

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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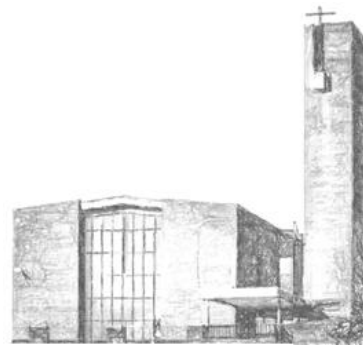
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30th November 2025 SUNDAY MASS – 1st Sunday of Advent

SERVICES FOR 1st – 7th Dec 2025

Monday

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

Tuesday

07:00 Rorate Mass

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10:00 Mass

Wednesday

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10:00 Mass

Thursday

07:00 Rorate Mass

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

18:15 – 18:45 Confessions

19:00 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

7th Dec 2025 2nd Sunday of Advent

09:00 Sunday Mass

11:00 Sunday Mass

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READING 1 ISAIAH 2: 1-5

The Lord gathers all nations together.

PSALM PS 122(121):1-2

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the LORD.

READING 2 ROM 13: 11-14a

Salvation is nearer to us now.

GOSPEL MATTHEW 24:37-44

Your liberation is near at hand.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

A new season begins today: Advent. So does a new liturgical Year, and since it's Year A, so does the three-year liturgical cycle and the first scripture proclamation of the entire lectionary, with the words "The vision of Isaiah...": a vision for people to turn swords into ploughshares, spears into pruning hooks - destructive implements into creative tools. Advent is a season of hope, of positive expectation. Our challenge is to bring about this hope, this peace.

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,170
Envelopes	£335
Votives	£130
Stall	£170
Digital Weekly Collection	£
Education	£535
Mary's Meals	£2,740

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RIP Beth Gallagher, Pat Hunter, James Deighan, John Quigley, John Blake, Natalie Franceschi

SICK Winnie Healy, Michael McNiffe

ANNIVERSARIES Ciaran James Newlands, James McDonald, Elizabeth Mooney, Thomas Woods, Shay Ferguson

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE Gerry Docherty, Ina Kane, William Whitling, Ciaran James Newlands

NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

RORATE MASSES: TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 7AM

This Advent, our parish will celebrate a special Mass, commonly known as a Rorate Caeli Mass. Deeply rooted in the history of the Church, after a period of decline, it is enjoying a resurgence in recent times.

What is a Rorate Caeli Mass?

Rorate Caeli is Latin for “Drop down, you heavens”, and is a phrase taken from the Prophet Isaiah 45,8. The Mass is traditionally celebrated just before dawn during Advent, in honour of Our Blessed Lady. The church is illuminated by candles to highlight Mary’s role in bringing the Eternal Light, Jesus Christ, into the darkness of the world. As the Mass progresses, the church becomes brighter, until the rising sun fills it with the light of day. As a Votive Mass of Our Blessed Lady is said, white vestments are worn instead of the violet normally used during Advent. The Mass prayers and readings highlight the prophecies about the coming of the Messiah and Mary’s role in bringing Christ into the world. A Rorate Caeli Mass will be celebrated in our neighbouring parish of St. Bride’s on the Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays of Advent at 7am.

PRO LIFE CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Congratulations to Renee McAnsh who won the Pro-Life Christmas Hamper. Thank you all for your support.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS FUNDAY SUNDAY

On 14th December straight after 11am Mass. Tickets £5 per family. Buffet, tea, coffee, with tombola and disco and a visit from Santa Claus. Tickets on sale this weekend.

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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

As the Church’s Liturgical year begins, we celebrate what is called ‘The Rite of Entry’ into the Catechumenate for those adults committing to be received into the Church at Easter. This year, we have a number of adults preparing to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter. Some of them will be present at the 11am Mass. We welcome them warmly and commit ourselves to praying for them at this special time in their lives.

JUSTICE AND PEACE

I am grateful to those who turned up to the inaugural meeting of the parish “Justice and Peace Group” on Tuesday past. There was an appetite to raise awareness of the plight of those seeking asylum on these shores and to combat falsehoods constantly repeated in the media. This is a good start for this group and there will be a second meeting in late January to help the group grow. More details to follow.

LOAVES AND FISHES

A letter addressed to Phil McMahon was received for the last donation of £1100. It also contained an invitation to parishioners to visit their new premises which were formally opened, I believe, some months ago.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS!

To Mary Anne Nelson who celebrates her 80th Birthday on 30th November. Ad multos annos!

FOOD BANK

A retiring collection will be taken up this weekend for the foodbank.

JOIN AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED FOR CAROLS FOR PEACE

A beautiful evening of music, stories, and prayer as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.

Thursday, 4th December, St John the Baptist, Uddingston, 7:30pm - 9:30pm. Free event.

Reserve your free ticket at

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FNIM>.

For more information, please contact the ACN Scotland office at scotland@acnuk.org or call 01698 337 470.

NOVEMBER DRAW

Will take place, ironically enough, on 1st December after the celebration of Mass in honour of our national patron, St. Andrew.

RADIO BROADCAST FOR ‘ADVENT SUNDAY’

Next Sunday at 3pm, BBC Radio 3 will broadcast the traditional ‘Advent Sunday’ service live from Saint John’s College, Cambridge, at 3pm. It is a beautiful liturgy of readings and congregational and choral music for the Season of Advent. I am sure you would enjoy it, if you get the chance to listen. You can listen any time on ‘BBC Sounds’.

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.myдона.com/our-lady-of-lourdes-church>

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