

**Our Lady of Lourdes – Parish Newsletter**  
**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January + SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**  
**THE OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

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**Mass TIMES:** Sundays – 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.00pm and 6.00pm  
**Weekdays:** Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 7.00am and 10.00 am  
Wednesday, Friday, Saturday – 10.00am and 7.00pm  
Saturday – 10.00am, 12.00pm and 7.00pm – Vigil  
**Reconciliation (Confession):** Saturday 10.30am, 12.30pm and 6.00pm

**Acton Homeless Concern** Ian Breen (Manager)  
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**Vigil Mass Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

**7.00pm (Vigil):** Margaret & Charlie Brennan & Family (INT); Bernie Moore (INT).

**11.30pm:** Gill Rodrigues & Family (INT); Sam & Family (INT); Satyabhama Singh (Health).

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**9.00am:** Patrick, Josephine & Augustine RIP; Barbara & George Rook (A); Joan Bernard (INT). Ann Kiely (INT).

**10.30am:** Mary Myles (RIP); Shelia Coughlin (INT); Thomas (INT); Annette Muldoon & Family (INT).

**12.00pm:** Bill O’Leary (A-RIP); Pamela & Dan Beary & Family (INT); Racheal & Mike Stokes (INT); Martin & Martina Moughton (INT)

**6.00pm:** Wesley & Bridget O’Donaghue (INT); Lorraine & Patrick Ward (INT); Kathleen & Hughie Doherty (INT).

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January (Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors:)**

**10.00am:** Julie Behshetta (RIP); Elizabeth Henstock (A-RIP); Billy & Ann Dullaghan (INT); Margaret Rawlings (INT); Mary McEntagart (INT); Maisie Jawyawickreme (Health); Ramya Samaranayake (Health).

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January (The Most Holy Name of Jesus)**

**10.00am:** Maggie Simeons (RIP); Billy Zelinka (B/day – RIP); Tina Doherty (INT); Fitzsimons Family (INT); Gladys Braganza (INT).

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January (Christmas Feria)**

**10.00am:** Jim Donaugh (RIP); Brian O’Sullivan (RIP);

**7.00pm: Reception of the Remains of John ‘Connie’ O’Sullivan RIP.**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January (Christmas Feria)**

**10.00am: Funeral of John ‘Connie’ O’Sullivan RIP.**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January (Christmas Feria)**

**10.00am:** Anne Coffee (RIP); Edward David Flint (RIP); Frieda Collins (A-RIP); Josephine Connolly (INT); Carol Fowler (INT).

**7.00pm:** Petie McHale (M/Mind).

Followed by First Friday All-night Vigil, concluding with mass at **4am**.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January (St Raymond of Penyafort, Priest: Mass & Office of the Memorial)**

**10.00am:** Peter Sweeney (RIP); Petie McHale (M/Mind); Nula Griffin (Health).

**12:00pm:** John Clerkin (A-RIP); Dennis Duff (A-RIP); Una Byron (INT).

**7.00pm (Vigil):** Joyce Miranda (RIP).

**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Bill O’Leary, Elizabeth Henstock, Frieda Collins, John Clerkin Dennis Duff.

**We pray for those who have died recently:** John ‘Connie’ O’Sullivan, Joyce Stark, Annette Greenwood, Ita O’Sullivan, Joseph Ryan, Michael ‘Noel’ Curley, Lauriston Reece & Tommy Campbell.

**We remember those that are sick in hospital, undergoing treatment or convalescing, including:** Shirley Clark, Mary Hannon, Ronan Green, Sean Holland Nuala griffin, John McCann and Chris O’Leary & Pat Davidson.



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### Readings

**The first reading**, from the Book of Numbers, is the saving blessing of peace, protection and knowledge of God granted to God's people in his loving mercy.

**The second reading**, from St Paul's letter to the Galatians, reminds Christians that a new era has begun with the coming of Christ whose Spirit links us with God's Son as fellow children of God, and enables us to call upon God with the same intimate language that Jesus used.

**The Gospel** - Mary's new-born child, welcomed by the shepherds, is given the name Jesus meaning 'the Lord saves'.

(Synopsis Intercom)

### Announcements



**Mass times:** Please note that Mass is at 10am during the week **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> January to Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January. Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday all-night Vigil starting after 7pm Mass and concluding with Mass at 4am. You are very welcome to attend for all or part of the time.

**Giving Tree** – Thank you to everyone who has kindly donated food. We have made up hampers from the donations for those in need and have distributed them. If there is any family or elderly person you consider to be in need please ask them to contact us, as we do have a few left. Thank you once again for your generosity.

**Thank you:** Fr John has asked us to say thank you to everyone for their prayers at this time. He is currently undergoing tests. As he is in an isolation area due to the risk of picking up infections, we ask you please not to visit him in hospital but instead continue to keep him in your prayers. Thank you.

**Thankyou:** To both the Goan and Filipino communities for the lovely meals that they prepared and served just prior to Christmas, we hope to continue these traditions over the coming year.

**THANKS TO ALL:** On behalf of Fathers John, Fintan, Bala Ultan & Deacon Tito, we would like to thank all of you for your participation in the Christmas services. Thank you for your financial contributions, gifts, greetings prayers and attendance at Masses. Thank you to

everyone who prepared the church crib, Christmas tree, Giving tree, Altar and Altar Linen. Thank you to those who help with the Church cleaning. We also thank all the musicians and singers who led all 6 Masses at Christmas so well; to Anthony Bull our musical director and organist Veronica Curry. We wish to thank our ministers of the Word and the Eucharist. Thank you to our collectors and counters; Sacristans and Servers; and to the very many people who helped in small and big ways to prepare the services or organise our ministries and to those who help in any way. We would like to thank for the work you do and to wish all of you a blessed and happy new year.

**Foreign currency** - Although the parish is grateful for your financial contributions, could we ask you to please not put any foreign currency (apart from Euro notes) into the collection. Unfortunately we are unable to process the coins and notes. This means we will not be able to use the donation. Thank you.

**Baptism** - The next preparation dates are 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> January with the welcoming ceremony on 15<sup>th</sup> January and baptisms taking place on 29<sup>th</sup> January. Baptism Information available at the back of the Church.

**Chancery Donations:** The suggested donation to the Chancery for marriage papers will increase from £30 to £50 from 1 January 2017. The donation was introduced 10 years ago and has been set at £30 since then. It has enabled us to employ an additional member of staff.

### Collections

The Christmas collection on the 25<sup>th</sup> December was £4,640.64.

With approximately £800 in standing orders.

### Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary



**A very Happy Christmas and Holy New Year from**  
Fathers John, Fintan, Bala Ultan, Deacon Tito and Karen  
our Parish Secretary.