

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH

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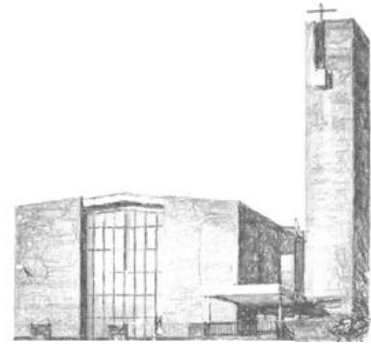
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30th August 2026

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

SERVICES FOR 31st Aug – 6th Sept 2026

Monday 31st August

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

Tuesday 1st September

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

Wednesday 2nd September

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

Thursday 3rd September

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

18:15 – 18:45 Confessions

19:00 Mass

Friday 4th September

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

10:00 Mass

Saturday 5th September

09:25 Litany & Holy Rosary

9:15 – 9:45 Confessions

10:00 Mass

15:15 – 15:45 Confessions

16:00 Vigil Mass

Sunday 6th September

09:00 Sunday Mass

11:00 Sunday Mass

COLLECTIONS & DONATIONS - THANK YOU

Offertory Cash	£1,390
Envelopes	£240
Digital Weekly Collection	£122
Stall	£10
Votives	£120
Digital Building Fund	£30

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

READING 1 – JEREMIAH 20:7-19

The word of the Lord has become for me a reproach

PSALM 63(62)

For you my soul is thirsting. O Lord. My God

READING 2 – ROMANS 12:1-2

Present your bodies as a living sacrifice

GOSPEL - MATTHEW 16:21-27

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself.

REFLECTION ON THE READINGS

From Rock and keeper of the keys, to 'Satan'! When Peter tries to end Jesus' talk of dying, he forgets disciples are to follow Jesus – not lead him! 'Get behind me' is another translation of how Jesus first called Peter – 'follow me'. Jesus' rebuke is also a renewed call to discipleship. Peter is called Satan, because had he succeeded here, he would have done what Satan failed to do at Jesus' testing in Matthew 4: 1-11.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

RIP: Isabella (Bel) Radigan, Derek Tait

SICK: Paula Johnston

ANNIVERSARIES: John Brady, Harry Hamill, Elizabeth Morrison, Francis & Clare Docherty,

Robert Tamburrini, Theresa McMahon,

Hugh McDonald, Mary O'Hagan, Tommy Duffy

NOTICES, FUTURE EVENTS & SERVICES

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

A warm welcome to Peter Diamond this weekend from Aid to the Church in Need. Peter will speak to us about the work of ACN and the box will be in place to receive any donations. ACN are a Pontifical Foundation of the Church and has over 5000 projects in more than 140 countries around the world.

SACRAMENTS 2027

I ask parents with children in P4 to take careful note of a meeting here at **10.30am on Saturday 3rd October**. This meeting will be facilitated by Mary & Michael Ross and will last exactly one hour. On that day there will be a range of appointments to meet on an individual basis with Fr. Kenny or (Deacon) Joe Dowds. I would hope these meetings could take place before the end of October so that dates could be decided upon for next year's celebrations.

CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

The Village Theatre. Jack and the Beanstalk. Friday night 18th December. £10.50 per person. A list will be on the notice board; please put name, number of tickets and telephone number. Tickets to be paid by 16th October.

BUILDING FUNDRAISER

All tickets are now sold out for our Celtic Q&A with Peter Grant and Peter Martin, followed by Irish Folk singer Chris Docherty in OLOL Church Hall on Friday 18th September 7pm to 11:30pm.

Massive thanks to Adrian of The Sign Company for sponsorship of the event (<https://www.thesignco.co>)

ARCHBISHOP RINO FISICHELLA

The Pro Prefect for the Vatican Dicastery of Evangelization will visit the Diocese on Thursday 24th September, the Archbishop will celebrate Mass in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral at 7.00 pm. This Mass is open to all parishioners in the Diocese.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

In preparation for the new session for adults wishing to learn more about the Catholic Church I ask the team to meet on Monday 14th September at 7pm in the Parish House.

THE ANNUAL DEANERY APPEAL

The Franciscan Missionary Sisters will be here for an appeal the weekend of 19th/20th September. A collection will be taken up to assist them in their work.

PASTORAL PLANNING GROUP

The Pastoral Planning Group will meet in the Parish House on Tuesday 1st September at 7pm

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The first session of the school year takes place on Sunday 6th September at the 11am Mass. All primary school children are most welcome to attend.

THE HALL

Friday tea and toast will restart on Friday 11th September. Toddlers group will restart at 10.30am on Thursday 10th September.

ANNUAL VOCATIONS MASS

It was lovely to see so many from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at the annual vocations Mass. It is important that all of us keep storming heaven for more priests.

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Recently two of our Ministers of Holy Communion have decided to stand down after long services, Una Carmichael and Theresa Tait. We are very grateful to them for their ministry over a long period of time.

I will be approaching others to ask them to assist in this ministry of assisting with distribution of Holy Communion in Church and taking the Eucharist to the sick. Please be generous if you are asked.

FOODBANK COLLECTION

Thanks for your very kind donation of £2025

NATIONAL DAY AT CARFIN

Takes place Sunday 6th September with Holy Mass being celebrated at 3pm.

CATHOLIC EDUCATION

With the ever-expanding building of new homes, many families are on the outskirts of the town. We are fortunate that South Lanarkshire Council provide free buses to OLOL Primary School. Nonetheless it is clear that many people choose not to avail themselves of this service. It is important that we support our Catholic schools by sending our children to them. Please note, we don't have the infrastructure in place to prepare large numbers of children for the reception of the Sacraments. If you do not send them to the Catholic system then you must be able and willing to prepare your children for these important moments in the life of faith.

ASSISTED DYING FOR TERMINALLY ILL ADULTS

The Assisted Dying Bill in the UK Parliament failed in June 2026 as it was out of time and did not complete the scrutiny in the House of Lords. It is now being brought back to the UK Parliament as a Private Members Bill and a vote in the Commons will take place on 11th September. This Bill will deliver the same unsafe outcomes and will also seek to be passed into law without the full scrutiny of the House of Lords. The East Kilbride MP, Joani Reid, voted for the bill in the Commons. Bishop John Keenan has asked all Catholics in Scotland to lobby our MPs to get them to vote against this Bill.

A letter has been prepared and only needs your name and address added. Copies will be available in the porch. Letters from all the parishes in East Kilbride will be collected and presented to our MP to show the level of opposition among her East Kilbride constituents. Lobbying of MSPs defeated the McArthur Bill in the Scottish Parliament and, if the UK Bill is passed, this will give encouragement for a new bill to be proposed for Scotland.

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, but 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.