

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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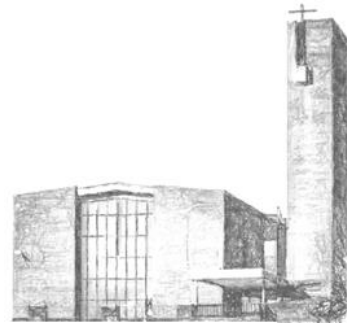
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27th April 2025

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY)

SERVICES FOR 28th April – 4th May 2025

Monday

09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Funeral Mass for John McLaughlin RIP

Tuesday

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Friday

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10:00	Mass

Saturday

09:15 – 09:45	Confessions
10:00	Mass
16:15 – 16:45	Confessions

4th May 2025 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER

17:00	Vigil Mass
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Sunday

09:00	Sunday Mass
11:00	Sunday Mass

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READING 1 ACTS 5:12-16

The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord steadily increased.

PSALM PS 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 R.1

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end

READING 2 APOC 1:9-11A, 12-13, 17-19

I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.

GOSPEL JOHN 20:19-31

Eight days later, Jesus came.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

The idealised community Luke describes in Acts would have represented in the 1st century AD, just as in the 21st, the fulfilment of much human longing and the desires of all the great thinkers. In human terms it is impossible: only the Gifts of the Spirit bring it about.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1860
Envelopes	£255
Stall	£60
Votives	£135
Holy Places	1650
Digital Weekly Collection	£167
Digital -Holy Places	£30
Digital – Easter Collection	£424

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RIP

John McLaughlin, John Cooper, Isabel McAuslin & Marian King

ANNIVERSARIES. Charles Gallagher, Thomas McGinn & Elizabeth Duffy.

FUNERALS

Sunday 4pm Rite of Reception for John McLaughlin RIP

Monday 10am Funeral Mass for John McLaughlin RIP

NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

POPE FRANCIS RIP

I am sure we have all been moved at the outpouring of grief for Pope Francis; he has been a voice, like John the Baptist, crying out in the wilderness of our own times, speaking on behalf of the poor and the marginalised and his presence on the world stage will be much missed.

I also do think that Francis suffered much during the years of his papacy. Not everyone welcomed his wise words on clericalism or shared his vision of service. As we look to the future and a new Pontificate, let us pray for the Cardinals who will soon meet in conclave, that the Holy Spirit will accompany and inspire them in choosing a new Pope for us.

MASS FOR THE ETERNAL REST OF POPE FRANCIS AND IN THANKSGIVING FOR HIS LIFE AND MINISTRY

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Toal on Thursday 1st May, the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, at 7pm in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell. The whole Diocesan Community will be welcome to attend along with friends who wish to pray for our late Holy Father. May he rest in peace. (Please note, no evening Mass next Thursday.)

MASS INVOKING THE HOLY SPIRIT ON THE CARDINALS ABOUT TO ENTER THE CONCLAVE

Bishop Toal will celebrate the above Mass at Carfin on Sunday 4th May at 3pm. You are most welcome to attend to pray for the Church as our New Pope is about to be elected.

A WORD OF THANKS

For the Easter cards etc which were sent to the Chapel House over the past week or so.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTIONS

These will begin at 2.30pm with the Chaplet being recited at 3pm. The Rosary and veneration of the image will conclude the afternoon. All are welcome.

CONFERENCE OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On the Tuesdays of May, the Conference will lead the Rosary at 7pm in the Oratory before their regular meeting at 7.30pm. Parishioners are welcome to attend, too.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES HALL

The Warm Place reopened on Friday 25th April for tea and toast after the 10am Mass. All welcome.

MAINTENANCE ISSUES

On Friday past, we met the Property Estate manager along with an architect with a view to having the roof examined. I suspect that the time will soon come for fairly major work to take place, but I am awaiting a full survey of the roof.

At the same time, it is apparent that we have a major infestation of pigeons in the tower. This is not proving so easy to deal with. One company declined the work whilst another declared on opening the tower that it is a public health issue. I am actively working to secure a contractor to remedy the situation.

I do not expect that either of these projects will be cheap.

DATES OF FIRST COMMUNION

The P4 children from our Lady of Lourdes PS will celebrate First Communion here on Saturday 10th May.

The P4 children of St. Louise PS will receive First Communion at St. Vincent's Church on Saturday 17th May.

THURSDAY MASS TIMETABLE

After Thursday 9th May until mid-July, the Thursday daily Mass will take place at 7pm only. Then, in July, the morning Mass will resume but the evening one will stop for the summer.

FOODBANK

Collection on 10th/11th May.

OUR CHOIR MEMBERS AND KILBRYDE HOSPICE

Gillian Bell, Adrienne O'Neill and Clare Harris from the Choir are again taking part in this year's Glasgow Kilt Walk on Sunday 27th April to help raise funds for Kilbryde Hospice. They would be very grateful for any donations, prayers and cheers to help them walk the 23 miles from Glasgow Green to Balloch.

You can donate using their JustGiving page by clicking here https://www.justgiving.com/page/clare-harris-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM&utm_campaign=015 or on the church WhatsApp page.

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, JustGiving sends your donation straight to Kilbryde Hospice and automatically reclaims Gift Aid if you are a UK taxpayer, so your donation is worth even more. It's the most efficient way to give, saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Thank you for your support!