

# Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for  
Sunday 25th December 2016

## THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

### Response to the Psalm:

*All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

### 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:***

Ann Dent, Patrick Griffin, John William Paterson, Denston James Harvey, Bernard Coakley, Sean McNamara, Thomas Carragher, James Masterson, Mary Kay Power, Kathleen Lilian Baker, John Murphy, Eileen O'Driscoll, Christopher Timothy, Julia Snewin

*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

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
Tuesday	27th	7.30pm	St John, Apostle	W/f of the Yeomans
Wednesday	28th	9.30am	The Holy Innocents	Tom Ryan RIP
Thursday	29th	9.30am	St Thomas of Canterbury	Michael Quinn RIP
Friday	30th	9.30am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	Joe Ryan RIP
Saturday	31st	9.30am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Fr Reginald Redding
New Year	1st	9.00am 11.00am	The Solemnity of Mary Mother of God	People of the parish Christian Kudsi & family

### **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: Jim

### **NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21

***As is customary, the collection taken at this Mass will be your personal gift to the Priest. The Christmas and Easter Collections, along with Mass Stipends, form the yearly income on which the priest lives.***

### Website news!!

Our Parish website is now live. The address is lol-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

18/12/16 £25 No. 77 Catherine Sheridan

### 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.

### 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.

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

### 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](mailto: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.

### Epiphany Gift: 7th/8th January 2017

Please can children bring a gift for those less fortunate than themselves. We will deliver them to the Sisters of Mercy in Eltham. An approximate age label on the parcel is helpful.

**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 31st 11.00am Parish Walk

#### February

Wednesday 8th 7.30pm Baptism Preparation  
Thursday 9th 8.00pm Parish Liturgy Meeting  
Wednesday 21st 7.30pm Baptism Preparation (one Godparent who is a practising Catholic to attend).

### ALL UNIFORM SECTIONS

#### Meeting Times

##### Tuesday Evenings during term time

Beavers (6yrs-8yrs)	Upper Room	6.00pm-7.30pm
Cub Scouts (8yrs-10 1/2yrs)	Parish Hall	6.00pm-7.30pm
Scouts (10 1/2yrs -14 1/2yrs)	Parish Hall	7.45pm-9.15pm
Explorer Scouts (14 1/2yrs-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
	Upper Room	
meet fortnightly		



*May the Gift of Love, the Gift of Hope,  
and the Peace of His love  
be with you and your family  
at Christmas and always.*

*Merry Christmas  
and  
A Happy New Year*

*Fr Emeka*