

# Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday  
18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2020  
TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME -  
YEAR A

**Response to the Psalm:**  
*Give the Lord glory and power.*

**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, 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:**

Jessie Julien, Malcolm Smith, Daniel Burke, Christopher Julien, Ellen Belters  
*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

**Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday Masses are Private**

Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	People of this Parish
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A	James, Michael & the deceased of McCormack family
Monday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am		
Tuesday	20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am		Conversion and healing
Wednesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	7.00pm		Pat Riley RIP
Thursday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.00am		Canon Christopher Tuckwell RIP
Friday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.00am		Eric Nimmo RIP
Saturday	24 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	First Mass of Sunday	Teresa & Guillermo Acosta RIP
Sunday	25 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A	People of this Parish

### **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 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:**

Exodus 22:20-26; Thessalonians 1:5-10; Matthew 22:34-40

### **Holy Mass Attendance**

The latest guidance from the government has allowed the continuation of collective worship – for the time being. To ensure the churches do not become major infection hot spots as overall numbers rise it is even more critical that we all follow these basic regulations.

**The wearing of a face mask that covers both nose and mouth at ALL times is now mandatory in places of worship. If you have a health exemption it would be helpful if you could bring some form of verification.**

**If you are the first person or family occupying a pew you should sit in the middle of the pew to allow either end to be filled later.** This avoids the need to squeeze past other parishioners.

**During these times Mass is shorter than usual, so it is essential that you arrive and are seated before Mass starts.** With the need for strict seating control this avoids the need to disturb those already seated.

**As always, Sunday mass always has the highest and limit challenging attendance so instead please consider the other masses on Saturday evening at 6.00pm and Wednesday at 7.00pm.**

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 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!!

### **First Holy Communion**

This great occasion is usually celebrated in our parish in June but with our church and schools closed we had to postpone the occasion. However, with the great zeal of our parish catechists on Zoom, from Margaret and Wendy at St Winifred's and of course the most important support from parents and carers all the preparation by our 23 children has been completed. **The celebration of First Communion for those who attend St Winifred's School will now take place on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October at 6pm Mass or Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 10am mass. The children who do not attend St Winifred's will receive their first communion the following Saturday 31st October at 6pm Mass or Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November at 10am Mass.**

The masses will follow the current simplified arrangements for celebration and will of course be subject to the usual guidance for church services. This simplified celebration of First Communion should be no less special for our parish children and we do ask that you pray for them and their families in the coming days and weeks.

### **Justice and Peace Group**

"Thank you to everyone who turned up on Saturday morning. It was so lovely to see you all and you certainly filled our boots! We will be collecting again and in the same way on Saturdays 7th November and 12th December between 11 and 12. Please put that in your diary now and come along and "fill our boots"!!

The Trussell Trust, of which Lewisham Foodbank is a part, report that as the impact of the pandemic began to be felt in April, need was a shocking 89% higher than the same period last year. You can read more about this and the Trust's aims to end this scale of poverty at [www.trusselltrust.org](http://www.trusselltrust.org)."

### **Uniform Sections**

We are still working on the final plans for reopening the uniform groups but as we mentioned last week, we will need more helpers for this to work. Whether you are a parent or not but able to help with any of the uniformed sections, Guiding or Scouting please contact Mandy on [1stleesouthguides@gmail.com](mailto:1stleesouthguides@gmail.com)

### **Second Collection**

This Weekend - for Missio.

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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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