

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday
23rd July 2017

**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

Response to the Psalm:

O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Mystery of Faith:

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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

We remember especially:
Ellen Altringham, Emilia Cassie, Katherine Cunningham, 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, Sylvester Chege
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:

Anne Hurley, Magdalena Keay, Norman Miles, William Illing, James Michael Regan
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	22nd	9.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Sick and Suffering
Sunday	23rd	9.00am 11.00am	Sixteenth Sunday in ordinary Time Year A	Yvonne Bonnici RIP People of the parish
Monday	24 th	9.30am		Philippines families
Tuesday	25 th	7.30pm	St James, Apostle	Alice Bennett RIP
Wednesday	26 th	9.30am 7.00pm	Saints Joachim & Anne	Peace, healing & conversion
Thursday	27 th	9.30am		In honour of All saints
Friday	28 th	9.30am		Holy souls
Saturday	29 th	9.00am 6.30pm	St Martha First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Victims of terrorism
Sunday	30 th	9.00am 11.00am	Seventeenth Sunday in ordinary time Yr A	Tess Walsh RIP People of the parish

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: 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
Flowers: Volunteer

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

1 Kings 3:5,7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52

PARISH NEWS *(Please see notice board for full details)*

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

200 Club Winner

16.7.2017 £25 No.85 Emma Arabaji

Justice and peace news

Catholics in England and Wales are urged to respond to the refugee crisis with prayer, practical action and advocacy. Whether it's donating time, skills or money, you can make a valuable contribution to the humanitarian effort.

We are hoping to have a speaker from the Jesuit Refugee Service at our community lunch and fundraiser: 'Celebrating what people bring. A positive approach to refugees and asylum seekers', on Sunday 15th October after 11:00am Mass. Please do put the date in your diary and come along to support their vital work!

Confirmation Candidates 2018

Next year's Confirmation will be on Sunday 8th July at the 11.00 mass. If you are interested in being confirmed please let Father Emeka know. We hope to begin the Confirmation preparation programme next summer term. Further details to follow. We need more catechists, so if you are willing to help please Father know.

Safeguarding

We have been making progress in improving safeguarding in the Parish and are pleased to say that from 1st September all volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults will have a Disclosure and Barring Service check issued by the Diocese of Southwark. Anyone volunteering in the future will be required to have a Diocesan DBS check before taking up the role. This includes Children's Liturgy, First Communion and Confirmation Catechists, SVP, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion and altar servers over 18. If you have any concerns or questions please contact the safeguarding representative Mark 07598969205.

First Communion Catechists

We are looking for a few more volunteers to join as catechists for the 1st Communion Programme for next year. A number of parents have indicated to us over the last few years on the survey forms, that they would consider joining in the future, so we would ask you to consider if the time is right for you now. Please contact Father Emeka in the first instance if you are interested and we can explain in a bit more detail what is wanted. All of the current catechists are parents, just like you and so many of you do already have the skills that are needed.

Coffee Morning after the 9:00am Sunday Mass

Due to a number of people being away or otherwise unavailable over the summer it is unlikely that there will be teas/coffees after this weekend until after the summer holidays. Please do contact John Ryan (ryantribe@ntlworld.com) if you are able to volunteer either over the summer or indeed afterwards as well in order to continue this service.

Obituary - Vicky Jordan RIP. St Winifred's school community is sad to announce that Vicky Jordan has died after a long illness. Many parishioners will remember Vicky's long and dedicated service at the Junior school as Deputy Head teacher, friend and colleague. Her funeral took place this week in Lancashire. RIP

Young Explorers Holiday Club in the Church Hall. Friday 21st July to Tuesday 5th September, 7.00am to 6.00pm. Please contact Anne Abraham, Anna Maria Turner or Scarlett Eaton – Tel 07452 773838, Email tyec@hotmail.com; Website : www.theyoungexplorersclub.co.uk

PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

(Please see notice board for full details)

August

Wednesday 9 th 7.30pm	Baptism Preparation
Wednesday 23 rd 7.30pm	Baptism Preparation (one Godparent who is a Practising Catholic to Attend.)

October

Sunday 15 th After 11.00 Mass	Justice and Peace Community Lunch
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November

Saturday 25 th	Christmas Fayre
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ALL UNIFORM SECTIONS

Meeting Times

Tuesday Evenings during term time

Beavers (6yrs-8yrs)	Upper Room	6.00pm-7.30pm
Cub Scouts	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) (14yrs-26yrs)	Upper Room	7.45pm-9.30pm
(meet fortnightly)	Upper Room	