

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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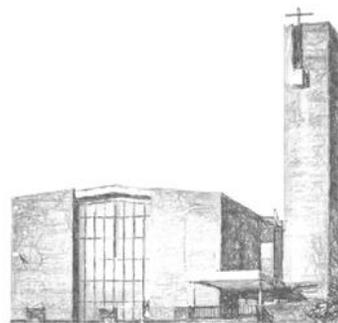
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8th March 2026

SUNDAY MASS – 3rd Sunday of Lent

SERVICES FOR 9th – 15th March 2026

Monday	
08:25	Mass
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Tuesday	
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
19:00	Stations of the Cross
Wednesday	
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
Thursday	
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
18:15 – 18:45	Confessions
19:00	Mass
Friday	
08:25	Mass
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
18:00	Quiet Hour of Prayer
Saturday	
09:25	Litany & Holy Rosary
10:00	Mass
15:15 – 15:45	Confessions
16:00	Vigil Mass
Sunday 4 th Sunday of Lent	
09:00	Mass
11:00	Mass

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

READING 1 EXOD 17:3-7

Give us water to drink.

PSALM PS 94:1-2, 6-9

O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'

READING 2 ROM 5:1-2, 5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us.

GOSPEL JOHN 4:5-42

A spring of water welling up to eternal life.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

Clearly patterning Christian Initiation, the man born blind is "anointed" with the paste and then washed clean and can see. His new sight leads to mixed reactions, choices and the opportunity to bear witness. Only in remaining steadfast in the face of opposition is he able to receive the gift of life eternal.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK Joe Sherry, Josie Sherry

RIP Desmond Hendron, John Convery, Matt Byrne, Matthew Brown, Marie McGrattan

ANNIVERSARIES Sadie McGrotty, Maureen McCourt, Francis Bradley, Thomas Dowds, Tommy Love

BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCE Pamela Dowell

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,440
Envelopes	£360
Votives	£190
Stall	£130
Retired Priests	£1,250
Day by Day	£150
Foodbank	£900
Digital - Offertory	£371
Digital - Retired Priests	£70

NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

PARKING

Following a complaint about pavement parking from a local resident, we received a visit from the police. Although strictly speaking not a police matter, they advised that the local authority may deploy wardens in the area. We again request that you park with consideration for our neighbours.

JUSTICE AND PEACE ASYLUM SEEKER/REFUGEE INFORMATION EVENING.

East Kilbride Integration Network (EKin) was formed in November 2023 to support the Asylum Seeker/Refugee Community in the East Kilbride /Strathaven Area and now serves the South Lanarkshire area as a whole.

On 11th March at 7.00pm in the Oratory, Kiem Doyle and Eddie Morrison from EKin will be offering an information evening on the work of their organisation and introduce a couple of Refugees who will offer testimonies of their experiences as former Asylum Seekers and now New Scots living in the East Kilbride area. This meeting has been arranged by the OLOL Justice and Peace group and our SVDP. All welcome.

PRO LIFE EASTER RAFFLE

There will be a raffle for a hamper on Sunday 8th March. The proceeds will go to SPUC.

FINANCE GROUP

There will be an additional meeting of the finance group on Thursday 12th March at 7.30pm. The agenda will be:

- 1.Fundraising for the building project.
- 2.Extra-ordinary Collections and external fundraising.

KILT WALK

Michael and Anne Goldie are setting up a team to take part in the Kilt Walk on Saturday 25th April starting at 9:30am. All money raised will go towards the church roof repair fund. If you're interested in joining them, contact Michael on 07824445912 for more details.

Each participant will have to pay £20 to cover costs.

ST. PATRICK'S CELEBRATION

On Friday 13th 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. Tickets will be on sale after all Masses this weekend.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE FROM MOTHERWELL TO ST ANDREWS

We are organising a Diocesan walking pilgrimage from Motherwell Cathedral to St Andrews, walking around 10-12 miles each Tuesday, starting on 7th April and finishing on 9th June. The pilgrimage is free; the only cost will be for transport back to our starting point. If you would like to join us, or would like more details, contact Jim McKelvie at pilgrimage@rcdom.org.uk or call 07957 847290.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Tuesday 10th March - St. Louise Primary 3.

Tuesday 24th March -Our Lady of Lourdes Primary 3.

ASSISTED SUICIDE

845 letters from this and other parishes were delivered to Monica Lennon MSP on 2nd March. The Final Vote on the Bill is planned for 17th March. Keep praying. Thanks to everyone who took the time to sign the letter.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the P7 pupils, some of whom are our parishioners, who were confirmed on Wednesday past.

LEGION OF MARY

A consecration to our Lady will be held here at Our lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday 21st March commencing with The Rosary at 11.20am. Bishop Toal will celebrate Holy Mass at 12 noon. Light refreshments will be served in the Hall afterwards and all are welcome to attend.

SCIAF SUNDAY

Will be taken up on Sunday 15th March and is the most important second collection of the whole year. It is so important that Bishop Toal wrote to the clergy instructing that no other collection or initiative is to take place on that day. Please, please be as generous as you can be.

FOODBANK

The next Foodbank collection will take place the weekend of 28th/29th March.

THE HALL

Much of the Hall will be painted during the Easter Holidays. Accordingly, the Hall will be closed at this time. It is essential to have this done before the big project on the Church begins when all funds will be required for that.

PROPOSED NEW CHURCH ROOF AND MORTAR REPAIRS

Design work is now well under way for the new church roof and associated works. New gutters, downpipes and fascia boards will be installed to complement the new roofing works. Work will also be carried out to replace the defective mortar pointing of the external brickwork all around the church and at the same time the brickwork will be cleaned. The brickwork of the campanile will also be cleaned and the mortar replaced as necessary. We will procure a contractor under a competitive tendering process during late 2026. The construction work is then expected to commence in the early months of 2027. There will be an opportunity to meet the design team to discuss this in more detail in Autumn 2026. Details of this evening event will be published in the bulletin nearer the time. To date, around £20,000 has already been spent on professional fees and some maintenance issues. We need to press ahead with this for the future.

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.