

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for
Sunday 27th November 2016

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR A**

Response to the Psalm:

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

Mystery of Faith:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Please remember in your prayers: the sick and the housebound, at home, in hospital or in residential care.

We remember especially:

Ellen Altringham, Katherine Cunningham, Fr. Cyril Elkington, Felicity Goddard, Veronica Hurtswaite, Roisin McCabe, Dominic Nutt, Rowena A, Pat Sullivan, Donald Terry, Josephine Terry, Shaun Wilkinson, Doreen Wood, Margaret Maloney, Antoinette Abraham, Christopher Karimi Muthike, Merlyn Lee, Jackie McNamara, Christine Larkin, Margaret Mizen.

May the Lord bring them comfort and healing and bring strength to those who care for them.



Please pray for those who have died, remembering especially those whose anniversary fall about this time:

Eileen Baplin, Matilda Shanahan, Dennis Sullivan, Roy O'Connell, Mark Haigh, Michael Sullivan, Simone Perindorce, Rita Sheridan, Edith Frances Ings, Joseph Smithson, Patrick Buckley, Caroline Collins, Germaine Dugger, Betty McCarthy, Des Donnelly, Chloe Edwards, Cyril Hart

May these, and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace, and joy of Christ.

We, the priest and parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Lee, seek to continue to give witness to God's inclusive love, by welcoming everyone.

THIS WEEK - MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Saturday	16th	9.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Holy Souls RIP
Sunday	27th	9.00am 11.00am	First Sunday of Advent Year A	John Small RIP Mark Haigh RIP
Monday	28th	9.30am		Nora Highland RIP
Tuesday	29th			Chloe Edwards RIP
Wednesday	30th	9.30am	St Andrew, Apostle	Lillie & Reg Sample
Thursday	1st	9.30am		John Foskin RIP
Friday	2nd	9.30am		Eddie Kiernan RIP
Saturday	3rd	9.00am 6.30pm	St Francis Xavier First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention People of the parish
Sunday	4th	9.00am 11.00am	Second Sunday of Advent Year A	Justin Kanagaratnam RIP Stella Hopper RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Next Saturday 9.30-10.15am and 5.45-6.15pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

½ hour Adoration after the weekday morning masses.

First Friday Adoration: until 12noon every month.

CHURCH CLEANING: 8.00am every Tuesday

PRAYER GROUP: Every Wednesday at 2.00pm.

FATHERS PRAYER GROUP: Every first Wednesday of the month at 8pm.

ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday Coffee: Volunteers
Collection Counters: David

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

Website news!!

Our Parish website is now live. The address is olol-lee.org We will of course continue to provide paper copies but hope to reduce the number to save paper and printing costs. Please help by using this option if you can.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

200 Club Winners

20/11/16 £25 No. 151 Charles Carey

Chorus Performance: 3rd December 2016.

The next Chorus concert will be in the church on Saturday 3rd December at 7-45pm and is has the theme of Peace and Freedom, in words and music. This will be a wonderful opportunity to relax and reflect in the Advent season as we race toward the hustle and bustle of Christmas preparation. The programme is a mix of modern and traditional pieces including some familiar Gospel songs. The concert will as always be free of charge although a retiring collection will be taken.

Show You Care this Autumn

Many of you support fair trade as part of their weekly grocery shopping, now that fair trade products are more widely available in supermarkets. This Autumn we want to encourage you to buy from Traidcraft because what they do is so much more than fair trade. Traidcraft lobbies on behalf of the world's most under-privileged people and runs many life changing development projects in the world's poorest countries benefitting 600,000 people each year – lifting them out of poverty and helping them build sustainable livelihoods. Some of you may purchase on-line direct from Traidcraft but we do encourage you to buy through Our Lady of Lourdes account because, whilst you pay the same amount, we receive a 10% discount and the difference helps to fund other parish activity such as financial support for our twin parishes. The new catalogue is now available with lots of gift ideas in addition to all the things you will need for Christmas baking.

Come and browse through the catalogue or purchase from our selection of gifts and groceries. We would also encourage you all to send charity cards this year, and both Traidcraft and Rehema cards and gifts will be on sale in the hall after all Masses this weekend.

Justice and Peace

It is 50 years since 'Cathy Come Home' was first shown on television, highlighting poverty and homelessness, but this Christmas more than 120,000 children in our country will wake up homeless and living in temporary accommodation on 25 December. A growing number of these children are living with their families in emergency B&Bs and hostels.

Poscimur Concert—Saturday 10th December at 4 pm

Missio Red Box

Thank you to the promoters and Red Box holders for the recent half yearly collection. If you have a Red Box which has not been emptied for at least six months, please contact Mike on 07432 682 322 and arrangements will be made to collect it so that Missio can receive our parish contributions before Christmas.

Found

I-pad found in the parish hall.

If you forgot your I-pad in the parish hall please contact Mandy on 07759 392208

Sisters of St Andrew, Belmont Hill

The Sisters of St Andrew at Belmont Hill are organising some days of Advent Prayers and Reflections this season. Go to the notice board for more details.

First Holy Communion Programme: Gentle reminder

Our next session for parents and children will be on Saturday 3rd Dec at 10.00 am

**Invitation - Coffee is served in the parish hall after 9am Sunday Mass.
Please come and join us for coffee and a chat.**

PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

Saturday 3rd	7.45pm	Chorus winter performance
Wednesday 7th	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation
Wednesday 21st	7.30pm	Baptism Preparation (one Godparent who is a practising Catholic to attend).
Saturday 31st	11.00am	Parish Walk

ALL UNIFORM SECTIONS

Meeting Times

Tuesday Evenings during term time

Beavers (6yrs-8yrs)	Upper Room	6.00pm-7.30pm
Cub Scouts (8yrs-101/2yrs)	Parish Hall	6.00pm-7.30pm
Scouts (101/2yrs -141/2yrs)	Parish Hall	7.45pm-9.15pm
Explorer Scouts (141/2yrs-18yrs)	Upper Room	7.45pm-9.15pm
(meet fortnightly)		
Brownies (7yrs-10yrs)	Parish Hall	6.00pm-7.30pm
Guides (10yrs-14yrs)	Parish Hall	7.45pm-9.30pm
Senior Section (Rangers) (14yrs-26yrs)	Upper Room	7.45pm-9.30pm
(meet fortnightly)	Upper Room	