

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday
30th AUGUST 2020
TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Response to the Psalm:

For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.

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, Teresa De Acosta
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:

Catherine Williams, Joseph Andre Vedelingum, Janette Anna Davis, Mary Loughrey, Bert Highland, Dorothea Sample, Malachy Harney, Camelia Rene Grogan, ERaphaela Rebecchi, Albert Williams, Lilian Harrington
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

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| Saturday | 29 th | 6.00pm | First Mass of Sunday | Valentin Azagoh RIP |
| Sunday | 30 th | 10.00am | Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A | Alice Bennett RIP |
| Monday | 31 st | 10.00am | | W/f: Maureen Williams & family |
| Tuesday | 1 st | 10.00am | | Alphonso Brown RIP |
| Wednesday | 2 nd | 7.00pm | | All souls in purgatory |
| Thursday | 3 rd | 10.00am | St Gregory the Great | Mary O'Shaughnessy RIP |
| Friday | 4 th | 10.00am | | W/f: Nicola Moldoon & family |
| Saturday | 5 th | 6.00pm | First Mass of Sunday | Clarence Rajendran RIP |
| Sunday | 6 th | 10.00am | Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A | Mary Wright 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:

Ezekiel RR;7-9; Romans 13:8-10; Matthew 18:15-20

Offertory Collection:

Thank you.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

200 Club Winner

23/08/2020 £25 No. 73 Jill Sothinathan

Holy Mass Attendance

Sunday Mass was once again very well attended but we really are at the limit of numbers and some parishioners may well be turned away in the coming weeks. We have room to accommodate some more people at the 6pm on Saturday evening service. However we have space for many more parishioners at the Wednesday evening 7pm celebration of the Eucharist. To come along on a Wednesday really is in line with the request from the Archbishop to make use of weekday masses 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 even more of you turn out mid-week.

Remember that the wearing of a face mask is now mandatory in places of worship.

Of course, we continue to extend thanks to all the volunteers making the celebration of the Eucharist possible. Do remember of course that we can never have too many volunteers and so if you have some time to spare please let us know and we can include you in the rota. The greater the number of volunteers, the less frequently you will be asked to serve!!

Funds and Parish Gift Aid Update

Thank you to all those who made contact following last week's update about Gift Aid by our co-ordinator Jillie Smithies; it is not too late to get in touch with her if you would like more details by email or telephone: jillie.smithies@gmail.com 07809614662. 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.

The closure of the church for many months and the limited opening now taking place has resulted in the parish income being reduced by several thousands of pounds already, despite the generosity of people who have used other methods to donate. Of course most of the day to day running costs of the fabric of the church, its work and grounds have continued with maybe only a slight reduction. And traditionally the spring and summer period is when we are able to build up reserves to cover the considerably higher autumn and winter costs for heating and lighting. As our finances currently stand, we will struggle with our costs during the autumn and winter months.

For this reason, whether you are able to Gift Aid or not, we do ask that you consider whether you are able to recommence contributing to the church by one of the other ways available; standing order, one off bank transfer or simply an envelope with some cash through the presbytery letter box. Many of our parishioners do not receive this parish news and so may we ask that you spread this appeal to friends you know in the parish who may be unaware of the difficulties our own, and indeed all the parishes in our diocese are facing. As churches we are not eligible for any Government assistance.

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.

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
