

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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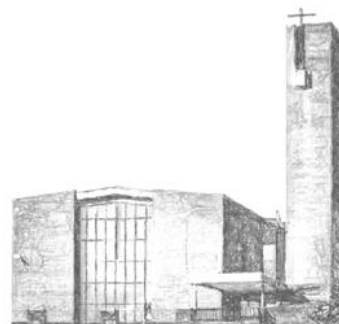
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## 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 SUNDAY MASS – 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### SERVICES FOR 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2025

#### Monday

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

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10:00 Mass

18:00 Rite of Reception of Gary Stuart

#### Thursday

10:00 Funeral Mass of Gary Stuart

18:15 – 18:45 Confessions

19:00 Mass

#### Friday

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

#### Saturday

09:15 – 09:45 Confessions

10:00 Mass

16:15 – 16:45 Confessions

#### 24<sup>th</sup> Aug 2025 Sunday Mass 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday

17:00 Vigil Mass

#### Sunday

09:00 Sunday Mass

11:00 Sunday Mass

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READING 1 JER 38:4-6, 8-10

You have borne me to be a man of dissension for all the land.

PSALM PS 39: 2-4. 18 R.14

Lord, come to my aid!

READING 2 HEB 12:1-4

We shall keep running steadily in the race we have started.

GOSPEL LUKE 12:49-53

I am not here to bring peace, but rather division.

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

This passage reminds us what will be the outcome of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem – his death. The thought of it prompts Jesus to describe what lies ahead as a baptism with which he has still to be baptised. Not another immersion in water, surely? We might note that baptism literally means immersion. Jesus is immersed in his mission - his death.

No wonder he is preoccupied. 'Distressed' does not express this well - he is obsessed, rather than distressed.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**ANNIVERSARIES** Mary Corrigan, Helen & Teddy Hand, Canon Donald Mackay, Teresa Woodside, Andrew & William McWilliams, Hugh & Betty Ward, Peter Gallacher, Maria Gallacher, John Kelly, Margaret & Tom Brown

**FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS** Wednesday 6pm; Rite of Reception of Gary Stuart RIP

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Aug 10am Funeral Mass of Gary Stuart.

**RIP** Gary Stuart, May Steel, Catherine O'Brien, Dorothy Burns, Sadie Breen, Louise McCumiskey, Anna McCabe, Thomas Sweeney.

**MONTHS MIND** Frank & Mary McWilliams, Ann Little, Christina Samson, James Young.

### COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,210
Envelopes	£401
Votives	£152
Stall	£60
Digital Weekly Collection	£55
Defib	£260

## **NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES**

### WELCOME!

To Rev. Joe Dowds who will be assisting me here in Our Lady of Lourdes on an informal basis. Joe will be especially involved in the pastoral care of the sick. I am sure you will be most welcoming to Joe and to his wife Susie.

### ORDINATION OF CHRISTOPHER IGWE

Takes place in Motherwell Cathedral on September 3rd at 6.30pm.

He will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving the following day here at 10am. I ask those involved with the hall to organise light refreshments.

This weekend the box is in the porch and if anyone wishes to contribute to a gift for Christopher from the parish then please place this inside.

### THE DEFIBRILLATOR

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the purchasing of a defibrillator. It arrived this week past and will be installed as soon as possible.

### PRIMARY 4 FIRST COMMUNION YEAR

On Saturday 4th 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. After 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.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Resumes on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September at the 11am Mass.

### 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 fell apart during the Pandemic.

I have now secured sufficient volunteers and ask them to meet in the Church House on Thursday 21st August at 7.30pm.

### 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 August. Any problems, please let us know. The inaugural draw will take place on Wednesday 27th August at the coffee morning and will be live streamed on Facebook. Anyone wishing to join is asked to set up a standing order with your bank to the following account:

Our Lady of Lourdes Church (50/50 club)

Bank of Scotland, Coatbridge

Sort Code 80-12-87

Account Number 10292663

### DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

Takes place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in Motherwell Cathedral.

### HAIRMYRES HOSPITAL:

If someone is in hospital I am happy to visit. The Chaplain can also be contacted by emailing [frmartin@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:frmartin@rcdom.org.uk)

### THE TIME OF VIGIL MASS

I have been wondering if there is any appetite to move the Saturday Vigil to the earlier time of 4pm. This would particularly make a difference in wintertime when it is dark far earlier. I would be grateful for oral feedback and if it seems a popular idea then we will have a vote on 7<sup>th</sup> September. I must emphasise that this will not be forced through without the consent of the majority.

### 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, but there is also provision to give a donation for any special collections.

<https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-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.

### FUN CAR RALLY

We are proposing to hold a Fun Car Rally on Sunday 21 September. Solve the clues to follow the route and gather points. No previous experience required. Departure from the church car park from 2pm. Answers and snacks in the hall afterwards. Entry £5 per car. If interested, please add your name and contact number to the list in the porch.

### SEAN CORRIGAN IS RAISING MONEY FOR BEATSON CANCER CHARITY

Sean along with his sister Eileen will be taking part in the 'Off the Beatson Track 2025' 10k walk in memory of his beloved wife, Kathleen.

He would really appreciate any donations to help this cause for which the family will forever be grateful.

To donate please use the link below:

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/sean-corrigan-11?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=WA](https://www.justgiving.com/page/sean-corrigan-11?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=WA)