

Our Lady of Lourdes Church

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Parish Newsletter for Sunday
8th NOVEMBER 2020
THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME -
YEAR A

Response to the Psalm:

For you my soul is thirsting, O God, 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, 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:

James Alfred Bayer, Baby Libby Finn, Mary Ryan, Doris Tyler, 'Roni' Florence Parker, Lillian Parkes, John Gardener, William Waterson, Anne Doyle, Diana Millar, Malcolm Lee, Claire Christine West 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

Masses are Private

Saturday	7 th	10.00am	First Mass of Sunday	Deceased: Kiernan & Daly families
Sunday	8 th	9.30am	Thirty Second Sunday Ordinary Time – Year A	Thomas, Elisabeth & Moran family deceased.
Monday	9 th	10.00am		Souls in Purgatory
Tuesday	10 th	10.00am		Pat Reilly RIP
Wednesday	11 th	10.00am		Brian Coloe RIP
Thursday	12 th	10.00am		Joan Roche RIP
Friday	13 th	10.00am		Gerard Guye RIP
Saturday	14 th	10.00am	First Mass of Sunday	Deceased: Sheridan family
Sunday	15 th	9.30am	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A	Deceased: Bick & Schwab families

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:

Proverbs 31:13,19-20,30-31; Thessalonians 5:1-6; Matthew 25:14-30

200 Club Winner

01/11/2020 £25 11 Catherine Doolin

Church Opening and Mass

With the new restrictions from the government to contain the virus spread, churches are no longer allowed to open for collective worship. For that reason **our three weekly public Masses have sadly had to stop although we are allowed to open the church for private prayer.** Initially we will open the church for one hour on Sunday mornings between 10am and 11am for private prayer and the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed during this time. This time of prayer will be subject to the same regulations around face masks, sanitising, track and trace etc.

To come for private prayer does not mean you must stay for the whole hour or indeed arrive at 10am; it is more of a drop-in time for 5-10 minutes. However, **please pay very careful attention to the stewards' instructions as you arrive regarding seating procedures** on entry and exit which may be slightly different to those in use during Mass. These arrangements are of course part of the effort to minimise the risk of infection and so very important.

Mass will continue to be celebrated each day in private in the church.

Justice and Peace – Fill our Boots

The latest government regulations around church opening, identifies the need for churches to continue to facilitate Food Bank collections which really shows how important they are. The Justice and Peace group will be holding a second “Fill Our Boots” opportunity **tomorrow, Saturday, 7th November**, when they will be collecting for the Lewisham Food Bank from 11am to 12Noon in the church car park. Please bring your contributions to the church – in a carrier bag – on Saturday and simply leave them in the boot of one of the allocated cars. The delivery can form part of your daily exercise or as an essential journey, although please make sure you limit socialising in the car park.

Holy Souls Month

November is the month when as Catholics we remember especially our loved ones who have departed this life for eternity in Heaven. The month starts with the feast of the All Saints and traditionally we compile a list of those for whom we wish prayers to be offered as a parish community. If you would like names of loved ones included in the list of the dead, please write their names on a piece of paper and enclose it in an envelope with your offering and post through the Presbytery letterbox next to the church.

CAFOD Family Fast Day

As we told you last week, this year we will be remembering CAFOD's Family Fast Day next week on Friday 13th November. Since it will not be possible to take up your donations at Mass, please place your offering in an envelope and drop through the door of the parish house clearly marked as CAFOD. Alternatively, you can make a donation by bank transfer using CAFOD as the reference to: Our Lady of Lourdes account: 34273786 Sort code 602327.

The collection planned for this weekend for the Priest Training Fund has been postponed.

First Holy Communion

With God's timing we were able to complete the masses at which our parish children were able to receive their first Holy Communion. Congratulations to them all and do continue to hold them in your prayers, and of course their families and catechists.

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
