OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

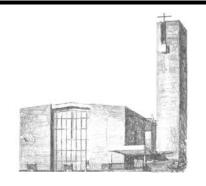
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25th May 2025

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

SERVICES FOR 26th May – 1st June 2025		
Litany & Holy Rosary		
Mass		
Tuesday		
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ASCENSION THURSDAY Vigil Mass		
ASCENSION THURSDAY Mass		
Confessions		
ASCENSION THURSDAY Mass		
Friday		
Litany & Holy Rosary		
Mass		
Saturday		
Vigil Mass - 7th SUNDAY OF EASTER		
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Sunday Mass		
Sunday Mass		

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READING 1 ACTS 15:1-2, 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials.

PSALM PS 66:2-3, 5-6. 8 R.4

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

READING 2 APOC 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down from heaven.

GOSPEL JOHN 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

We always seem to be praying for peace: peace in our homes, our community, and especially in areas of conflict around the world. It is a good thing to do. But true peace is not just an absence of war or a stalemate. True peace is the presence of God in a situation. Jesus offers us his peace, which is peace of a superior quality because he knows we need it as we face the world and all its troubles.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1325
Envelopes	£296
Votives	£205
Stall	£50
Digital Weekly Collection	£142

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK Pat Hunter

<u>RIP</u> Pat Cook, Maria McGibbon, Jacqui Cadwallender, Elizabeth Quinn, Patricia Blackburn

MM Frank & Mary McWilliams, Teresa Woodside, Ann Little.

ANNIVERSARIES Christina Samson, Bill McWilliams, Gerard Bradley, Charlie O'Kane, Maurice McHugh, Frank & Margaret McDermott, Tommy Annie & Thomas Flaherty, Betty Sweeney, Winnie Howarth

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE Susan Berry

NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

MARY'S MEALS

A volunteer from the charity Mary's Meals will be speaking at Masses on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May, giving an update on their work providing school meals to children living in poverty around the world. A bucket collection will be taken up as you leave Mass in support of this important cause. Mary's Meals would also appreciate your prayers for their work during their Pray in May campaign – find out more at

marysmeals.org.uk/prayinmay

I am very grateful to Mary's Meals for visiting with us and I am sure you will support them as best you are able.

ASCENSION THURSDAY

Falls this week and is a Holy day of Obligation. Mass will take place on

Wednesday Vigil 7pm

Thursday 10am (Children from both schools will be present)

Thursday 7pm (Please make this clear in schedule)

MAY ROSARY

Tuesday is the last week when the Conference of SVDP will lead the Rosary in the oratory at 7pm before their weekly meeting and all parishioners are welcome to join them.

MASS AND ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Will take place on Saturday June 7th at 11am. Following the Mass, a light buffet lunch will be served in the Hall. If you or anyone you know requires transport, please speak to any member of the SVDP.

PARISH FINANCE GROUP

Will meet in the Church House on Thursday 29^{th} May immediately after the evening Mass.

FIRST COMMUNIONS

The First Communions for St. Louise children take place in St. Vincent's Church on Saturday 31st May at 10am. To enable me to be present for this Mass please note there will be no 10am Mass on Saturday of this week.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Recently I approached other parishioners asking them also to assist as Ministers of Holy Communion in the parish. I invite them to meet in the Church House on Monday 2nd June at 7pm.

PARISH FUN DAY:

The Social Committee are organising a Parish Fun Day after the 11am Mass on Sunday 29th June. It will be a day for children and families with the usual attractions. Tickets will be available soon.

WORLD DAY OF COMMUNICATIONS

I have published the letter from Bishop Dougan on our Facebook page for you to read.

A second collection is taken up in all parishes throughout the Catholic world on this weekend. As usual, it will be a retiring collection here.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS

To Marjory Houston on her 90th Birthday on the 26th May 2025!

THE TOWER

The work to deal with the infestation of feral pigeons will be carried out this week. This is essential work as it has reached the point where it could be regarded as a public health issue. There may be some inconvenience to those who attend weekday Mass.

THE CHURCH ROOF

A preliminary inspection of the rood has taken place. The initial report suggests that the main roof is in reasonable shape for its age. Good news indeed. The main areas of concern are around the edges where many repairs have taken place over the years. This has caused backup and ponding and needs to be addressed. Soon, some 'opening up' work will be carried out to determine the best course of action. When the initial inspection was carried out, it seems that there are areas of the house roof that also are causing concern. The architect has been instructed therefore to carry out a complete survey of all the roofs and I will keep you up to speed as information comes to me.

DIGITAL SUNDAY OFFERING

The following QR Code or link takes you to a secure web page that can be used for your Sunday Offering.



Please note that not only can you donate your weekly donation online, there is also provision to give a donation for any special collections.

<u>https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-church</u>

You can also register for Gift Aid or Gift Aid your offering. Only those who Gift Aid will have their details recorded. You can also include a short message.