

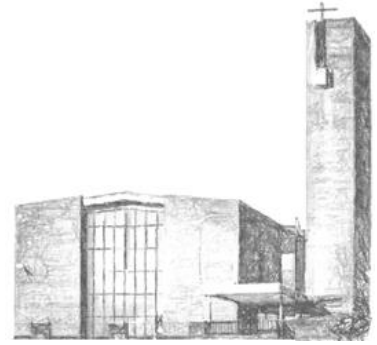
# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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

Mon	10:00	Mass
	<b>19:00</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Tue	10:00	Mass
Wed	10:00	Mass
Thu	10:00	Mass
	<b>18:00 – 19:00</b>	<b>Confessions</b>
	19:00	Mass
Fri	<b>07:00</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	10:00	Mass
	<b>15:00</b>	<b>Lenten Holy Hour</b>
Sat	09:00 - 09:45	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
	09:15 - 09:45	Confessions
	10:00	Mass
	16:15 - 16:45	Confessions

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

	17:00	Vigil Mass of Sunday
Sun	09:00	Sunday Mass
	11:00	Sunday Mass
	14:00	Autism Friendly Mass

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

EXOD 20:1-17

The Law was given through Moses.

PS 18:8-11 R. JN 6:68

You, Lord, have the message of eternal life.

1 COR 1:22-25

Here we are preaching a crucified Christ, an obstacle to men, but to those who are called, the wisdom of God.

JOHN 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three day I will raise it up.

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Lent? A good time to re-state the Commandments! We can review them as ten ways God gives us to protect our freedom from slavery. Jesus vigorously cleanses the Temple when abuses creep in. We are the Temple of his Body. May he cleanse us too, in ten-fold ways where needed!

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### THE SICK

John Docherty.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Colette Coffield, Jimmy Friel.

#### ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Eileen Hamilton, Isa Donaldson, Maureen McCourt, Frances Bradles, Ellen O'Kane, Jan Sproul, Ellen Symon, Tommy, Annie and Thomas Flaherty

### COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1621
Offertory Envelopes	£378
Standing Orders	£905
Estimated Gift Aid	£265
	<b>£3,169</b>

The stall received **£90**, votives **£209**.

#### SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS

Last week's collection for sick and retired priests raised **£1,518**. Thank you for your generosity.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND

### FOODBANK COLLECTION

Our next collection for our local Foodbanks is this weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 will also cover the Easter period.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

### THE ROBE – SHOWING IN THE ORATORY

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, after Mass and your tea and toast, a film called The Robe will be shown in the Oratory. Everyone is very welcome.

### FATHER FRANK'S ORDINATION AS BISHOP OF GALLOWAY

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at 14:00. Father Frank will be ordained as the Bishop of Galloway, and we keep him in our prayers. The parish will be well represented at the Ordination and the following day at the Reception Mass.

I will not be at the Ordination because I am celebrating a wedding to allow Father Kenny O'Brien, a close friend of Father Frank, to be present.

Mon	18:30	Legion of Mary	Hall
Tue	09:30	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

### AUTISM FRIENDLY MASS

Next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March at 14:00. Following Fr. Frank's advice, I am delighted to retain the Autism Mass where possible. I'd be grateful if someone who normally attends the Mass could offer some practical advice to me before then.

### SCIAF SUNDAY

Next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, the fourth Sunday of Lent, is SCIAF Sunday, and there will be a second collection that day to support the people of Gaza.

### MOTHER'S DAY

Next Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> March, candles will be on sale (£1) for mothers and someone special. Light your candles and place them on Our Lady's Altar where Father Kenny will bless them. You can then take them home or leave them on the Altar.

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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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## OTHER NOTICES

### LOURDES TRIP

Following discussions between Robert Kinghorn and me, our planned pilgrimage to Lourdes is still on, staying at HCTP's Hosanna House.

Robert will contact HCPT and Hosanna House concerning costs, flights and accommodation. Once we have these details, we will arrange a meeting of all those concerned to complete the necessary forms at that meeting to be returned to HCPT. Travelling with HCPT will keep insurance costs down.

### 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.

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## A NOTE REGARDING OUR DEACONS

Deacon Kevin will soon complete his studies, and Bishop Joe has appointed him to serve in St. Joseph's, Blantyre (something of a swap; Fr. Kenny comes here, and he goes there). Kevin's last weekend in the parish will be Easter.

Deacon Bill and his wife, Mary Anne, are visiting their daughter and her family in Brisbane, Australia, for six weeks, leaving just before Easter. Bill will return to the parish around the 7<sup>th</sup> of May, jetlag permitting.

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## HELP WANTED

Kevin has very kindly dealt with the bulletin and other desktop publishing tasks. When he leaves, I will need assistance with these matters. I ask for any volunteers with good word processing/publishing skills to speak with me today or email [frcampbell@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frcampbell@rcdom.org.uk)