

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday

1st DECEMBER 2019
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT,
YEAR A

Response to the Psalm:

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

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, Felicity Goddard, Veronica Hurtswaite, Dominic Nutt, Rowena A, Pat Sullivan, Donald Terry, Josephine Terry, Shaun Wilkinson, Doreen Wood, Margaret Maloney, Merlyn Lee, Jackie McNamara, Christine Larkin, Margaret Mizen, Richard Cox, Eva Lee, Kathleen Dillon, Pauline O'Mahony, Josiane Guest, Beatriz Wood, Yvonne Manuel
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 anniversaries fall about this time:

Patrick Buckley, Caroline Collins, Germaine Dugger, Patrick Budkley, Caroline Collins, Germaine Dugger, Betty McCarthy, Des Donnelly, Chloe Edwards, Cyril Hart, Doreen Peek, Mary Gearing, Doris Hurley, Adelaide Elizabeth Doran
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	30 th	9.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Julius Nnaji RIP
Sunday	1 st	9.00am 11.00am	First Sunday of Advent, Year A	People of this Parish Ria Hickey RIP
Monday	2 nd	9.30am		Eddie Kiernan RIP
Tuesday	3 rd	7.30pm	St Francis Xavier	David Brown RIP
Wednesday	4 th	9.30am		W/f: Rosalind Burrows
Thursday	5 th	9.30am		Nguyen Van Minh RIP
Friday	6 th	9.30am		Deceased priests
Saturday	7 th	9.00am 6.30pm	St Ambrose First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Stella Hopper RIP
Sunday	8 th	9.00am 11.00am	2 nd Sunday of Advent, Year A	Tom Ryan RIP People of this Parish

Invitation - Coffee is served in the parish hall after 9.00am 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:

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 Counter: Fabian

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-9; Matthew 3: 1-12

Offertory Collection: £787.85 **Catholic Youth Work:** £225.26 Thank you.

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

200 Club Winners

24/11/2019 £25 No. 13 Valerie Phillips

Parish Christmas Concert: The Chorus of Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas concert will be on Sunday 15th December here in the church at 4pm and will last around 1 hour with refreshments to follow in the Hall. As usual, the programme will be a mix of familiar carols and Christmas songs that are less well known along with some seasonal reflections. There will of course be an opportunity for you to join in the singing of a number of the popular standards to make sure you are in good cheer and voice for the main Christmas services later in the month. Please do come along to this very popular seasonal concert and bring your friends and family. A retiring collection will be taken for Christmas charities and to defray some Chorus costs.

Community Carol Singing: The Chorus have been invited back again this year to two local pubs to lead community carol singing which in the past has always been a great fun evening and an opportunity to meet friends and family in a social setting and get in the Christmas spirit. The dates for your diary are:

Monday 16th December at 7pm in the Lord Northbrook, 116 Burnt Ash Road, SE12 8PU just DOWN the hill from the church and -

Thursday 19th December at 7-30pm in the Crown Tavern, 117 Burnt Ash Hill SE12 0AJ - just UP the hill from the church.

RCIA – Our Journey in Faith: Please do keep all those attending in your prayers. Also remember that the session is open to anyone who wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith.

Advent Calendar Raffle: Many thanks to all who bought tickets for Craft Group raffle over the past two weekends. The winners were Carmel Laurence and Julia Murphy. We raised a magnificent £250 which will help cover our costs for materials bought in the run up to the Craft sale next weekend.

Christmas is Coming!!: There will be a Christmas Craft Sale following each of the Masses over the weekend, 7th-8th December. We will be in the church hall along with a festive raffle and refreshments so come along and buy your lovely homemade gifts and help raise money for our parish.

Card Signing: For many years Amnesty International had a tradition of writing to prisoners of conscience, especially at Christmas, to offer support and remind the authorities that they had not been forgotten. This has now become the annual Write for Rights Campaign, which supports people such as Sean and Sarah, arrested and facing criminal charges for rescuing refugees at sea, Marinel, fighting for climate change to be taken seriously after a typhoon destroyed her village and Step Up Migrant Women, which campaigns against domestic slavery in the UK.

Alongside the craft sale after all masses on 7 and 8 December, members of the Justice and Peace Group will be organising a card signing. We will provide cards, address labels and stamps. Please pop by and sign a card to show your support. 'Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for what is right.'

Missio Red Box Holders: Your Red Box promoter will be calling soon to collect the contents of your Red Box for the Christmas collection. If they miss you or if it is more convenient, you may bring the contents of your box in the envelope given to you, to any Mass on the weekend of 14/15 Dec where it will be collected. Please call or text 07432 682 322 if you want your contributions to be collected. Thank you for your continuing generous support of the work of Missio.

Obituary: Philomena Cains died on Monday 18th November. Her funeral Mass will be on Wednesday 11th December at 11.00 am followed by cremation at Hither Green Crematorium.

PARISH DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

Wednesday 11th 7.30pm	1st Baptism Preparation
Sunday 15th 4.00pm	Parish Christmas Concert
Monday 16th 7.00pm	Community Carol Singing in The Lord Northbrook, 116 Burnt Ash Road, SE12 8PU
Wednesday 18th 7.30pm	2nd Baptism Preparation (one Godparent who is a practising Catholic to attend.)
Thursday 19th 7.30pm	Community Carol Singing in The Crown Tavern, 117 Burnt Ash Hill SE12 0AJ

ALL UNIFORM SECTIONS - Meeting Times

Tuesday Evenings during term time

Beavers (6yrs-8yrs)	Upper Room	6.00pm-7.30pm
Cub Scouts (8yrs – 10½yrs)	Parish Hall	6.00pm-7.30pm
Scouts (10½yrs -14½yrs)	Parish Hall	7.45pm-9.15pm
Explorer Scouts (14½yrs-18yrs) meet fortnightly	Upper Room	7.45pm-9.15pm

Friday Evenings during term time

Brownies (7yrs-10yrs)	Parish Hall	6.00pm-7.30pm
Guides (10yrs-14yrs)	Parish Hall	7.45pm-9.30pm
Rangers (14yrs – 18yrs) meet fortnightly		7.45pm-9.30pm