

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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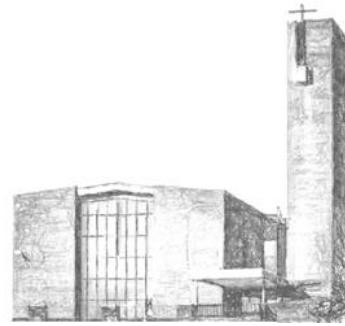
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**18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

**SUNDAY MASS – 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A**

## SERVICES FOR 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026

### Monday

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

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### Thursday

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10:00 Mass

18:15 – 18:45 Confessions

19:00 Mass

### Friday

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

### Saturday

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

15:15 – 15:45 Confessions

16:00 Vigil Mass

### Sunday

## 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026 3<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - A

09:00 Sunday Mass

11:00 Sunday Mass

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### READING 1    ISA 49: 3, 5-6

I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

### PSALM            PS 39:2. 4. 7-10 R. 8.9

Here I am, Lord! I come to do your will.

### READING 2    1 COR 1:1-3

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

### GOSPEL            JOHN 1:29-34

Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world,

## REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Ordinary Sundays for the Year of Matthew begin today, but this Sunday's gospel is always from John. Thus, we begin Ordinary Time with an introduction to Jesus prior to his ministry. Today, only John the Baptist speaks. He introduces Jesus to his own disciples as "the Lamb of God". Jews chose a lamb from their flocks to offer to God at Passover. Jesus is God's choice of victim: one who takes away the sins of the world!

## COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,200
Envelopes	£385
Votives	£130
Digital	£219

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RIP John Rafferty, Ellen Lynas

## ANNIVERSARIES

Anthony Deary, Margaret Burke, Willie O'Hagan,  
George O'Hagan

## NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

### FORTY HOURS

On the week of the Feast of our Parish Patron, Our Lady of Lourdes, we are holding Forty Hours Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. This will begin on Sunday 8th February immediately after the 11am Mass and continue until 8pm Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

On each evening at 7pm a visiting priest will present a Holy Hour reflection. I ask you to note these dates and set aside some time to pay a visit to the Church. Nearer the time, there will be sheets with time slots for volunteers to ensure that the Blessed Sacrament is never left unattended. There will also be the opportunity for parishioners to make donations towards the cost of candles and flowers.

### ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March, a St. Patrick's night celebration will take place in the Hall. There will be live Irish Music. As always, it will be a BYOB night. More details to follow soon.

### THE PETER GOUGH FOUNDATION

The spectacular Studio 32 are performing in St. Bride's Hall on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February to raise funds for the foundation. Over the last year the foundation has raised over £26000 for various charities including local hospices and local foodbanks as well as the Beatson cancer care unit. Doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm performance. Bar and raffles on the night. Tickets cost £10. For more info call Sharon Greg on 07799167108.

### CELTIC QUIZ FOR HCPT GROUP 138

A fundraising quiz to help raise money to take sick and disadvantaged youngsters to Lourdes will be held in our hall on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. Six rounds of Celtic questions, a half time pie and a raffle. It is BYOB. Come and see which bhoy or ghirl knows most about Celtic history.

### ORBIS

Thank you to everyone who donated to ORBIS in 2025. We raised £1,513 and this will ensure that many people will have been spared a life of blindness.

### TOYS

We have received sincere thanks from Catherine who coordinates the distribution hub at St Dominic's in Craigend. Your generosity brought joy to many children at Christmas.

### FINANCE MEETING

I had previously published an incorrect date for the meeting. Apologies! The meeting in fact will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January after the 7pm Mass in the Church House.

### COFFEE MORNING

On Wednesday of this week. Come and join us for the 10am Mass then on to the Hall.

## SECOND COLLECTIONS 2026

The following are the dates set by the Diocese or the Conference of Bishops for Special Collections in 2026.

### *Sick and Retired Priests*

1<sup>st</sup> March 2026 (2nd Sunday of Lent)

### *SCIAC*

15<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (4th Sunday of Lent)

### *Holy Places*

3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 (Good Friday)

### *Communications*

17<sup>th</sup> May 2026 (7th Sunday of Easter)

### *Day for Life*

21<sup>st</sup> June 2026 (3rd Sunday in June)

### *Peter's Pence*

28<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (Sunday closest to Solemnity of Peter and Paul)

### *Ecclesiastical Students*

6<sup>th</sup> September 2026 (23rd Sunday of the Year)

### *Mission Sunday*

18<sup>th</sup> October 2026 (Penultimate Sunday in October)

### *Education Sunday*

15<sup>th</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> November 2026.

In addition to these collections, the Franciscan Sisters will be here as part of the annual appeals that take place. Aid to the Church in Need, the largest Catholic Charity in the world, have also asked to come for an appeal. It is many years since they were here and they are a Catholic Charity, so I have agreed to this. Dates are yet to be set for these two.

### FRIDAY WARM SPACE

Each Friday tea and toast are provided in the Hall after Mass. Soup is also served around noon. All welcome and there is no charge.

### 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.