

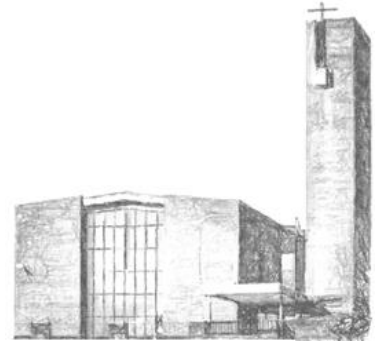
OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 14th and 15th October 2023

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| Mon | 10:00 | Devotions |
| Tue | 10:00 | Mass – St Ignatius of Antioch |
| Wed | 10:00 | Mass – St Luke |
| Thu | 10:00 | Mass |
| | 18:15 - 18:45 | Confessions |
| | 19:00 | Mass |
| Fri | 10:00 | Funeral – Anne White |
| Sat | 09:00 - 09:45 | Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament |
| | 09:15 - 09:45 | Confessions |
| | 10:00 | Mass |
| | 16:15 - 16:45 | Confessions |

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A 21st and 22nd October 2023

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

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

ISA 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a banquet and will wipe away tears from every cheek.

PS 22 R.6

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

PHIL 4:12-14, 19-20

There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength.

MATT 22:1-14

Invite everyone you can find to the wedding.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Jesus again challenges the chief priests and elders. His parable of the wedding feast is about those invited but who ignore the invitation, or even maltreat and kill those who brought the invitation. The king who gave the feast next sent messengers to gather people from everywhere. There is however someone at the banquet who is not properly dressed and is thrown out. Invitations are freely given, but a proper response is required, effort needs to be made!

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK

Richard Carnichan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Morag Hayes, Mary Hughes, Susan Berry, Tommy Cartwright, Anne White, Philomena McDermott (funeral Tues 24th)

ANNIVERSARIES, MONTH'S MINDS, BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Bell McBurney, Emma Harkinson, Kathleen Keenan, Denise Crawford, Mary Lee, Margaret Hannah, Jimmy McAnsh and Family, Annie McGrattan, Stephen Russell, Joseph Cook, Francis Bradley snr

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

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| Cash | £1509 |
| Envelopes | £ |
| Standing Orders | £905 |
| Estimated Gift Aid | £265 |
| | £2,679 |

Stall received **£190** and votives **£158**. Thank you.

Psalm Response (11am Mass)

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, all the days of my life

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEKEND

Ecclesiastical Students' Fund

There will be a retiring collection to help pay for the formation of those students training for the priesthood.

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

FUTURE SERVICES, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

Carfin Torchlight Procession 26th Oct

The minibus for this will leave at 5.30pm from the bus stop opposite the church. Please put your name on the list if you wish to go along.

Fairytale in New York

For those who are going to the pantomime, there is a list in the porch if you wish transport. The coach will cost £10.

Family Panto – Sleeping Senga

This is on Fri 15th December at 7pm, price £9.50. If you wish a ticket, please put your name on the list in the porch.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

If this goes ahead it will probably be around the October week next year. The intention is to stay in Hosanna House. This is just outside Lourdes and is owned by HCPT. We would use this as a base for the pilgrimage events in Lourdes, and also to have our own spiritual and social activities in-house. There is no definite price just now, but the guesstimate would be around £860 for flights and full board accommodation. There are discounts for children on the price of accommodation: 2-11 year olds pay 50%; 12-15 year olds pay 75%. For the moment we are looking to gauge interest, so if you are interested please put your details on the sheet in the porch.

Confirmations

On Thursday 26th October, Bishop Toal will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for the P7 boys and girls from Our

Lady of Lourdes Primary. Please keep them in your prayers. The Bishop will be visiting the school on Tuesday 24th.

St Louise's Confirmations will be in April next year.

OTHER NOTICES

Foodbank

Yet again an astonishing level of generosity from you this month towards our local Foodbanks- 5 bags and £2650.

Community Foodbank received the bags and £1450 with Loaves & Fishes receiving £1200. These figures would be remarkable as a one-off effort but for this to happen month after month and year after year is breathtaking. Thank you so much for all of this and for helping to make a critical difference in so many people's lives.

World Mission Sunday

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday, when Pope Francis invites Catholics all over the world to contribute to a special collection for Missio (The Pontifical Mission Societies), his official charity for overseas mission. This year, the theme is "Hearts on fire, feet on the move." Please support Missio Scotland in helping missionaries whose hearts have been filled with and guided by the Holy Spirit and who have travelled far from their homes to work within and alongside communities throughout the world that are poor or in need, such as Sri Lanka. Join in on this special day, that unites Catholics all over the world in prayer and celebration of our Church's mission, to share God's love with all people. There will be a retiring collection next Sunday.

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland has issued the following statement on the hostilities in the Middle East:

"We have been shocked and horrified by the outbreak of senseless violence in the Holy Land. Our hearts go out to the innocent people of Israel who have been murdered and terrorised and to the innocent civilians of Gaza dying in a war zone. We join with Pope Francis in his call for peace and echo his condemnation of this widespread outbreak of violence. We pray for peace and call on the faithful, and all people of good will to do the same. We hope the violence will cease, that civilians and non-combatants will be respected and that all hostages will be released."