

# Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday

8<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2020  
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT -  
YEAR A

**Response to the Psalm:**

*May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.*

**Mystery of Faith:**

*We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, 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, Kathleen Dillon, Josiane Guest, Phil McNamara, Patricia Holland, Louisa Brown

*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:**

Mary Gill, Margaret Mary Oliver, Irene Harding, Thomas John Arnis, George Wolfe  
*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 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Wendy Farrelly RIP
Sunday	8 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 11.00am	Second Sunday of Lent – Year A	Sheila Griffin RIP People of this Parish
Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am		T/giving by Ida
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm		Deaf and dumb children
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am		William Green & Timothy Dunn
Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am		Helena Wasylec
Friday	13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am		Carol Makulski RIP
Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 6.30pm	First Mass of Sunday	Priest's intention Marina Stanislaus RIP
Sunday	15 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am 11.00am	Third Sunday of Lent – Year A	People of this Parish John Green RIP

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 8pm.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY:** Every Sunday at 9.00 am in term time.

**ROTAS FOR NEXT WEEKEND**

Sunday Coffee: Volunteers  
Collection Counter: Peter

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

Exodus 17:3-7; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

**Offertory Collection:** £809.00

Thank you.

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

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**200 Club Winner**

01/03/2020    £25    No.120    Anne Monk

**Chorus Rehearsals:** Every Monday at 8.00pm in the church.

**Parish Lenten Soup Lunches:** In the church hall after 11.00am Mass. This Sunday's lunch will be provided by Guides & Rangers.

**RCIA – Our Journey in Faith – Every Thursday at 7.30pm in the Presbytery:** Please do keep all those attending in your prayers. Also remember that the sessions are open to anyone who wishes to learn more about the Catholic faith.

**Garden Tidy Up:** Please help us to prepare for Easter by joining us on 21st March at 11 o'clock in the church garden. Thank you!

**Readers and Extraordinary Ministers:** Thank you to all volunteers for all your hard work for the Parish.

Please see the noticeboard for the new rota. If you are unable to take your turn on the rota, please arrange cover with other volunteers at the same Mass. Pay special attention to the Easter services. There is a special rota for these services which is different to the usual midweek Mass.

There is a great need for volunteers to take Communion to the housebound. The Ministers who currently visit are finding it very difficult to cope. You must have a DBS check before you can join the rota but the process is not onerous. If you can help, not matter how infrequently, please let Father and Mark know.

Unfortunately we have had to reduce the number of EMs to one or two at Mass because of people no longer able to be on the rota, leaving the Parish etc. If you are the first EM and want to try and get more EMs for your Mass, then please do but also, please be sensitive to those who only wish to volunteer occasionally. Also, please add your name to the rota on the Noticeboard whenever you can an extra 'shift'. (Especially welcome at the 11 o'clock mass.)

**Stations of the Cross:** Every Sunday in Lent at 5.00pm.

**Children's Liturgy** takes place every Sunday during term time at 9.00am Mass during the Liturgy of the Word. Children up to and including Year 2 are welcome to join us. It is an opportunity for children to listen to The Word and participate in discussions and activities at their own level of understanding.

**Craft Group Invitation:** Would you like to learn to sew, knit, crochet? Have you got a dusty sewing machine lurking in a corner that you never really knew how to use but would like to learn? The members of the Craft Group are eager to pass on their skills and knowledge to anyone who may be interested in any of the above. For further information please contact:- Annie Conway by email:- [anniesewingroom1@gmail.com](mailto:anniesewingroom1@gmail.com)

Once we know where interest lies, we will organise some workshops in future months in the parish hall. Looking forward to hearing from you. Any age, gender welcome.

**Second Collection:** This weekend – CAFOD. Gift Aid envelopes are available at the back of the church. Please also find out about Cafod's work on Climate Change, 'Renew our Common Home', by going to their website [cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate](http://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate). Please sign the online petition to the Prime Minister. We will also have paper copies available to sign. During Lent we will be focusing on God's gift of creation and how we must work to preserve it. Look out for displays around the church!

**Obituary:** Sadly, we have to tell you that Sue Yeomans passed away on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>. Her funeral details will be announced later.

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**Prayer for the Year of the Word: The God who Speaks**

**All:    Living God, you walk alongside us and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world.**

**Amen**

***Priest:                    Your word is our path and your truth our light.  
All:                        This day and every day.***