

# Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday  
5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**Response to the Psalm:**

*I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.*

**Mystery of Faith:**

*Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.*

**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:**

Kathleen Maloney, Mary O'Donnell, John Edward Paton, Thomas Daniels, Alfred Edward (Joe) Cureton, Victor Segalini, Noel Harold Duff, George Vassov, Dereke Patricia Smith, Mary Ellen Whyte, Rose Kathleen Lindsey

*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**

Day	Date	Time	Mass Title	Intention
Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am		Priests intention
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A	In honour of the Holy family of Nazareth
Monday	6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am		Mary Wright RIP
Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am		Joy Gilbert RIP
Wednesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am		Police force
Thursday	9 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am		End to Covid-19
Friday	10 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am		Patricia Locking RIP
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	<b>First Mass of Sunday</b>	People of this Parish
Sunday	12 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A	Welfare of Fr Emeka and parishioners

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

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, during term time, at 9.00am Mass

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:**

Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23

**Offertory Collection:**

Thank you.

**THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH**

**200 Club Winner**

28/06/2020    £25    No. 76    Ann Muldowney

**RCIA**

The group of six adult candidates for Baptism this year have been meeting since November 2019 initially in person and then in the final few weeks before Easter by video. We spent those twenty weeks preparing for the Easter Vigil which should have been the pinnacle of our journey with them to Baptism, Confirmation and their First Eucharist. Sadly the Vigil celebration was not possible as collective worship had been curtailed by that time.

Post Easter it is usual for the new Christians to continue to meet through the season of Easter to the Ascension and Pentecost to share their experiences of the Easter celebrations and look more deeply into living the life of ongoing growth in their faith. We have upheld this tradition during the post Easter period by video another six times but this week was our last time of meeting as a group. Whilst this is a time of thanksgiving for the faithfulness of this unique group through very difficult circumstances it is tinged with sadness as we still have no firm news about when they will be able to be baptised, confirmed and receive Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist.

As a parish family we now need to continue to support them in prayer as, much like the disciples after the Ascension, they watch and wait. Please ask the Lord to bless and watch over Elizabeth, Tie, Jean Paul, Zubie, Nike and Kemi.

**Reopening our church for prayer and Holy Mass**

Following the relaxing of guidelines by the Government and with clarification from the Bishop's Conference we are also planning to recommence the celebration of Mass in the church, hopefully next weekend. Practical details are still being finalised, as the controls will be greater than for private prayer, and these should be completed in the next few days. Initially we hope to celebrate Mass at 7pm on Wednesdays, 6pm on Saturdays and 10am on Sundays commencing on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July. To meet the continuing distancing requirements, it will only be possible to accommodate 52 individuals including stewards at each service which will be on a first come basis. Additionally, we will have to maintain a record of each attendee's names and contact details at every Mass for Government Track and Trace purposes.

In the next few days we shall be sending out a Special Edition Parish News that will provide all the details around attending Mass and explain some of the differences you will experience before and during the celebration of the Eucharist itself. Details will also be on the parish website and displayed on the notice board outside church. The increased opening times of the church for Mass and the greater stewarding and cleaning requirements will need more volunteers than have previously registered. Please do consider if you are able to help at or around the proposed Mass times every couple of weeks or so and let Father Emeka know on [lee@rcaos.org.uk](mailto:lee@rcaos.org.uk) in the next few days.

In the Bishop's guidance we are reminded that the Sunday obligation on Catholics to celebrate Mass in church remains suspended during the virus restrictions. This will remain the position even during this initial phase of celebrating mass in our churches for small groups. The Bishops have recommended that we all continue to take part in either a streamed or recorder service on Sundays.

**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.

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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**

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