

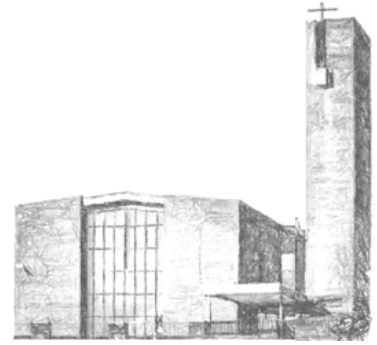
OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

30 Canberra Drive, East Kilbride, G75 8DG

ourladyoflourdes@rcdom.org.uk
01355 224511

ourladyoflourdeschurch.org.uk
Parish Hall: 07800 981354

Father Frank Dougan, Deacons Bill McMillan & Kevin Kirby, Sr Sophie McGinness



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B 9th and 10th December 2023

Mon	10:00	Mass
Tue	10:00	Mass
Wed	10:00	Mass - St Lucy
Thu	10:00	Mass - St John of the Cross
	19:00	Mass - St John of the Cross
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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B 16th and 17th December 2023

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

2SA 40:1-5, 9-11

Prepare a way for the Lord.

PS 84:9-10, 11-12, 13-14

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help.

2 PET 3:8-14

We are waiting for the new heaven and new earth

MARK 1:1-8

Make his paths straight.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Change is not easy. The older we get the more we know what we like and what we do not like. We can be so resistant to change that we can see the call to "prepare a way for the Lord" as a threat to our established ways and long-held views. But the Gospel asks us to open our hearts to the possibility of change. The word of God has the power to change us for the better, from the inside out, if we are prepared to let it.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK

Richard Carnichan, Catherine Sheed, Len Kelly.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Alison Dowling, Chrissie Gandolfo, John McConnachie, Frank Sweeney.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Hugh and Betty Ward, Cathie Russell, Tom and Margaret Brown, Lizzie Nelson, George Reilly snr.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Cash	£1,046
Envelopes	£335
Standing Orders	£905
Estimated Gift Aid	£265
	£2,892

Stall received **£245** and votives **£154**.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Sunday 24th December: Children's Mass at 17:00. Carol Service and Mass at 20:30.
Monday 25th December: Christmas Day Mass at 10:00.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND

AUTISM-FRIENDLY MASS

This Sunday at 14:00. It is principally directed towards those who might struggle with the noise, busyness, and length of a Sunday Mass. So, it will be shorter with minimal movement, no singing, no lights or microphone. Please pass this on to someone who might benefit from it.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

FINAL MASS FOR 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DIOCESE

Thursday 14th December at 19:00, for the Solemnity of the Dedication of Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, marking the 75th Anniversary of Motherwell Diocese.

A special board detailing the clergy who have served in the Cathedral will be blessed and the part played by the Diocesan Choir in the Cathedral and Diocesan Liturgies will be recognised as some of its senior members are honoured.

FUTURE SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

We will celebrate 'Bambinelli Sunday' at all our Masses on December 17th. Everyone is invited to bring their baby Jesus figure from their home cribs to be blessed by Father Frank.

Children will receive a baby Jesus at the children's liturgy. After the blessing, the children are invited to take their baby Jesus home, wrap him in Christmas paper and place him under their Christmas tree. On Christmas morning, the Bambinelli is the first Christmas gift to be unwrapped and placed in the family crib.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

This will be at St Leonard's Church on Tuesday 19th at 19:00. 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.

OTHER NOTICES

FOODBANKS

Yet again, breath taking generosity in advance of Christmas - 12 bags and £4, wh450. Community Foodbank received all of the bags and £2000 with Loaves and Fishes receiving £2450. Thank you so much for your sustained and sustaining generosity. Both Foodbanks are currently in full gear towards supporting families and individuals during this period. You have no idea how your valued contributions make this so much easier.

FRIDAY DROP-IN LUNCH INITIATIVE

Continues on Friday 15th and 22nd December from 12:00 until 14:00. 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.

CATHOLIC FAMILIES FOR LIFE

The first issue of the newsletter from the Bishops' Commission for Marriage, Family & Life can be downloaded by clicking on www.marriagefamilyandlife.org.uk

ARCH- POST OF OPERATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

Abortion Recovery Care & Helpline (ARCH) is employing a full-time Operations Administrator to join our team based in Glasgow.

ARCH is dedicated to promoting the emotional and psychological well-being of women, men and families after abortion. To find out more, please go to: www.archtrust.org.uk.

For more information about the role, contact Louise: louise@archtrust.org.uk. Closing date is 18th December.

CHRISTMAS TREES

As usual, the children (including the big weans) are invited to bring a decoration for our trees. The trees will be on the sanctuary from next weekend and so the children can bring any decoration they want so that they can play their part in preparing the church for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets will be on sale for a Christmas hamper. Proceeds to the High School Retreats Programme.

THANK YOU

The Legion of Mary would like to thank all the members of the SVDP for all the help given when arranging Mass for the deceased on 25 November. Their support was very much appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS TO DEACON KEVIN

Congratulations to our new Deacon after a beautiful ordination on Friday evening. The Mass was a great celebration and many thanks go to all those who helped with such an uplifting liturgy. Deacon Kevin will be with us until the summer when he will be given a permanent appointment to another parish.

MESSAGE FROM KEVIN

Thank you so much for all the support, prayers, cards, gifts and mass intentions. You are a wonderful community who have made Hilary and I so very welcome over the last two years. Wherever I am appointed eventually, Our Lady of Lourdes will always be our 'home'.

Thank you!