

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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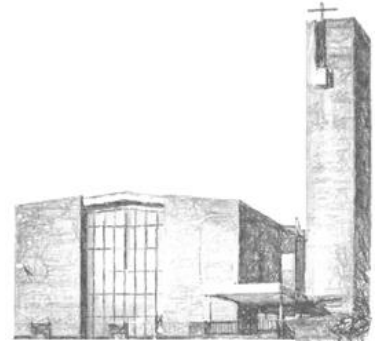
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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - YEAR A 25th and 26th November 2023

Mon	10:00	Devotions
Tue	10:00	Mass
Wed	10:00	Mass
Thu	10:00	Mass – St Andrew
	19:00	Mass – St Andrew
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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B 2nd and 3rd November 2023

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

EZEKIEL 34:11-12.15-17

I am going to look after my flock myself

PS 22

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

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-26.28

The resurrection of the dead has come through one man.

MATTHEW 25:31-46

I was naked and you clothed me; sick and you visited me.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

When the Son of Man returns he will say: Take possession of the kingdom prepared for you... because you fed the hungry, visited the sick, the prisoner etc. In doing so they did it to Jesus. Jesus' last words before the Last Supper include: "The kingdom prepared for you..." His first words were: "Happy the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom..." Inspiring words to begin and end this year.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK

Richard Carnichan, Catherine Sheed.

RECENTLY DECEASED

May O'Neil, Mary McManus (funeral 5th Dec), Alice Meechan (funeral 6th Dec), Tom Fleming, Robert Dunlop, Seamus Loughran, May O'Neill, Joe Docherty.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Graham Stelmac, Elizabeth Mooney, John McQuillan, Harry Carroll, James McFadden, Mary and John McKay, Lily and Jimmy Hughes, Jimmy Ferguson, Agnes and James McDonald, Hugh Simpson, Tommy, Annie and Thomas Flaherty, Betty Sweeney, Winnie Howarth, Peg and Thomas Conroy, Patrick Baird.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Cash	£1,620
Envelopes	
Standing Orders	£905
Estimated Gift Aid	
	£2,525

Stall received **£120** and votives **£162**.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND

EDUCATION SUNDAY

This weekend, we celebrate the great work being done in our primary and secondary Catholic schools. There will be a second collection for the Scottish Catholic Education Service.

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SOUND SYSTEM

Work will be done on the sound system between 28-30 November. Masses will be as normal but you might want to sit at the front!

FUTURE SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

MASS TO CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF THE DIOCESE

This will be in the Cathedral on Thursday 14th December, the Solemnity of the Dedication of the Cathedral of Our Lady of Good Aid. At this Mass we will again give thanks for the first 75 years of the Diocese of Motherwell, while honouring the service and dedication of the Diocesan Choir over the last 40 years. In giving thanks for the past, we will also pray for the future and, in particular, for the recently initiated Wellspring Project.

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY

There will be a Memorial Mass for the Deceased Clergy of the Diocese, in particular those who have died during the last twelve months - Canon Joe Clements, Fr Damien Gilhooley, and Fr George Donaldson. The Mass will be celebrated in St James', Coatbridge, on Wednesday 6th December at 7pm..

KEVIN KIRBY- DIACONAL ORDINATION

Friday 8th December at 19:00, here at Our Lady of Lourdes. Reception in the Parish Hall after. All welcome.

OTHER NOTICES

THANK YOU

Anne Dunlop and family thank the whole parish community for the support, prayers and comforting words extended to them following the recent passing of Robert. The thoughtfulness and prayers of all will forever be remembered as a source of solace. Holy Mass will be offered for all in appreciation.

FOODBANKS

The next collection for our local Foodbanks is the weekend of 2nd/3rd December. This will be our last one of 2023 and the one that will cover the Christmas period. As in previous years we will not have a collection in January. Thank you so much for your incredible and relentless support and in enabling so much to be done for those most in need..

FRIDAY DROP-IN LUNCH INITIATIVE

This is due to start in our Church Hall on Friday 1st December from 12 -2.00 and be repeated on Fridays 8th, 15th and 22nd.

It is open to all and does not require any form of registration or notification. It is simply a case of turning up and being able to access the lunch items - soup and roll/bread, tea and coffee with biscuits. Publicity for this has been circulated to agencies around the town, is contained in our Parish website and Facebook page and been passed to other Parishes in town along with the local Church of Scotland and Baptist Church. Any help in further publicising it, for example by word-of-mouth, would be greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to the many parishioners who have signed up to support the project. All should have been contacted personally by now.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

This will be at St Leonard's Church on Tuesday 19th at 7pm. Fr Quinn will lead a service including a communal act of contrition followed by an opportunity for individual confessions with a number of priests present.

CHRISTMAS MASSES- ADVANCE NOTICE

Mass times for Christmas will be as follows:

Sun 24th: 5pm - Children's Mass
8.30pm - Carol Service and Mass

Mon 25th:10am - Christmas Day Mass

Past experience has shown that the vast majority of people attend the Masses on the 24th, so having one Mass on the 25th means that there will be a more substantial congregation than if it were spread across two Masses that day.

REFLECTION ON CHRIST THE KING

To accept Christ's rule is to enter into the perfect freedom of love, to align ourselves not with the powerful but with the powerless, to seek to make all the structures of our own society and our own community instruments of care, not instruments of domination. Earthly thrones are built on fear and the power to overawe; distance is part of their meaning; kings and queens have subjects. But Christ the King has no subjects, only brethren, loved, free, and summoned to put aside all fear fear of life, fear of death, fear of one another, fear of the forces which control and distort and frustrate our lives. The crowd on Good Friday shouted 'We have no king but Caesar', we are invited today to say, 'We have no King but Jesus Christ.'

"Walking to Emmaus" Eamon Duffy