. Thank you.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND

LEPRA

This weekend 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 are committed to making sure that people affected by leprosy have the chance to live with dignity and their disease be of little adverse consequence to their lives. There will be a retiring collection for lepra.

PRO LIFE 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.

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

ENQUIRY EVENING- RCIA

Tuesday 3rd October at 18:30 in the Parish House. An Enquiry Evening for those interested in the Catholic Faith and the Rite

of Christian Initiation of Adults. The course is also open to those who are Baptised and wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation or for Catholics who wish to learn more about their Faith.

Meetings will be on Tuesdays at 18:30 in the Church House. For more info contact Deacon Bill or Father Frank.

OTHER NOTICES

STALL

The stall has a variety of Christmas cards and other items in stock.

DIACONATE ORDINATION

Congratulations to Rev Stuart Dick who was ordained a permanent Deacon by Bishop Toal this weekend in St Vincent's Parish. Please keep him in your prayers as he begins his ministry.

SAVE THE DATE

A reminder of the date for Kevin Kirby's ordination to the Diaconate here: Friday 8th December. Keep that date free.

PILGRIMAGE / RETREAT TO LOURDES

We are looking into the possibility of travelling to Lourdes in the school October week next year, staying at Hosanna House which is just outside the town. My thought is to use that as a base for a mix of pilgrimage and retreat for people of all ages. A guestimate of the cost would be £840 per person including flights and full board accommodation. There will be an opportunity to register your interest in this over the coming weeks. I felt that, following the fantastic reflection that was given by Katie after her pilgrimage to Lourdes at Easter, we really have to give people the chance to experience some of what she was talking about!

HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

Congratulations to the many young people who received awards last week at St Andrew's and St Bride's. In his own address, Mr Quinn the new headteacher, placed great emphasis on the faith life of the school being front and centre.

CHILDREN'S

Please remember that next Sunday's 11am will be a children's Mass.