

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday
30th December 2018
**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS,
MARY and JOSEPH, YEAR C**

Response to the Psalm:

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

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, Dominic Nutt, Rowena A, Pat Sullivan, Donald Terry, Josephine Terry, Shaun Wilkinson, Doreen Wood, Margaret Maloney, Antoinette Abraham, Merlyn Lee, Jackie McNamara, Christine Larkin, Margaret Mizen, Richard Cox, Eva Lee

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:

Kathleen Lilian Baker, John Murphy, Eileen O'Driscoll, Christopher Timothy, Julia Snewin, James Shaw, Grace Bright, Margaret Curran, John Roullandm, Julie Patirca, Sonia Curtin, Marie Norton, Thomas & Catherine Heaphy

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	29 th	9.00am 6.30pm	St Thomas Becket First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Tom Ryan RIP
Sunday	30 th	9.00am 11.00am	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	People of this Parish Mariyathasan RIP
Monday	31 st	9.30am 10.30pm 11.30pm	Adoration Mass of T/giving	Fr Reginald Redding T/g by Joel's family
Tuesday	1 st	9.30am	Mary, the Holy Mother of God	W/f: Anthony, Carmel Lawrence & family
Wednesday	2 nd	9.30am	Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	Richard III & the Dervan family
Thursday	3 rd	9.30am		O'Donnell Family
Friday	4 th	9.30am		Medical staff
Saturday	5 th	9.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Margaret Redgrave
Sunday	6 th	9.00am 11.00am	The Epiphany of the Lord	John Green RIP People of this Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Next Saturday 9.30-10.15am and 5.45-6.15pm

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

1/2 hour Adoration after the weekday morning masses.

First Friday Adoration: until 12 noon every month.

CHURCH CLEANING: 9.00am every Tuesday

FATHERS PRAYER GROUP: Every 1st & 3rd Wednesday of the month at 8pm.

ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Sunday Coffee: Volunteers

Collection Counters: David

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6; Matthew 2:1-12

Offertory Collection: £ 756.47 Thank you.

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

200 Club Winner: 23.12.2018 £100 No. 138 Katie Smithies

Chorus News: Handel's Messiah will be the next performance by our Chorus on 23rd March which will celebrate the tenth anniversary year of meeting and performing at Our Lady of Lourdes.

Rehearsals commence on Monday 7th January at 8pm in the church and we would welcome back not only our current members but also as many past members as possible from the past ten years to mark this special occasion. We will be singing a selection of the Chorales from the Messiah, rather than the whole 3-hour work, and it would be a pleasure to welcome any other newcomers whether you have sung the Messiah in the past or have never even sung with a choir before!! This is a great opportunity for singers of all ages to support the anniversary and at the same time take part in an enjoyable weekly evening out at the rehearsals. If you are still not sure if it for you then please do come along for a couple of taster sessions and see how you feel.

Readers and Extraordinary Ministers: Please find the rotas for the coming three months including Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday and the Easter Triduum on the noticeboard. Please arrange cover if you are unable to make your turn on the rota by contacting the other readers or Ministers at the mass you attend. Gloria will be unavailable after the 3rd February and we will certainly miss her and all the work she does. If you can help to transport her to give Communion to the housebound, please let her know. If you have been a reader or Minister in the past and would like to help again, please let Father, Kate or Mark know that you would be interested in re-joining the rota. Thank you to all the volunteers. Please let Father know if you would like to join the readers.

Parish walk on Saturday, 5th January – meet in the car park at 11.00 a.m.: We will travel by car to and from Shoreham in the Darent Valley. The 3.5 mile circular walk is moderately easy with one uphill section, taking in lanes, fields and the golf course. We will stop for refreshments in Shoreham village. Please join us for an afternoon in the country!

Appreciation: I sincerely wish to thank all of you for your kind wishes and gifts as well as your very generous Christmas offering. As always, it was a very enjoyable Christmas celebration in Lee and a fitting way to end the year 2018 and enter the New Year 2019. And so:



Fr Emeka

PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January
Saturday 19th 10.00am First Holy Communion

February
Wednesday 13th 7.30pm 1st Baptism Preparation
Wednesday 27th 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 (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) Upper Room 7.45pm-9.30pm
(14yrs-26yrs) Upper Room
meet fortnightly