

# OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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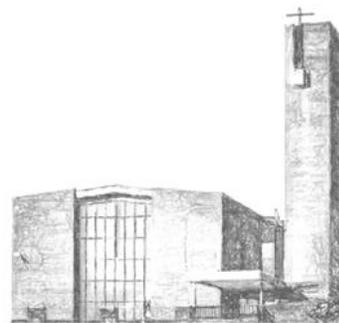
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15<sup>th</sup> March 2026

SUNDAY MASS – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

## SERVICES FOR 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 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	
11:20	Litany & Holy Rosary
12:00	Mass
15:15 – 15:45	Confessions
16:00	Vigil Mass
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent	
09:00	Mass
11:00	Mass

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

### READING 1 1 SAM 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

David is anointed king of Israel.

### PSALM PS 22 R. 1

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

### READING 2 EPH 5:8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you,

### GOSPEL JOHN 9:1-41

He went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

### 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** Frank Tierney, Simon Loftus, Patricia Pilcher

**RIP** John Convery, Elizabeth Anne Ward, Walter Klonowski, John McPherson, Pauline McPheely, Babs McNally, Monica Toner

**ANNIVERSARIES** Monsignor Thomas O'Hare Louise Morrison, Desmond McMahan, Sheila Deary, Robert Gough, Frances Doyle, Keiran McClymont

## COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory cash	£1,680
Envelopes	£325
Votives	£210
Stall	£105
Digital - Offertory	£504

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

### **LEGION OF MARY**

A consecration to our Lady will be held here at Our lady of Lourdes Church on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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**

Today is SCIAF Sunday. SCIAF is one of only two Catholic Charities run under the auspices of the Bishops' Conference. It therefore deserves our wholehearted financial support this weekend. I invite you to place donations in the Box in the porch this weekend.

(Earlier in the month, Bishop Toal instructed that there be no other fundraising or collection outside of the normal collection. The Conference of SVDP have generously stood down so that we can concentrate on SCIAF.)

### **SCIAF'S BIG LENT WALK FOR WATER EVENT**

This Lent SCIAF are trying to raise awareness of the issues around accessing clean and safe water in Ethiopia. We will be joining parishioners of St Vincent de Paul on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March. There is no 10am Mass on this day because of the Legion of Mary Mass but those wanting to participate in our Big Lent Walk for Water are invited to gather here at 10am.

If you would like to join us, a sign-up station will be in the church porch after Masses on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. Entry fee is £5 per adult. At this time, you will receive your sponsor form and an information sheet about the walk itself. If you are unable to join us on our walk, you can still support us by sponsoring a family member or friend who is participating or donating on our Just Giving page, which can be accessed on the parish Facebook page. Funds raised will support SCIAF in continuing their efforts to dig wells and repair existing water pumps to ensure the flow of clean and safe water to communities in Ethiopia,

### **CATHOLIC BISHOPS CALL ON MSPS TO REJECT ASSISTED DYING BILL FOLLOWING REJECTION OF INSTITUTIONAL OPT-OUT**

The Bishops' Conference of Scotland is deeply disappointed by the decision of the Scottish Parliament to reject all institutional conscientious objection amendments to the Assisted Dying for Terminally Ill Adults (Scotland) Bill.

Every organisation has guiding values that shape its mission and practice and, for many faith-based organisations, including Catholic hospices and care homes, these values are fundamentally incompatible with the introduction of assisted suicide.

The future of such institutions, which so faithfully and compassionately serve their local communities, some for hundreds of years, is now uncertain if the Bill passes.

The Bishops' Conference maintains that no organisation should be compelled by the State to participate in the deliberate ending of life when doing so would violate its ethical or religious principles.

The Bishops' Conference urges MSPs to reject the Bill, ensuring that organisations providing critical care services are not forced to decide between acting contrary to their foundational values or closing.

### **KILBRYDE HOSPICE**

This week Margaret Mary Cowan retires from the post of Deputy Chief Executive at Kilbryde. She has been a wonderful force for good at the Hospice and we thank her for her long years of service and wish her a happy retirement.

### **UPDATE ON RENOVATION**

I was informed by the Diocese this week past that, following the approval of our own Finance Group, the project has been approved by both the Fabric & Planning Group and the Diocesan Finance Committee. The design team will continue their work aiming to start next Spring.

This will impact on many areas of parish life and after Easter our own Finance Group will speak about this over the course of a weekend at some point.

### **FIRST CONFESSIONS**

Congratulations to the children from St. Louise PS who made First Reconciliation on Tuesday past.

The P3 from OLOL PS will celebrate their Reconciliation on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

### **PARISH FINANCE GROUP**

The group have drawn up a policy for requests made for fundraising activities inside the Church. This will be published as soon as possible. In the meantime, please do not ask Fr. Kenny to sanction collections or raffles etc. This is now the remit of the Finance Team.

### **THE MASS OF CHRISM**

Takes place at 11am on Holy Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April, in Motherwell Cathedral. The Bishop blesses all the oils to be used throughout the Diocese at this Mass. He extends a warm invitation to all parishioners to join him and the priests of the Diocese on this day.

### **MANY HAPPY RETURNS**

To Bobby Gannon who is 95 this week. Until very recently Bobby was a daily Mass attender. We hope he is soon back with us.

### **PRO LIFE EASTER RAFFLE**

The winning ticket was Green No. 6-10. £800 was raised for SPUC and assisted suicide projects. Thanks to everyone for their support.

### **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.