

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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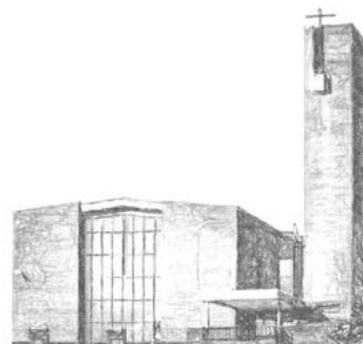
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## 7<sup>th</sup> September 2025 SUNDAY MASS – 23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - C

### SERVICES FOR 8<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025

#### Monday

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

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#### Thursday

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18:00 Rite of Reception John Brady

#### Friday

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Funeral Mass John Brady

#### Saturday

16:15 – 16:45 Confessions

**14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2025 Sunday Mass 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

17:00 Vigil Mass

#### Sunday

09:00 Sunday Mass

11:00 Sunday Mass

### COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,375
Envelopes	£295
Votives	£170
Stall	£40
Digital Weekly Collection	£296

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READING 1 WIS 9:13-18

Who can divine the will of the Lord?

PSALM PS 89: 3-6, 12-14, 17 R.1

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

READING 2 PHLM 9-10, 12-17

Have him back, not as a slave anymore, but as a dear brother.

GOSPEL LUKE 14:25-33

None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Still on the way to Jerusalem and his death, Jesus challenges the crowds on their commitment to him. Language about hating family etc. sounds strange to our ears, but in Jesus' own language, there was no way of expressing preference. So, instead of saying that a disciple must opt for him in preference to any other, he has to talk about loving him and hating others. Strange words, but they should help us reflect on our own priorities.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### ANNIVERSARIES

John McLean snr, Bridget McLean, Francis McCrossan, John McLean jnr, Jim O'Hagan, Harriet O'Hagan, Mima McCabe, Sister Agnes Mary Anne of the Little Sisters, Marion Henderson, Sandra McKay, Stephen Lynch, Martin Gowran, Harry Hamill, May McElhone. Tommy, Annie & Thomas Flaherty, Betty Sweeney, Winnie Howarth.

#### FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

Rite of Reception John Brady Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 6pm

Funeral Mass John Brady Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 10am

RIP Morag O'Connell, Sheila Muldoon, Terri Stark, Philomena Griffin, John Brady.

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE Agnes Brown, Pat Cook.

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

### CONGRATULATIONS TO FR. CHRISTOPHER IGWE

Motherwell's first Nigerian born priest was ordained on Wednesday evening in a unique and beautiful service at Motherwell Cathedral. The parish of Our Lady of Lourdes can be very proud of Christopher, and we wish him every blessing as he begins his priestly ministry in our diocese.

### A WORD OF THANKS!

To everyone here involved in preparing the Church and Hall for Fr. Christopher's Mass of Thanksgiving. The two days were very blessed and special indeed and I am extremely grateful to all who assisted in any way.

### ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC

RCIA or the Rite of Initiation for Adults is the process for those people exploring their faith in Jesus Christ and who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Faith. If you are interested, or know of someone who has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic, the RCIA course in our parish will begin soon. There will be an informal initial meeting on October 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm in the Parish House where you can find out about the course. Please speak to Father Kenny for any further information.

### DIOCESAN VOCATIONS MASS

Takes place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in Motherwell Cathedral. A minibus will leave from the bus stop opposite the Church at 6pm and there is a list in the porch if you wish to book a seat.

### VOCATIONS WEEK

This is a week of prayer for vocations and we have seen in a very powerful way how our prayers have been answered this week past. However, we must not become complacent. Please keep praying for priests to minister to God's people. Please note, the collection that ought to have been taken up today will be taken up next weekend.

### ASSISTED DYING:

Despite the votes in favour of Assisted Dying, it is not certain that these bills will progress beyond the next stage. Real concerns are being raised about the detail in the bills and pressure needs to be exerted to try and stop both bills in the UK and Scottish Parliaments. A meeting will be held in the Church Oratory on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 7.30pm to discuss next steps and provide information on key issues that should be raised with the legislators in both Parliaments.

### AUTISM MASS

The Autism Mass will take place on the first Sunday of the month at 2pm. So today at 2pm the Mass will be celebrated.

### PASTORAL PLANNING GROUP

Meeting on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in Parish House.

### CAR RALLY/TREASURE HUNT

We are proposing to hold a Fun Car Rally on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 buffet in the hall afterwards. Entry £5 per car. If interested, please add your name and contact number to the list in the porch.

### THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Meet in the Hall in-between Masses today to plan a Halloween event.

FOOD BANK COLLECTION This weekend.

### 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](mailto: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 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

### PRIMARY 3 CHILDREN

The second hour of preparation for unbaptised children takes place on Wednesday at 3.15pm in the Oratory. This course will not be repeated this school year.

### 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 programme 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.

### CONFIRMATION

Will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Welcome back today to the "Children's Liturgy." After the summer rest I invite all primary school children to attend the 11am mass and have their experience of Church enriched.

### 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

A vote takes place today at the Vigil Mass concerning the time of the Mass. The vote will be counted after Mass and anyone who wishes is welcome to remain behind for the count. The choice is between 4pm or 5pm. One member, one vote! Any change will take place in October.

### HCPT TRIP TO LOURDES:

Do you want to experience a life-changing pilgrimage? Join HCPT Group 116 on our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes next Easter! We serve the parishes of the Southside of Glasgow and East Kilbride, and we are seeking volunteers and pilgrims to join our special family, where we travel with disabled and disadvantaged children and adults. You don't need any special skills, just a willingness to share your time and talents. This is a unique opportunity to make a real difference in someone's life while deepening your own faith. If you're interested in learning more, please contact Paul Armstrong, Group 116 at [armstrop116@gmail.com](mailto:armstrop116@gmail.com).

### THE BYRNE FAMILY

Jean and Peter are very grateful for all the prayers that have been offered for Gary during his recent illness. He is, thank God, now cancer free.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS to Jo Jordan who celebrates her 90th birthday on the 11th of September.