

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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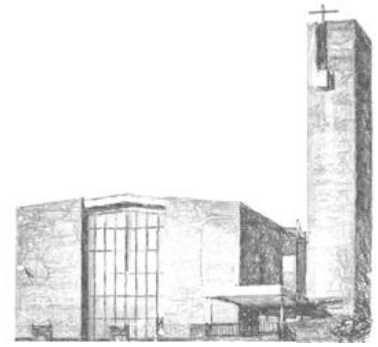
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## 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026 SUNDAY MASS – The Solemnity of the Epiphany

### SERVICES FOR 4<sup>th</sup> Jan – 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026

#### Monday

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

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10:00 Mass

#### Friday

10:00 Mass

#### Saturday

15:15 – 15:45 Confessions

16:00 Vigil Mass

#### Sunday

#### 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 Baptism of the Lord

09:00 Sunday Mass

11:00 Sunday Mass

### THIS WEEK'S READINGS

**READING 1** ISAIAH 60:1-6

Above you the glory of the Lord appears.

**PSALM** 71(72):1-2,7-8,10-13

All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

**SECOND READING** EPHESIANS 3:2-3,5-6

It has now been revealed that pagans share the same inheritance

**GOSPEL** MATTHEW 2:1-12

We saw his star and have come to do the king homage.

### REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

The annual telling of the Epiphany story could have us take it all for granted: magi from far-away places, guided only by a star, fabulously rich and so on. However, they were gentiles, outsiders, detested by all! Yet they sought out the New-born King when King Herod's religious advisors - who knew all the prophecies about the king being born in Bethlehem - made no move to go and see this wonderful deed of the Lord. Their gifts recognise that the Christ-Child is God (frankincense); that he is a king (gold); that he has come to die for us (myrrh).

### COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£2,505
Envelopes	£854
Stall	£280
Votives	£665
Chr Coll	£1895
Fundraising	£1900

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## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**RIP** Margaret Hannigan, Paul McKay, Roger Kennedy

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Fr. John McFadden, John Russell, Robert McFaul, Joe Devlin, Harry Duffin, Frank Daly, James Boyle, Frank McLaren, Malcolm Stewart, Grace Keenan, Bridget O'Hara, Campbell McAdam, Anne Daly, Jimmy McCabe

**MONTHS MIND** Michael Daly

**BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE** Robert Tamburrini

**CHRISTMAS REMEMBRANCE** Joe Canning

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

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

To all the parishioners and friends of Our Lady of Lourdes. We wish you a peaceful and prosperous 2026.

### **THANK YOU**

Sr. Sophie, Deacon Joe, Fr. Kenny and Matthew are all very grateful for the cards and other expressions of affection which we have received over Christmas time. Your kindness to us is greatly appreciated.

### **JUSTICE AND PEACE SCOTLAND**

As always on Epiphany Sunday, a collection will be taken up for the National Conference of Justice and Peace. The collection is to be taken up in all parishes in Scotland on this day at the request of the Conference of Bishops.

### **WELCOME**

To Fr. Tom Magill, a scripture scholar and retired priest of the Diocese, who will cover this coming week when Fr. Kenny takes annual leave.

### **JUSTICE AND PEACE MOTHERWELL DIOCESE**

The next meeting of the Diocesan Justice & Peace Group is on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 7:30 pm. It will be held on Zoom. If you would like to join the meeting, please email [paulfoley@rcdom.org.uk](mailto:paulfoley@rcdom.org.uk) for the Zoom link. We will be exploring Pope Leo's recent Urbi et Orbi address and how Motherwell Diocese can respond to it. All are welcome.

### **FOOD BANK**

A retiring collection will be taken up next weekend to assist the local food banks. Early in December I visited both foodbanks and reached out in particular to EK Foodbank offering to be a point of contact here on Fridays. I am sure they will be in touch regarding that matter. It would be good if the huge contribution that the Catholic Church in the town makes to this food bank was more visible. I will keep you informed.

## **THE INTERNAL CHURCH DOORS**

Just before Christmas the hinges of the main internal doors were all replaced. The cost of this (around £3000) was met by a generous donation from one parishioner. We are grateful to him.

It would be helpful if we could learn new behaviour on entering and leaving the doors by not allowing them to slam. This will prolong the lifespan of the new hinges.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Our schools all resume on Monday at the usual time. We wish our young people a successful term.

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION**

We are very fortunate to have five adults preparing to join the Church at Easter. The RCIA meetings start again on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm in the Chapel House. Please keep the five in your daily prayers.

### **MATTHEW O'NEILL**

Matthew continues to remain with us until Easter as part of his formation for seminary. At that point, after a few days rest, he will go to Uganda to a missionary station there for six weeks. Again, we keep all those preparing for the priesthood in our prayers.

### **WELLSPRING PASTORAL FORUM – SAVE THE DATE**

Bishop Toal invites parishes across the Diocese to save the date for the next Wellspring Pastoral Forum, taking place on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Blantyre.

The Forum forms part of our shared diocesan journey of parish evangelisation, providing an opportunity to gather, listen and reflect together on how the Gospel is being proclaimed in our parishes today. Bishop Toal asks that all parishes be represented, and warmly encourages clergy, parish Wellspring representatives and parish teams to attend.

### **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.