

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for
Sunday 5th March 2017

**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT -
YEAR A**

Response to the Psalm:

Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

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, Mary Moll
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:

Sheila Griffin, Mary Gill, Margaret Mary Oliver, Irene Harding, Thomas John Arnis
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	4th	9.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention W/f: Gillian MarcAntonio
Sunday	5th	9.00am 11.00am	First Sunday of Lent Year A	Sheila Griffin RIP People of the parish
Monday	6th	9.30am		James Duffy RIP
Tuesday	7th	7.30pm		Donor's private intention
Wednesday	8th	9.30am		People with incurable diseases
Thursday	9th	9.30am		W/f: Marie Lewis
Friday	10th	9.30am		Conversion of sinners
Saturday	11th	9.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Anne Mahoney RIP
Sunday	12th	9.00am 11.00am	Second Sunday of Lent Year A	People of the parish Agnes Sackey 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: 9.00am every Tuesday

PRAYER GROUP: Next meeting will be on Wednesday 8th March.

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

ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday Coffee: Volunteers
Collection Counters: As scheduled

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Genesis 12:1-4; 2 Timothy 1:8-10; Matthew 17:1-9

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

22/01/2017 £25 No.67 Marc & Cathy Francois

RCIA - Our Journey in Faith

Meeting every Wednesday in the Presbytery at 7.30pm. Please do keep all those attending RCIA in your prayers.

Lent 2017– Soup Lunches after 11.00am Masses

All are welcome

Stations of the Cross every Sunday at 5 pm

Justice and Peace news

Megan from the Jesuit Refugee Service writes:- 'I am so pleased that your parish is organising a toiletries collection for Lent. How fantastic! Toiletry collections are extremely helpful. We distribute toiletry packs to our refugee friends once an month. Toiletry packs include: Shampoo, Body wash, body lotion, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrush and sanitary towels. They are welcomed by our friends and they are highly sought after".

Thank you for your donations of toiletries this weekend. Please keep them coming in and next week we will be collecting shower gel or body wash. Any brand will do!!

Are you able to help us?

We have a very vibrant parish here in Our Lady of Lourdes, which is due in no small part to the commitment and work of our parish volunteers, for which, I'm sure, we are all extremely grateful. However, many of our volunteers are from the older generation so retirement, volunteers moving away etc, means that our small team is in regular need of extra helping hands. Areas in which we are particularly looking for support are:

- Flower arranging
- Collection counting
- Piano playing at Mass
- Selling from the Repository after Mass
- Helping at coffee mornings after 9.00 Sunday Mass
- Gardening

We know everyone lives busy lives, so your commitment can be from as little as thirty minutes or so once a week to a few hours once a month. We will provide training and support where necessary. Why not give it a try.?

A little help from as many parishioners as possible will keep our vibrant community thriving.

Thank You

The Scout and Guide Group would like to thank everyone who supported our Quiz Night last Saturday. We raised £365.51 for our groups minibuses and trailer.

'The Pilgrim' Newspaper

The March edition is available at the back of the church.

Clergy Support Fund Campaign Appeal

A big thank you to all parishioners who attended the screening of the short film after all Masses last weekend. Please note that the forms for one off donations or regular gifts should be completed and returned in the stamp addressed envelopes provided and popped in the post. For those who prefer to donate by cash only please drop the envelope into the Presbytery with a completed form, or if you would prefer your details to be anonymous use the envelope for cash without your details and write 'Our Lady of Lourdes, Lee' **on the back of the envelope**. They will then be taken by hand, still sealed, to the Campaign office.

**Invitation—Coffee is served in the parish hall after 9.00am Sunday Mass.
Please come and join us for coffee and a chat.**

PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

Saturday 18th 11.00am Parish walk. Meet in the church car park.

April

Tuesday 4th 8.00pm Justice & Peace meeting.

Wednesday 12th 7.30pm Baptism Preparation

Wednesday 26th 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-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)

Friday Evenings during term time

Brownies (7yrs-10yrs)	Parish Hall	6.00pm-7.30pm
Guides (10yrs-14yrs)	Parish Hall	7.45pm-9.30pm
Senior Section (Rangers)	Upper Room	7.45pm-9.30pm
(14yrs-26yrs)	Upper Room	

DEANERY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

St Ursula's, SE10, 1960-65/67 big year group reunion

June 24, 2017 – SE3 venue. For more info, please email: stu2017reunion@outlook.com

Although St Ursula's have managed to contact 25 of their former classmates, they do need some assistance in trying to inform the remaining 35 of their plans.

As St Ursula's was one of the very few girls' Catholic grammar schools in the South East, their fellow students came from quite a distance, as well as locally, and they are hoping that either the remaining former students, or their family members/friends may still live in this parish area.