

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday
23rd AUGUST 2020
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Response to the Psalm:

Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

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, 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:

Theresa Gill, May O'Connor, Deborah Ann Edwards, Elizabeth Burke, Mary O'Gorman, James Emore, David Reid, Peter Mallow, John Murphy, Catherine Williams
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	22 nd	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	Mary Collins RIP
Sunday	23 rd	10.00am	Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A	Intentions of Joan & William Redgrave
Monday	24 th	10.00am	St Bartholomew	Victor & Tony Hyland RIP
Tuesday	25 th	10.00am		Debbie Edwards RIP
Wednesday	26 th	7.00pm		Mary Burke RIP
Thursday	27 th	10.00am	St Monica	Leonard Taylor RIP
Friday	28 th	10.00am	St Augustine	Mrs S. Sellvathurai RIP
Saturday	29 th	6.00pm	The Passion of St John the Baptist First Mass of Sunday	Valentin Azagoh RIP
Sunday	30 th	10.00am	Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A	Alice Bennett 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:

Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27

Offertory Collection:

Thank you.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

200 Club Winner

16/08/2020 £25 No. 121 Betty Webbe-Wood

Holy Mass Attendance

The good attendance at last Saturday and Sunday Masses was once again very welcome but we have been reaching the permitted numbers at these Mass due to the necessity for social distancing. If attendance were to get any higher we should have to send people away and that would be a great sadness. I would like you to consider instead attending Wednesday evening at 7p.m, if you are able. The Bishop encourages us to make use of service times other than Sundays, if we can, to enable the maximum number of parishioners to attend the Eucharist in person over the course of the whole week. It would be wonderful to see more of you turn out in greater numbers on Wednesday evenings.

Remember that it is now mandatory for all attending Mass to wear a face mask. 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.

Gift Aid Update

Thank you to all those registered as gift aid donors; the additional income received by the Parish really makes a difference. New boxes of envelopes can be collected from Fr. Emeka in the presbytery, including envelopes for special collections for those who give by banker's order. If your circumstances have changed and you are no longer a taxpayer, please inform the gift aid co-ordinator, Jillie Smithies.

These are unusual times and many of you who might normally use the envelopes for your weekly donation, have made contributions through banker's orders. If you wish to change permanently to payment by bank standing order this is no problem at all, just let me know and in future years you will only receive envelopes for the special collections (including Christmas and Easter).

To those who are not currently registered on the scheme, I would encourage you to sign up if you are a UK taxpayer. Basically, the way the scheme works is that for every £1 you donate, the Parish can claim 25p from the Inland Revenue. The scheme costs you no more than you would usually donate and does not commit you to a fixed sum per week/month/year. Registration forms are available from Fr Emeka and you can choose to donate weekly using envelopes, or set up a bank standing order – please indicate your preference on the registration form so that you are set up correctly.

Bankers order forms are available from Fr Emeka, or you can instruct your bank to make payment to the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, account number 34273786 and sort code 602327. It would be helpful if you could ensure that the reference enables us to match the payment to your registration e.g. by including your envelope number (particularly if the bank account is in a different name from the registration form), otherwise we cannot claim the tax back on your contribution.

If you have any queries at all please do not hesitate to contact me by phone or email.

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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