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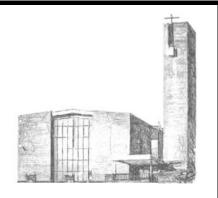
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24th AUG 2025

SUNDAY MASS – 21st SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - C

SERVICES FOR 25 th – 31 st Aug - 2025		
Monday		
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Mass	
18:00	Rite of Reception of Gerry O'Neill RIP	
Tuesday		
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Funeral Mass of Gerry O'Neill RIP	
Wednesday		
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Mass	
Thursday		
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	
31st Aug 2025	Sunday Mass 22 nd Sunday	
17:00	Vigil Mass	
Sunday		
09:00	Sunday Mass	
11:00	Sunday Mass	

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,670
Envelopes	£275
Votives	£185
Stall	£55
Flowers donations	£190
Digital Weekly Collection	£85

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READING 1 ISA 66:18-21

They will bring all your brothers from all the nations.

PSALM PS 116 R. MARK 16:15

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News. Or Alleluia!

READING 2 HEB 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord trains the one that he loves.

GOSPELLUKE 13:22-30

Men from the east and west will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

With so much talk about Jesus' journey to Jerusalem and its outcome over the past few Sundays, it's not surprising people ask if many or only a few will be saved. Actually, this was a frequently asked question in Jewish circles. Some held that only a very few people would be saved: would Jesus agree? He avoids a direct answer. What matters is that people reflect in their lives the values Jesus has been teaching.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARIES Margaret Mary Gardyne, James Deary, Norman Blackburn, Patricia Gannon, Tommy Duffy

<u>RIP</u> Gerry O'Neill, Stephen Russell, Norman Blackburn, James Burns, Phil Laver

<u>FUNERAL ARRANGEMENT</u> Monday 6pm; Rite of Reception of Gerry O'Neill RIP

Tuesday 10am: Funeral Mass of Gerry O'Neill BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE Joe Cook

NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

REV CHRISTOPHER IGWE

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.

If anyone wishes to contribute to a presentation, please place your gift ion an envelope marked "Ordination" and the presentation will be made on Thursday.

DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

Takes place on Tuesday 16th September at 7pm in Motherwell Cathedral.

FUN CAR RALLY

We are proposing to hold a Fun Car Rally on Sunday 21st 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.

THE MARCH FOR LIFE-SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

This includes a pro-life festival, a march in London and a final gathering in Parliament Square. Paisley Diocese are running a bus and there is a list in the porch for anyone wishing to go to book a seat.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FURNITURE PROJECT

Accepts pre-loved furniture and electrical goods, some exceptions apply. It is necessary that sofas have fire safety labels attached. You can call 074883363888 or email svdp@ssvpscotland.com

(In some circumstances furniture may be declined.)

THE NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE AT THE CARFIN GROTTO Scotland's National Shrine to Our Lady of Lourdes, is scheduled for Sunday, September 7th, with Holy Mass at 3:15 PM. This year's theme is; Pilgrims of Hope, and the main celebrant will be Archbishop Leo Cushley, celebrating his 40th anniversary as a priest.

PILGRIMAGE WALK OF HOPE FOR MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals warmly invites you to join their Pilgrimage Walk of Hope. This event will take place on Saturday 30th August from 10.30am to 3.45pm at Craig Lodge House of Prayer, Dalmally, Argyll. In this Jubilee Year when we are called to become Pilgrims of Hope, join members of the Mary's Meals team and supporters from around the country as we walk together, reflecting on stories of hope and praying for our mission. The day will include Mass and the opportunity to see The Shed where Mary's Meals began. Find out more and book your place at: https://MMWalkOfHope.eventbrite.co.uk

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Resumes on Sunday September 7th at the 11am Mass.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

In preparation for the session ahead, team members are asked to meet in the Chapel House on Thursday after 7pm Mass.

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.

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

HAIRMYRES HOSPITAL

If someone is in hospital I am happy to visit. The Chapain can also be contacted by emailing frmartin@rcdom.org.uk

THE TIME OF VIGIL MASS

A number of people offered feedback to my suggestion that we might have a vote concerning the time of the Saturday vigil. Most of it supported moving the Mass to 4pm. Accordingly, on Saturday7th September a written vote will take place at the Vigil Mass. Ballots will be counted at the end of Mass and anyone is welcome to remain for the count. Any change will be effective from Saturday 4th October.

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.

<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.