## OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

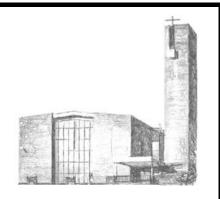
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## 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025 SUNDAY MASS – ALL SAINTS - SOLEMNITY

SERVICES FOR 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup> Nov 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	
18:15 – 18:45	Confessions	
19:00	Mass of Confirmation	
Friday		
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary	
10:00	Mass	
Saturday		
09:15 - 09:45	Confessions	
10:00	Mass	
15:15 – 15:45	Confessions	
16:00	Vigil Mass	
Sunday		
9th Nov 2025	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	
09:00	Sunday Mass	
11:00	Sunday Mass	

## **COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU**

Offertory cash	£1,310
Envelopes	£440
Votives	£166
Stall	£130
Digital Weekly Collection	£199

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

## READING 1 REV 7:2-4,9-14

I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.

## PSALM PS 23:1-6 R.6

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

## READING 2 1 JOHN 3:1-3

We shall see God as he really is.

#### GOSPELMATT 5:1-12

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven

#### **REFLECTION ON THE READINGS**

The Beatitudes are always read on this feast day, at the beginning of the month of the Holy Souls. It is worth noting that the first and the last beatitudes - blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake - both end with the promise 'theirs is the kingdom of heaven'. As we pray for the faithful departed this month, those promises remain uppermost in our minds! Solemnity of All Saints - Celebration of this feast began in eastern Christendom and later took place also in the west. In Rome, the feast was celebrated when Emperor Agrippa's Pantheon ('temple of all the gods') was renamed the church of Sancta Maria ad Martyrs and Pope Boniface IV placed there many relics of martyrs from the catacombs.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RIP Arthur McManus

SICK Nora Houston, Sid Hughes

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Arthur McMurray, Elaine O'Hagan, Francis O'Hagan, John Charles O'Hagan, Jacky Perrett, Theresa & John Tennyson, Tommy & Annie Flaherty, Thomas Flaherty, Betty Sweeney, Winnie Howarth, John O'Rourke, John Rea.

#### NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

## SCIAF EVENING

Many thanks to Michael Hamilton for his interesting talk on SCIAF and its work. There was a good turnout, and I am grateful to those who came along.

#### **AUTISM MASS**

2pm today.

#### APPEAL FOR THE SOCIETY OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

This weekend, Fr Vincent Lockhart from Missio will make an appeal for the Society of St Peter the Apostle which funds the education of students to the priesthood and religious life in mission countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Often the Church in these countries cannot afford the cost of training these young men and women but because the Church is a family, we who are better off financially can share what we have with them. We would ask you to be generous, as you always are, during the retiring collection

#### PHILIPSHILL CEMETERY SERVICE

All are invited to join me reciting the Rosary for those whose remains are interred in this cemetery. This will take place today (Sunday) 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 3pm.

# ASSISTED DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS (SCOTLAND) BILL

This bill will conclude Stage 2 on 18<sup>th</sup> November and then be presented to the Scottish Parliament for the final Stage 3 vote. This is the last opportunity to lobby MSPs on the bill, which will have a wide-ranging impact for Scotland. A representative from The Campaign Against Dying will be holding a meeting in Our Lady of Lourdes on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 7pm to look at the issues in the bill and to discuss how best to lobby MSPs.

## **CONFIRMATION 2025**

Some of our parishioners will be confirmed on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm by Bishop Toal. The Mass of Confirmation will be livestreamed, and I am sure the music will be marvellous. Join us on Church Services TV. Also on Youtube.

#### **THE FEAST OF MARTINMAS**

To mark the feast, the SVDP and the 'mini vinnies' are holding a winter woollen collection on Friday  $28^{th}$  November. Donations of hats, scarves and socks are welcome and will be distributed between Loaves and Fishes and the Wayside Club. The 'mini vinnies' will be collecting the week leading up to the  $7^{th}$  November in both primary schools. Parishioners wishing to donate are asked to bring their items to Church on Friday  $7^{th}$  November.

#### BEREAVEMENT MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS

Mass will be offered at 10am on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November for all those parishioners who have died since November last year. This has been organised by the Legion of Mary who will provide tea etc in the Hall afterwards.

#### SISTERS OF ST. PETER CLAVER

The Sisters will be here the weekend of 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> November distributing copies of their calendars. I am sure you will support them as best you are able.

#### **VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR**

Matthew and the other seminarians are organising a series of Holy Hours in the parishes they are associated with. The first of these takes place here on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. I am sure a good turnout would be hugely encouraging for them.

#### PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Please note the date of the next meeting, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November 7.30pm.

## **CONFERENCE ON POVERTY, INTO THE MARGINS**

The Conference in November is run by the Diocese. It is on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November in St Bride's Hall, Motherwell. Again, the clergy will need to encourage people to attend and asks that you do so. The Apostolic Exhortation from Pope Leo is a big encouragement to us to hold such a conference in our local Church and to commend participation in it.

#### PRO LIFE RAFFLE

Pro-Life Raffle will be on the weekend of 15th/16th Nov.

#### **NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS**

During November, Mass is offered for all those whose names are written on the lists which are available in the porch. Please place them in the envelopes provided and return to the box in the porch. Once collated, a small shrine will be established on the sanctuary to keep our minds and hearts focused on our deceased loved ones.

## SOCIAL COMMITTEE

One of the fruits of the Wellspring project has been the establishment of this committee in the parish. Among the events they organised, the Hogmanay party and the summer garden party really stand out. Events such as these need organisation and goodwill. The

Committee urgently needs a minimum of four new members or it can't succeed and there will be no repeat of the Hogmanay event which would be awful, especially for those who live alone. Please consider helping.

Contact Fr. Kenny, Michael Goldie or Andy Hand.

## **FOODBANK**

Next collection 30th November / 1st December.

#### **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.