

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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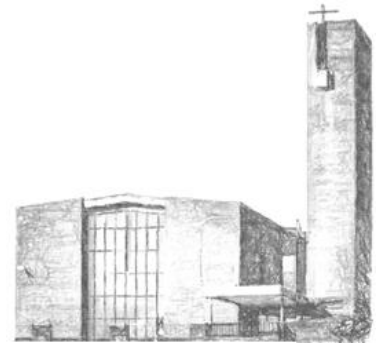
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## 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 SUNDAY MASS – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

### SERVICES FOR 15<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2025

#### Monday

09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass

#### Tuesday

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10:00	Mass

#### Wednesday

09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass

#### Thursday

09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass

#### Friday

09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass

#### Saturday

17:00	Vigil Mass for 25 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time
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#### 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2025 Sunday Mass 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### Sunday

09:00	Sunday Mass
11:00	Sunday Mass

### COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,405
Envelopes	£385
Votives	£210
Stall	£60
Digital Weekly Collection	£140

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READING 1 NUM 21:4-9

If anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

PSALM PS 77:1-2. 34-38 R. 7

Never forget the deeds of the Lord.

READING 2 PHIL 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God raised him high.

GOSPEL JN 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

#### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

We already heard this gospel on Trinity Sunday. Jesus tells Nicodemus, the Pharisee who came to him by night, that the Son of Man must be lifted up so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life. This leads to the famous statement of God's purpose for humanity: God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son that the world might be saved. Thus, the Cross is exalted, the Feast is a Triumph.

The feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross was instituted for the dedication in 335 of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, built by the Emperor Constantine. In it, was placed the Holy Cross, discovered by the Emperor's mother, St Helena.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Devine, Mima McCabe, Malcolm Henderson, Hugh McGinty, Billy Henderson

RIP.

John Brady, Katie Wilson, Gerry Docherty

## NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

### WELCOME!

To Fr. Tom Magill, a recently retired priest of our diocese, who is celebrating the Masses this weekend. Fr. Magill is a scripture scholar and I am sure you will hear a wonderful homily this weekend.

### CONGRATULATIONS

To Sr. Sophie who celebrated 70 years in religious life on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September. On Wednesday to mark this occasion there is a special coffee morning to which all are invited.

### THE JUBILEE CROSS

This cross which marks the Holy Year is making its way around the Diocese. It will be received into St. Bride's Church, Cambuslang, which is part of our Deanery, on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm. There will be a Ceremony of welcome followed by Mass celebrated by Bishop Toal. It is hoped that many of us will gather around the Cross as Pilgrims of Hope.

### THE VIGIL MASS

Thank you to everyone who voted regarding the timing of the Vigil Mass. 151 ballots were cast. Of those, 107 voted for the Mass to be celebrated at 4pm, 44 voted for 5pm.

From Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October therefore the Saturday vigil will take place at 4pm.

### 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.

### PASTORAL PLANNING GROUP

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

### HAIRMYRES HOSPITAL:

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

### 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.

### 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.)

### 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.

### 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).

### 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.

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

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