

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday
5th November 2017

**THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

Response to the Psalm:

Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord

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, 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:

Joseph Ash, Charles Peek, Annie Stevenson, Joan Barmenter, Mary Murphy, James Alfred Bayer, Baby Libby Finn, Mary Ryan, Doris Tyler, 'Roni' Florence Parker, Lilian Parkes, John Gardener
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 Eddie Kiernan RIP
Sunday	5th	9.00am 11.00am	Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time A	Ananderani RIP People of the parish
Monday	6th	9.30am		Holy Souls
Tuesday	7th	7.30pm	The Dedication of St George's Cathedral	Joseph Castelino RIP
Wednesday	8th	9.30am		Deceased: Kiernan & Daly families
Thursday	9th	9.30am	The Dedication of The Lateran Basilica	End of abortions
Friday	10th	9.30am	St Leo the Great	Mr Ratnasingham RIP
Saturday	11th	9.00am 6.30pm	St Martin of Tours First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Terence Wright RIP
Sunday	12th	9.00am 11.00am	Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time A	People of the parish Louis Rikker RIP

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

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

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

ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday Coffee: Volunteers
Collection Counters: Clementa
Flowers: Nuala

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Wisdom 6:12-16; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Second Collection next weekend for Archbishop's Administration Fund.

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

RCIA— Our Journey in Faith: The first meeting will be on Thursday 16th November at 7.30pm, in the Presbytery.

Annual Cemetery Procession: This takes place at Hither Green Cemetery on Remembrance Sunday, 12th November 2017. We assemble at the Main Gate in Verdant Lane from 2.15pm, the procession begins at 2.30. Priests and deacons are available to visit and pray at the graves of your loved ones. We need to leave the cemetery by the closing time of 3.30pm.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 25th November from 12 – 3 p.m. in the Junior school: Thank you to all those who signed up to help at our Christmas Fayre – it's not too late if you still want to sign up and here are some of the ways you can help:

- Can you help run a stall?
- Could you give some time to help with setting up or clearing away?
- Donations: We are appealing for donations of unwanted gifts -toiletries, cosmetics, bottles, good quality second hand books and toys. Next week we are particularly asking for donations for our bottle stall.
- Can you make something for our cake stall?
- Lucky Squares: As we have done in recent years, we have a 1000 squares board instead of a Grand Draw to support our Christmas Fayre – these are available to purchase after all Masses.
- Publicise the event – can you put up a poster?
- Most importantly – keep the date free and come along with your friends and family

Show You Care this Autumn: Many of you support fair trade as part of the 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. 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.

First Communion Programme 2017/18 – there will be a parents only meeting on Thursday 9th November at 7:30pm in the church hall, for those parents who have enrolled their children onto this year's programme.

On Saturday 11th November there will be the first session for the children in the church and for the parents in the hall, both at 10:00am. Please do arrive before 10:00am so that the sessions can start and finish on time; teas and coffees will be available in the hall from 9:45am.

The 6:30pm Mass on Saturday evening (11th November) will also be the Mass of enrolment where the children on the programme will be introduced.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers Annual Day of Recollection for the S.E area – Saturday 11 November 2017, 10.30am, at Bishop Thomas Grant School, Bell Trees Grove, SW16 2HY.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers: Could you please let Mark know your availability for the Christmas services by November 26th (markhopper@gmail.com or 07598969205). We were particularly short of readers last year so please make yourself available if at all possible. It is not appropriate to be an EM and a reader in the same mass in normal circumstances so let him know which role you would prefer if you 'wear both hats'.

Thank You from the SVP to everyone who attended the fund raising event on 14th October. Over £1000 was raised.

Uniform Sections Church Parade at 11am Mass: Remembrance Sunday 12th November for all Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers, Brownies, Guides & Senior Section. Please wear full smart uniform and a poppy. Meet in the church by 10.45am at the latest for the 11am mass.

PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

Saturday 11th 11.00am Church garden tidy-up
Saturday 25th Christmas Fayre

December

Wednesday 6th 7.30pm 1st Baptism Preparation
Saturday 9th 7.45pm Chorus Christmas Performance
Wednesday 20th 7.30pm 2nd 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	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		