

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for
Sunday 18th December 2016

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
YEAR A. DAY OF PRAYER FOR
EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

Response to the Psalm:

Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

Mystery of Faith:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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:

William Donovan, Oliver O'Hara, Christopher Markley, Olive Well-belove, Lawrence Crawley, Edith Kenon, Mary Lyons, Walter Gooding

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	17th	9.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Martin & Sheila Owens RIP
Sunday	18th	9.00am 11.00am	Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A	Joe Ryan RIP People of the parish
Monday	19th	9.30am		Rosalind Burrows & Margaret Redgrave RIP
Tuesday	20th	7.30pm		For priest's
Wednesday	21st	9.30am		Oliver O'Hara RIP
Thursday	22nd	9.30am		Maire McKenna RIP
Friday	23rd	9.30am		John Healy RIP
Christmas Eve	24th	6.30pm 11.15pm	1st Mass of Christmas Carols followed by Midnight Mass	John Prendergast RIP People of the parish
Christmas Day	25th	9.00am 11.00am	The Nativity of the Lord	Patrick Griffin RIP People of the parish
Boxing Day	26th	10.30am	St Stephen [Altar Servers Renewal Day	Intentions: Anthony & Carmela Lawrence

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: 9.00am every Tuesday

PRAYER GROUP: Next meeting will be on 1st Wednesday in February.

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

ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday Coffee: Volunteers
Collection Counters: Father Emeka

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18

Second Collection this weekend for our Christmas Flowers and Decorations.

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

11/12/16 £25 No. 36 Sam & Jack Cheeseman

Mary and Joseph: Journey towards the manger

This weekend we light the 4th candle on the Advent wreath. Advent is a time of waiting. Of watching. Of preparing. But the waiting is nearly over. Where are Mary and Joseph now?

Justice and Peace

The plight of the UK's working poor has been revealed in a report which shows that one in every eight workers is living in poverty. A study by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation said that a record high of 55% of people in poverty are in working households, showing a "growing insecurity underneath positive economic headlines". The report found that that 21% of the population are living in poverty - doubling the UK's poor in a decade.

Extraordinary Ministers and Readers

The rota for the Christmas masses is on the Noticeboard. Some volunteers are still needed so kindly add your name to the rota if you can help. Please let Mark and Kate know your availability for the next rota (4th February to 9th April) by 16th January. markhopper@gmail.com or 07598969205

RCIA—Our Journey in Faith

Meeting every Wednesday in the Presbytery at 7.30pm. Please do keep all those attending RCIA in your prayers. Also remember that the class is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Information

Fr Emeka will be on holidays in January. If you would need his assistance in January, kindly meet him this month for proper arrangements.

Advent Penitential Service

Our Lady of Lourdes, Lee: Monday 19 December at 7.30 pm

GiftAid - Christmas Offerings

All your Christmas offerings are given to the Parish Priest. For those who are members of the GiftAid scheme please

remember that any cheques put into your envelope should be made payable to Our Lady of Lourdes so that Father will receive your offering and in addition the parish will receive the tax rebate.

Beer and Carols - Thursday 22nd December.

Our Chorus has been asked back again this year to lead an evening of carol singing in the Lord Northbrook pub in Burnt Ash Hill at 8pm. This is not a concert for you to sit and listen, but an evening to sing your hearts out by joining in with all the well loved carols - and at the same time enjoy a drink or two with friends and family . It is also a wonderful opportunity to remind all the people in the pub about the true meaning of Christmas through the words of many of the carols.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

Please can all Extraordinary Ministers who visit the sick and do not have a Disclosure and Barring Service check (DBS) or any Extraordinary Minister who is interested in distributing Communion to the sick, please contact Mark 07598 969205 markhopper@gmail.com for an application form. We have been advised by the Diocese Safeguarding Office that all Extraordinary Ministers distributing Holy Communion to the sick must have a DBS check.

Confirmation 2017

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on Saturday 20th May 2017 at 12 noon. Any young people who wish to be confirmed must complete an application form available from Fr Emeka and return it by Sunday 29th January. There will be a meeting for candidates and their parents/carers at 7.30 pm in the hall on Wednesday 8th February and classes will commence on Wednesday 22nd February. Note that candidates should be in at least year 8 at school.

Christmas cards and other Advent items are available at the Repository at the back of the church.

The new Southwark Catholic Directory is also available at the Repository. Cost s £3.

**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

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
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