

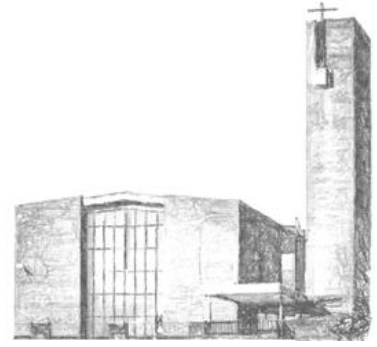
# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Sun	18:00	Reception of remains
Mon	10:00	Mass - funeral of Teresa McDade
	18:00	Reception of remains
	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Tue	10:00	Mass – funeral of Teresa Kilday
Wed	10:00	Mass
Thu	10:00	Mass
	<b>18:00 – 19:00</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	18:00	Reception of remains
	19:00	Mass
Fri	<b>07:00</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	10:00	Mass – funeral of Manny Chicarelle
	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Lenten Holy Hour</b>
	18:00	Reception of remains
Sat	09:00 - 09:45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09:15 - 09:45	Confessions
	10:00	Mass - funeral of John McLaughlin
	16:15 - 16:45	Confessions

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

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

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

"The time has come!" exclaims Jesus today. He is not talking about clock-time. Time for him and for us is the time of opportunity. Noah receives a fresh opportunity after the flood. Peter likens that to our watery beginnings in baptism. Jesus reminds us urgently: "Repent and believe the Good News!"

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

GEN 9:8-15

God's covenant with Noah after he had saved him from the waters of the flood.

PS 24:4-9 R. 10

Your ways, Lord, are faithfulness and love for those who keep your covenant.

1 PET 3:18-22

That water is a type of baptism which saves you now.

MARK 1:12-15

Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK

John Docherty.

RECENTLY DECEASED

John McQuillan, Robert McDermott, Thomas Keane, George McGuire, Ellen O'Kane, John Sproul, Ellen Symon, Eileen Kennedy, Mary McAuley, Paul Donnachie, Alexei Navalus, Dr Peter Clarke.

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

John McQuillan, Martin Breen, Robert McDermott, Bill & Terese Lavery, Jack Fishman, Michael McLuskes, Clare Hamilton, Tommy, Anne & Thomas Gallagher, Betty Sweeney, Winnie Howarth.

### COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Cash	£1,488
Envelopes	£292
Standing Orders	£905
Estimated Gift Aid	£265
	<b>£2,950</b>

The stall received **£50**, votives **£137**.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND

### SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

This weekend, a second collection will be taken up at all Masses to support retired clergy.

### SCIAF WEE BOXES

An oversight caused by the recent changes meant that the Lenten Alms boxes were not distributed before Lent. They are now in the porch and I encourage all families to take one to support the work of this Catholic charity

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## 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	09:25	Novena, Rosary & prayer for Priests	Church
	10:30	Café after morning Mass	Hall
	10:30	Pro-life Prayer Group	Oratory
	18:30	Faith Sharing Group	Oratory
Thu	10:30	Mother and Toddler Group	Hall
	13:00	Friendship Group	Hall
Fri	09:25	Novena, Rosary & prayer for Priests	Church
	10:30	Warm Places Initiative	Hall
	13:30	Prayer for priests & vocations	Church

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## FUTURE EVENTS AND SERVICES

### NEXT FOODBANK COLLECTION

Our next collection for our local Foodbanks is the weekend of 2nd/3rd March. Both Foodbanks state regularly and publicly that they could not function without the support and generosity of the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is consistently exceptional. Thank you so much for all your kindness. This collection for March will also cover the Easter period.

### EPISCOPAL ORDINATION

Those who requested tickets for Fr. Frank's ordination as a bishop are asked to uplift them from the sacristy today.

### SCIAF SUNDAY

Takes place on the fourth Sunday of Lent and there will be a second collection on that day

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## THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent has now begun and I encourage everyone to make the best of this sacred springtime in all our lives to help us grow in our relationship with God. In addition to the usual services there will be:

- Monday at 19:00, Stations of the Cross
- Friday at 07:00, Holy Mass
- Friday 15:00, A Holy Hour

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## CONGRATULATIONS

### RITE OF ELECTION

Congratulations to Janice and Louise, who entered the 'Rite of Election' at Motherwell Cathedral last Sunday. We keep them in our prayers as they look forward to celebrating the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the P3 children of St Louise Primary who celebrated their First Reconciliation on Wednesday. See their photos on our Facebook page.

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## OTHER NOTICES

### THURSDAY EVENINGS

I will be available on Thursdays from 16:30 to 18:30 and from 19:30 to 21:00. People can drop in at these times for any reason, starting this week.

As a result, confessions will start 15 minutes later at 18:30 to 19:00.

### PARISH SICK LIST

I wish to update the records of those parishioners who receive Holy Communion in their own homes and ask the Special Ministers of Holy Communion to email details to me at ourladyoflourdes@rcdom.org.uk.

I want to begin visiting the sick soon in their own homes, and this will help me do so.

If there are parishioners who are ill and unable to get to Mass, please email me their details should they wish to.

### WEDDINGS 2024

I invite those who are married here in the course of 2024 to make an appointment with me so that we can establish a relationship and take care of the necessary wedding planning and paperwork. Please see me after any mass.

### APPROVAL

Anyone who wishes to work in the Catholic Education Sector and anyone applying for promotion requires approval from the Diocese. Usually, the Parish Priest provides a reference for these individuals. Given that I have just arrived, I think it would be wise for anyone in that situation to ensure that I know who you are and can confirm that you are a practising Catholic. Please do this sooner rather than later to allow me to compile a register. I cannot write references for people whom I do not know.