

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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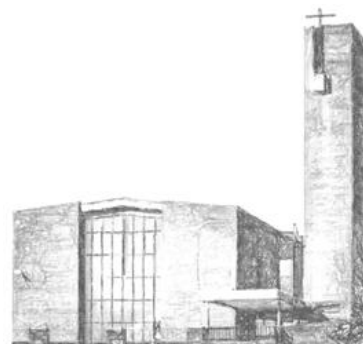
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**14<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**SUNDAY MASS – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

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

### Monday

09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Funeral Mass of Beth Gallagher

### Tuesday

07:00	Rorate Mass
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass

### Wednesday

09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass

### Thursday

07:00	Rorate Mass
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
15:15 – 15:45	Confessions
16:00	Vigil Mass

### Sunday

#### 21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2025 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

09:00	Sunday Mass
11:00	Sunday Mass

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### READING 1 ISA 35:1-6A, 10

God himself is coming to save you.

### PSALM PS 145:6-7, 8-9A, 9B-10

Come, Lord, and save us

### READING 2 JAS 5:7-10

Do not lose heart for the Lord's coming will be soon.

### GOSPEL MATT 11:2-11

Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?

## REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

An imprisoned John seeks the reassurance that he correctly identified Jesus as the one who was to come. Jesus' reply to John's delegates is characteristically enigmatic. Jesus invites them (and John!) to evaluate him, not just by his word, but by his giving sight to the blind, mobility to the lame, rehabilitation to lepers. John challenged Pharisees to display signs that they embraced the kingdom; now Jesus challenges John to see the kingdom present in his works.

## COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,290
Envelopes	£340
Stall	£225
Votives	£190
Digital Weekly Collection	£174

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### RIP

John Collins, John Rafferty, Josephine Donnelly, Eve Loughran, Maria Colquhoun, Mathew Rawlings, Stuart Milliken. Fr. Paddy Gaffney, Margaret McGregor.

### ANNIVERSARIES

Tommy Kilroy

### FUNERAL

Sunday 6pm - Reception of Beth Gallagher.

Monday 10am - Funeral Mass of Beth Gallagher.

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

### **HOGMANAY PARTY FROM 7:00PM- 12:30 AM**

Tickets £5 or £10 for family. Music, dancing and quiz of the year and lots more fun to bring in the New Year. Tickets on sale this weekend.

### **DONATION OF TOYS**

This Advent, as usual, we invite you to donate unwanted, previously loved toys in good condition that we can distribute to families struggling to make ends meet. Please leave wrapped gifts in the church porch, with a label indicating girl or boy and suggested age.

### **CONFESSIONS**

On Monday between 7pm and 8pm I will hear confessions. All are encouraged to go to confession during the Advent season.

### **CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS:**

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7pm to 8pm.

(St. Bride's are having all day confessions on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December at which there will be visiting priests.)

### **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

Vigil Mass of Christmas - Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 4pm

First Mass of Christmas - Wednesday 9pm (Carols sung from 8.30pm)

Christmas Day Mass - Thursday 10am

### **CHRISTINGLE**

We will have a Christingle Service for the children on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 2pm. It would be great to see a good number of children out preparing for Christmas. All welcome!

### **FRIDAY WEEKDAY MASS**

The Children from Our Lady of Lourdes Primary school will be at Mass and will sing carols for us. Please make an effort to attend.

### **CHRISTMAS FUNDAY**

Immediately after the 11am Mass we are having a Christmas Fun Day for Families. There will be a special visitor, raffles, a disco and other attractions besides. If you did not get a ticket, you can pay at the door.

### **THE CHRISTMAS CRIB**

Will soon be in place and as always donations placed in the crib go to St. Margaret's Children and Family Society.

### **THE 50:50 CLUB**

The December draw will take place on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, the last day of school. It will be made by some of the children who are at Mass.

### **CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCES**

In some parishes it is traditional for the parish clergy to offer the Masses they say on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day for our dead relatives and friends. We will do this at the three Christmas Masses here at Our Lady of Lourdes this year. Their names will also be included in a special Christmas Day edition of the Bulletin. These are called 'Christmas Remembrances'. If you would like to have your loved ones remembered in this way, then please hand in their names to the Sacristy or the Chapel House, by the evening of Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December.

### **CHRISTMAS COLLECTION**

You should find with your bulletin today the traditional 'Christmas Collection' envelope. This was one of the old 'Quarterly Collections' of the past. The income from this Collection is used to help support the Parish's daily liturgical life, the costs of heating and lighting the church, which are very considerable (combined, they were almost £3,000 in November), as well as looking after the general fabric of the church properties.

We are fortunate in this Parish not to have a weekly second collection, as many other parishes do. Therefore, this is the only time, apart from Easter, when we ask for a little extra help. But please, give only if you can afford to give, because of the cost-of-living crisis and the financial demands that we are all under at this time. If you are a member of the Giftaid scheme, then please mark the envelope 'Giftaid' and add your offertory envelope number or write your name on the envelope. Please place these in the box in the porch.

Thank you very much for your continued support of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is much appreciated and will help us face the New Year with more confidence.

### **DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS**

The daily scripture books, "My Day by Day" for January 2026, are being distributed at present. The subscription fee covering all books in 2026 is £12. All our payments are passed on to OLOL Parish which pays the publisher's invoices.

Please see John Burns regarding your subscriptions.

### **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>

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.