

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday
10th December 2017

**SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT YEAR B**

Response to the Psalm:

Let us see, O Lord, your mercy, and give us your saving help.

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, Emilia Cassie, 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:

William Ross, Peter Carey, Anna Copocci, Joan Barbara Shaw, Joan Thurgash, Jany Gomm, Brian Farmer, Rosemary & Proctor family, June Proctor, Frank Hume, Gillian Henley, Irene Kainza-Olwa, Maxwell Norton, Michael Quinn, Elizabeth Graves, George Everson, Brigid Browne
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	9th	9.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Marie Francis RIP
Sunday	10th	9.00am 11.00am	Second Sunday of Advent Year B	Ben Rose RIP Billy Bolton RIP
Monday	11th	9.30am		T/g by Mary Burke
Tuesday	12th	7.30pm		The Proctor family
Wednesday	13th	9.30am	St Lucy	Philip, Molly, Elizabeth & Phil Egan
Thursday	14th	9.30am	St John of the Cross	Santhan Dsouza RIP
Friday	15th	9.30am		T/g by Stella
Saturday	16th	9.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention More family love
Sunday	17th	9.00am 11.00am	Third Sunday of Advent Year B	People of this parish Sheila & Martin Owens 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: David

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8,19-28

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

200 Club Winners

3.12.2017 £25 No.129 Diane Toothe

Mary and Joseph: Journey towards the manger

Mary and Joseph are continuing their journey around the Church. How is your Advent journey going? We will be lighting the second Advent candle this weekend.

Beer and Carols: The Chorus has been invited along this year for the first time to lead community Carols at The Crown pub in Burnt Ash Hill at 7-30 on Monday 11th December. We have also been asked again this year to the Lord Northbrook on Tuesday 19th December at 8pm. It would be great to see lots of our parish family supporting these community events.

RCIA— Our Journey in Faith: 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. Programme for the next two weeks is::

14th December 2017 – The Church

21st December 2017 – The God-Man and His Mother

Missio Red Box Holders: Missio Red Box promoters will begin the half yearly collection soon. If you miss them, or if it is more convenient, you may bring the contents of your box, in the envelope provided, to any Mass on the weekends of 2/3 December and 9/10 December. Thank you so much for your continuing support for the work of Missio.

Confirmation 2018: The dates for the Confirmation Program are as follows:

Parents' and Candidates Meeting Thursday 26th April at 7.30 pm.

Thursday lessons at 7.15pm 10th, 17th, 24th May, 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th June and 5th July.

Masses on 12th or 13th May and 16th or 17th June.

Day at St Andrew's Convent Saturday 19th May.

Confirmation Mass 8th July at 11 am. It is hoped that the candidates will be able to make all of these dates. A reminder of these dates will be sent nearer the time.

Catholic Schools: Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

Second Collection next weekend for our Christmas Flowers and Decorations

Advent Penitential Service

St Saviour's Lewisham: Saturday 16 December at 11.30 am

Our Lady of Lourdes Lee: Monday 18 December at 7.30 pm

Christmas Rota for Extraordinary Ministers and Readers: The rota for the Christmas masses is on the noticeboard at the back of the Church. There are still gaps so please add your name to the rota if you are available.

Altar serving at Christmas: Servers are kindly requested to add their names to the list by the sacristy to indicate which masses they will be serving at. All servers are encouraged to serve on St Stephen's Day if they are around.

PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

Wednesday 20th 7.30pm 2nd Baptism Preparation
(one Godparent who is a practising Catholic to attend.)

Thursday 21st 7.30pm SVP Meeting

January 2018

Thursday 11th 7.30pm SVP Meeting

February

Thursday 22nd 7.30pm SVP Meeting

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 (10½yrs -14½yrs)	Parish Hall	7.45pm-9.15pm
Explorer Scouts (14½yrs-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
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meet fortnightly		