

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday
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**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

Response to the Psalm:

You open wide your hand, O Lord, you grant our desires.

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, 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 Jane McGill, Doreen Allen, Mary Kennedy, Bridie Bearchell, Arthur Dennis Bushell, Beatrice Smith, Marie-Therese Tambaniou, Cyril Joseph King, Mary Moll

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	1 st	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	Lillie & Eamonn Maher RIP
Sunday	2 nd	10.00am	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A	Joan McGill RIP
Monday	3 rd	10.00am		Intentions: Kudsi family
Tuesday	4 th	10.00am	St John Vianney	W/f: Margaret & O'Brien family
Wednesday	5 th	7.00pm		May Renolyds RIP
Thursday	6 th	10.00am	The Transfiguration of the Lord	Wellbeing: Fr Emeka & all church volunteers
Friday	7 th	10.00am		Mary Rose RIP
Saturday	8 th	6.00pm	St Dominic First Mass of Sunday	W/f: Fr Martin Griffin
Sunday	9 th	10.00am	Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A	Mary Rose RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

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 12 noon every month.

CHURCH CLEANING: 9.00am every Tuesday

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Every Sunday, during term time, at 9.00am Mass

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 55:1-3; Romans 8:35,37-39; Matthew 14:13-21

Offertory Collection:

Thank you.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

200 Club Winner

26/07/2020 £100 No.11 Pamela O'Hara

Holy Mass Attendance

It was a great joy to see so many parishioners wanting to take part in the Eucharist in person this last Sunday morning but we were at the absolute safe capacity our building can accommodate in these unusual times. If the attendance on Sunday morning gets any higher then we shall have to start turning people away which would be a great sadness. The gift of the Eucharist is no more or less special when received on a Sunday and so may I suggest that if you are able to come to Mass this coming week then please do seriously consider Saturday evening at 6pm or Wednesday evening at 7pm. Indeed, the Bishops encourage us to make use of service times other than Sundays to enable the maximum number of parishioners to attend the Eucharist in person over the course of a whole week. During the past couple of weeks the two evening services have been at less than 50% capacity and so it would be wonderful to see the parish turning out in greater numbers to fill those two services as well and join in with the celebration of the Eucharist.

If you are still a little worried about coming to Mass in person please be assured that following each service our team of volunteer but specially trained cleaners thoroughly clean and sanitise all the areas of the church that have been used. Additionally, the team of stewards on duty before and after Mass are specifically tasked with ensuring that all the necessary social distancing is observed which is why it is so important you follow their directions on where to sit etc. Your safety can also be increased by wearing a mask and we do encourage mask wearing for everyone who is able. Of course, we continue to extend thanks to all the volunteers making the celebration of the Eucharist possible. Let Father Emeka know on lee@rcaos.org.uk if you are able to help as a steward or cleaner or both.

Please remember that for Government Track and Trace purposes we encourage everyone to provide their name and contact details to the stewards before Mass.

Justice and Peace News

Food Bank

Although we are not currently collecting for the Lewisham Food bank, you can donate online via their website <https://lewisham.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/or>: by text to 70085. If you text the message lewishamfood5 it will cost you £5 plus your standard rate. You can do this for any whole amount up to £20

Sunday Offering

If you would like to give your Sunday offering kindly put it in an envelope and drop it through the Presbytery letter box or make a transfer to Our Lady of Lourdes account: 34273786 Sort code 602327. Thank you.

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