# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

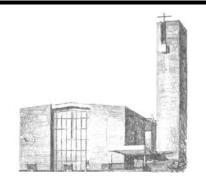
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# 10th August 2025 SUNDAY MASS – 19th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - C

SERVICES FOR 11 <sup>th</sup> – 17 <sup>th</sup> August 2025		
Monday		
09:00	Mass	
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
Tuesday		
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Reception and Funeral Mass for John Barclay RIP	
Wednesday		
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Mass	
Thursday		
18:15 – 18:45	Confessions	
19:00	Vigil Mass The Solemnity of The Assumption	
Friday		
08:30	Mass The Solemnity of The Assumption	
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Mass The Solemnity of The Assumption	
18:00	Catherine O'Brien Rite of Reception	
Saturday		
09:15 – 09:45	Confessions	
10:00	Funeral Mass for Catherine O'Brien RIP	
16:15 – 16:45	Confessions	
17 <sup>th</sup> August 2025	Sunday Mass 20 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	
17:00	Vigil Mass	
Sunday		
09:00	Sunday Mass	
11:00	Sunday Mass	

# THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READING 1 WIS 18:6-9

By the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

PSALM PS 32: 1. 12. 18-20. 22 R. 12

Happy are the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

READING 2 HEB 11:1-2, 8-19

Abraham looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

GOSPELLUKE 12:32-48

You too must stand ready.

# REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Given recent misunderstandings, it is not surprising that Jesus tries to clarify things for his disciples. First, they have nothing to fear unlike those who need to justify themselves - because the Father is pleased to give disciples the kingdom. This is not as recipe for complacence: When Peter asks if Jesus is speaking only to them or to everyone, Jesus stresses they must remain focussed, because the master may at a time return expectedly.

# **COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU**

Offertory cash	£1,388
Envelopes	£350
Votives	£201
Stall	£55
Digital Weekly Collection	£300

#### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u> Juan Cristo Argeles, Harry Hunter, Elizabeth Muldoon, Helen Quinn, Elizabth McAuley, Peter Cairns

<u>RIP</u> Sheila Cassiday, Cathy O'Brien, Carla di Mambro, John Barclay, John Quinn, Andrew Gallagher, James Young, Michael Cullen, Frank Cassidy

<u>FUNERAL LITURGIES</u> John Barclay Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> Aug 10am Reception and Funeral Mass.

Catherine O'Brien Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Aug 6pm Rite of Reception. Funeral Mass on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> Aug 10am

# NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

#### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August we celebrate the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady into Heaven. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Times of Mass are as follows:

Thursday Vigil Mass at 7pm.

Friday there will be an early Mass at 8.30am and Mass at 10am. The 8.30am mass is a trial to help avoid congestion at 10am as the school children will be present at this Mass.

#### **AUTISM MASS**

This quiet and low key Mass takes place on Sunday at 2pm. Please spread the word.

#### THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Begins Thursday at 9am in all of our schools. We wish all our young people a happy and successful term.

#### THE REV JOE DOWDS

Joe recently retired as a deacon of the diocese in St. Joseph's, Blantyre. He has very generously agreed to assist here in an informal basis, particularly in visiting the sick. I am delighted he has agreed to do this and other bits and piece. Joe will be present at all of the weekend Masses next week. I am sure you will give him a warm welcome.

#### MATTHEW O'NEILL

A senior seminarian from our diocese Matthew will be coming here on a six month placement from mid-September. It is a nice honour for the parish to have a role in the formation of young men discerning a priestly vocation. I am sure you will make him very welcome and enjoy his company too.

# ORDINATION OF CHRISTOPHER IGWE

Takes place in Motherwell Cathedral on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7pm. He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving the following day here at 10am. I ask that those Involved with the hall will organise light refreshments.

Next weekend there will be a box in the porch and if anyone wishes to contribute to a gift for Christopher from the parish then please place this inside.

#### FINANCE GROUP

Members are reminded that we meet on Thursday immediately after the evening Mass.

# PRIMARY 4 FIRST COMMUNION YEAR

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October there will be a meeting of parents who wish to present their children for First Holy Communion next year. This will take place in the parish hall at 10am and will be over by the end of the morning. This is an essential part of the program and given the amount of notice I hope there will be a full turn out. Once I know how many children will be celebrating First Holy Communion, I will be able to decide on the dates and formats of these important days in the lives of our children.

#### FINANCIAL AUDIT

At the recent audit I was instructed to reinstate a rota of volunteers to assist with the counting of the collection. This took place before Covid but like many things fall apart during the Pandemic. I have now secured sufficient volunteers and ask them to meet on the Church House on Thursday 21st August at 7.30pm

# APPROVAL FOR CATHOLIC TEACHERS

I remind all parishioners who teach in catholic Schoos that every time they apply for a post approval is required from the Parish Priest. It is incumbent on all teachers and students to ensure I know who you are before requesting a reference from me. If I do not know you then please do not embarrass me by requesting that I provide you with a reference.

# THE 50 50 CLUB

If you joined the fundraiser then please check your bank account to see that your bank has honoured your instruction to pay out from 1<sup>st</sup> August. Any problems, please let us know. The inaugural draw will take place on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August at the coffee morning and will be live streamed on Facebook. There is, of course, still time to join the scheme.

#### WEEKDAY MASS

Now that I have returned from holiday the weekday mass schedule will change. Saturday mass at 10am and Thursday 7pm mass. will be reinstated, However, there will no longer be mass at 10am on Thursdays.

# 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-</u> of-lourdes-church

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.