

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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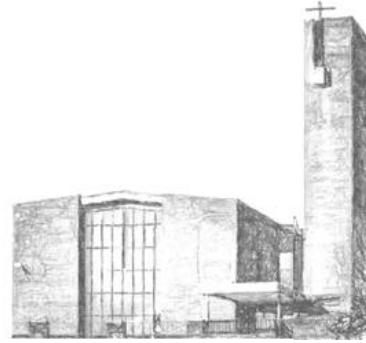
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21st December 2025 SUNDAY MASS – 4th Sunday of Advent

SERVICES FOR 22nd – 28th Dec 2025

Monday

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

19:00- 20:00 Confessions

Tuesday

07:00 Rorate Mass

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

14:00 Christingle Service

19:00- 20:00 Confessions

Wednesday

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

16:00 Vigil Mass of Christmas

20:30 Carol Singing

21:00 First Mass of Christmas

Thursday

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Christmas Day Mass

Friday

11:00 Mass

Saturday

09:15 – 09:45 Confessions

10:00 Mass

15:15 – 15:45 Confessions

16:00 Vigil Mass

Sunday

28th Dec 2025 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

09:00 Sunday Mass

11:00 Sunday Mass

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READING 1 ISA 7:10-14

The maiden is with child.

PSALM PS 23:1-2, 3-4, 5-6

Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

READING 2 ROM 1:1-7

Jesus Christ, descendant of David, Son of God.

GOSPEL MATT 1:18-24

Jesus is born of Mary who was betrothed to Joseph, son of David.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Only on the last Sunday of Advent do we ever have an infancy narrative story in the gospel; this year, Matthew's 'annunciation' to Joseph, rather than to Mary. In his acceptance of Mary's child, Joseph sets in motion the final part of the history of the line of David. By adoption, Mary's child, whom she will call 'Jesus', will be descended from King David. There will be no further descendants after Jesus: he will be the eternal king!

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,443
Envelopes	£285
Stall	£170
Votives	£210
Lourdes Fund	£50
Digital Weekly Collection	£295

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RIP Douglas O'Donnell, Sarah Weldon, Michael Morrice, John Cairns, Patricia McKay

SICK Celia McConnell

ANNIVERSARIES

Gertrude Branagan (Dublin), Ian Porter, Frank & Mary McWilliams, Edgar & Kathleen Crosar, Kathleen Long, Teresa Woodside, Ann Little, Christina Samson, McWilliams Family, Kathleen McGinn

NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

Monday & Tuesday - 7pm to 8pm.

(This is the final opportunity here for anyone to celebrate the Healing Sacrament of Reconciliation. I urge you to take it.)

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Vigil Mass of Christmas - Wednesday 24th 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 23rd December at 2pm. It would be great to see a good number of children out preparing for Christmas. All welcome!

THE CHRISTMAS CRIB

This is now in place awaiting Christmas Day when we celebrate the birth of our Saviour, Jesus. Please note that donations placed in the Crib go to St. Margaret's Children and Family Association, formerly known as St. Margaret's Adoption Society.

Above all, all those with children should make a special effort to visit the Crib over Christmas to remind our small people of the true meaning of Christmas.

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.

CHRISTMAS FUN DAY

We had an immensely enjoyable day last Sunday; it was well attended and the organisation was outstanding. I am very grateful to the Social Committee, one of the real blessings of Project Wellspring.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

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.

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 23rd December.

THE CHRISTMAS DRAW

This took place on Friday 19th December at the end of the 10am Mass. There was a bonus prize of £500 to mark Christmas. The winners as yet do not know their luck. Hold on and we will print their names on Christmas Day, given their consent.

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.