

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday

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SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT, YEAR A

Response to the Psalm:

In his days, justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

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, Yvonne Manuel, Josiane Guest, Beatriz Wood
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:

Rose McCallum, Thomas Tumbot, William Ross, Peter Carey, Anna Copocci, Joan Barbara Shaw, Joan Thurgash, Jany Gomm, Brian Farmer, Rosemary & Proctor family, Frank Hume, Gillian Henley, Irene Kainza-Olwa
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	7 th	9.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Stella Hopper RIP
Sunday	8 th	9.00am 11.00am	Second Sunday of Advent, Year A	Tom Ryan RIP People of this Parish
Monday	9 th	9.30am		T/g to Our Lady
Tuesday	10 th	7.30pm		Ben Rose RIP
Wednesday	11 th	9.30am 11.00am	No Mass Requiem Mass	Philomena Cains RIP
Thursday	12 th	9.30am	St Lucy	Proctor family
Friday	13 th	9.30am	St John of the Cross	Joe Ryan RIP
Saturday	14 th	9.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Frederick N Onyia RIP
Sunday	15 th	9.00am 11.00am	Third Sunday of Advent, Year A (Gaudete Sunday)	Intentions: Gratien family 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: Clementa

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10; James 5: 7-10; Matthew 11: 2-11

Offertory Collection: £742.53 Thank you.

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

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

200 Club Winners

01/12/2019 £25 No. 81 Ben Wood

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.

Christmas Craft Sale and Raffle: Please come along and enjoy some refreshments, a festive raffle and buy your homemade Christmas gifts after all the masses this weekend. The Craft Group will be in the church hall and as we are not having a Christmas Fair, this is our opportunity to raise funds for our parish. We really hope that you will attend but if not and you would like to make a donation, please place it in an envelope which you can collect from the back of the church and put it through the Presbytery letter box, by next weekend.

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: The funeral service of Milo Micunovic RIP will take place at 11.00am on Thursday 12 December at The Greek Orthodox Church of Saints Constantine and Helen, 69A Westow St, Upper Norwood, London SE19 3RW, Cremation at 1.00pm at Hither Green Crematorium and the Reception from 1pm onwards at our Church Hall. Instead of flowers, donations can be made to either Crisis or the Justice & Peace Group here at our Church.

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