# **Our Lady of Lourdes Church**

Our Lady of Lourdes Church 45b Burnt Ash Hill, Lee, London, SE12 OAE.

Phone/Fax: 0208 857 5006 email: lee@rcaos.org.uk Website: olol-lee.org

Clergy: Fr Chukwuemeka Nnaji



Parish Newsletter for Sunday 13th SEPTEMBER 2020 TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A

# Response to the Psalm:

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy.

# 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, 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. 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	12 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	Maire & Edna Mckenna RIP
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A	Rita Rajakariar RIP
Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	The Exaltation of The Holy Cross	Mary Pass RIP
Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Our Lady of Sorrows	Bernard Berberat RIP
Wednes- day	26 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	St Cornelius & St Cyprian	Dave Donnelly RIP
Thursday	17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am		Joseph Lai RIP
Friday	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am		Elderly lonely people
Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	Peter Thang RIP
Sunday	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A	Eileen Hooban RIP



# Please pray for those who have died, remembering especially those whose anniversaries fall about this time:

Margaret O'Neill, Margaret Fee, Roy Littl, George Carter, Terry McMahon

May these and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in the peace and joy of Christ.

# **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 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

Offertory Collection: Thank you.

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

#### THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH

#### 200 Club Winner

06/09/2020 £25 No. 29 Johanna Kiernan

# **Holy Mass Attendance**

Sunday 10am Mass was once again very well attended but we are now at our absolute limit. Ordinarily we have room to accommodate some more people at the 6pm at Saturday evening mass – although not so much next week with the RCIA celebration - but please do come along if you have been attending that mass. Space is still plentiful for many more parishioners at the Wednesday evening 7pm celebration of the Eucharist which is less than half full so please do make use of the midweek opportunity.

# 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 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!!

### RCIA - wonderful news

The wonderful news is that in our parish, 5 of our 6 candidates will be Baptised, Confirmed and receive their First Holy Communion at our parish mass next Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. This will mean that Mass will be a bit longer than usual and the Mass setting will be based on the Rite of Christian Initiation with particular prayers & Readings.

Please do pray for them this week and beyond. They are:

Oladunni Oluwakemi Dada, Olanike Olaoluwa Dada, Zubie Patel, Elisabeth Sunday Aifuwa, Jean-Paul Tetty and Bihermann Tie – who will not be with us on 19<sup>th</sup> September as he is travelling back from Africa that day.

#### **Parish Funds**

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, 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. 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 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