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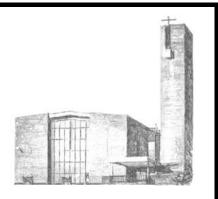
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21st September 2025 SUNDAY MASS – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SERVIC	CES FOR 22 nd – 28 th 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	
09:15 – 09:45	Confessions
10:00	Mass
16:15 – 16:45	Confessions
17:00	Vigil Mass for 26th Sunday in Ordinary
	Time
28 th Sept 2025	Sunday Mass 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday	
09:00	Sunday Mass
11:00	Sunday Mass

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READING 1 AMOS 8:4-7

Against those who 'buy up the poor for money.'

PSALM PS 112: 1-2. 4-8 R.1. 7

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor. Or Alleluia!

READING 2 1 TIM 2:1-8

There should be prayers offered for everyone to God, who wants everyone to be saved.

GOSPEL LUKE 16:1-13

You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Today's gospel parable disturbs many people. Was Jesus really praising a dishonest steward? To understand this parable we should link it to last week's Prodigal Son story. In both parables, the characters were wise enough to look after themselves. Jesus uses an old teaching device of the scribes to say that if bad people can summon enough energy to save themselves, how much more should his followers do so for eternal life itself?

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,400
Envelopes	£380
Stall	£65
Votives	£175
Digital Weekly Collection	£127
Ecclesiastical Stud	£584
Food Bank	£2100

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

ANNIVERSARIES

James & Agnes McDonald, Nancy Rock, Jim Curran.

RIP

Rita Meechan, Ellen Steell.

SICK

Michael Conroy, Gerry Cleary.

NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

WELCOME!

To Matthew O'Neill, a seminarian from the Scots College, Rome. Matthew is here on a six month placement and I am sure you will make him very welcome.

THE DEFIBRILLATOR

Is now in place outside in the area between the Hall and the Church. It will be registered with the appropriate authorities and so be available in an emergency for anyone who requires it. Thanks to all who made donations

PARISH HALLOWEEN PARTY

An event for all parishioners, young and old. This will take place on Saturday 25th October from 6.30pm until 10pm. Tickets are priced at £5 for adults, £2 per child with a family maximum of £10.Snacks will be provided and BYOB. Tickets will be on sale from next weekend.

VIGIL MASS

From Saturday 4th October, Saturday Vigil takes place at 4pm. Confessions from 3.15pm.

ST. ANDREW'S AND ST. BRIDE'S SECONDARY SCHOOL

Are hosting their award ceremony on 30th September. Accordingly, there will be no evening services on this date. The Thursday evening Mass will recommence on Thursday 17th October.

They are making history by hosting a Forty Hours celebration in the School. This will take place from Tuesday 30th September to Friday 3rd October. Parishioners are invited to sign up to keep watch with the Blessed Sacrament between 8am and 5pm. There will be lunch time Mass at 12.30pm.

PASTORAL PLAN GROUP MEETING

Needs to be rescheduled because of the award ceremony. Members, please keep an eye on the WhatsApp group to arrange a suitable date.

THE INTERNAL DOORS:

Some necessary work will be carried out on the internal doors of the Church. This may cause some inconvenience, that is unavoidable. If it does, please be patient.

OCTOBER ROSARY:

The Conference of SVDP will be leading a Rosary at 7pm before their meetings on the Tuesdays of October. All parishioners are welcome to join them I prayer.

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 6th at 7pm in the Parish House where you can find out about the course. Please speak to Father Kenny for any further information.

CAR RALLY/TREASURE HUNT

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 1.30pm. 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.

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 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.

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-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.