

3rd December 2017

The Parishes of
Our Lady of Lourdes, Acton
St Aidan of Lindisfarne, East Acton



Served by the Congregation
of the Sacred Hearts

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Mass Intentions.

Vigil Mass: Sat 2nd Dec

7.00pm (Vigil): Colm Tully (2nd A), Mr & Mrs Paul Francis & Family(health), Bridie Bell(A), Holy Souls

Sun 3rd Dec: 1st Sunday of Advent

9.00am: Tony & Mary Bull(Health), Pat & Kate Hoare (RIP), Phil & Joe O'Neill(RIP), Tony & Michael Hoare(RIP)

10.30am: Maggie Simeons (2nd A), Kevin Hoare (RIP), Gerald Downes (RIP), Richard & Bridget Roberts (A)

12.00pm: Alison Thornton (RIP), Mary & Eileen Galvin (Int), Marites & Nathaniel Aniciete (RIP).

6.00pm: Bernard & Annie Cambell(RIP), Molly Mullins (RIP), Cecilia Mullins (RIP), Eugene & Kathleen Mullins (RIP), Alison Thornton (RIP).

Mon 4th Dec: Advent Feria

7.00am: Tom & Rose Severini (RIP), Danny O'Neill (RIP), Denis & Peggy Duff (RIP), Malachy Cox (RIP)

10.00am: Maggie Simeons (2ndA), John James Coghlan (RIP), Fr John Leahy(RIP), John, Bridgette & Thelma Fernandes (RIP)

Tue 5th Dec: Advent Feria

7.00am: Celia Fernandes(RIP), Nathaniel Aniciete(A)

10.00am: Edward David Flint(RIP), Tom Doherty (80th B'day), Almeida Family (RIP), Joe Leydon (RIP), Alana Ramoutar(Int)

Wed 6th Dec: Advent Feria

10:00am: Blanche Simeons(Health), Fr John Leahy (RIP), Hyron Thomas (RIP), Amanda Donoghoe (RIP), Baylon Pereira (RIP), John McGann (Int), Mary(Int), Ronan Grace(Health)

7.00pm: Fr. John Leahy(RIP)

Thurs 7th Dec: St. Ambrose

7.00am: Fr. John Leahy (RIP)

10.00 am: Funeral of Juan Jr Saato,RIP

Fri 8th Dec: The Immaculate Conception

10.00am: Cyril Duncan(RIP), Mr & Mrs Ilonnis & Dorothy Pascoe(RIP), Colin McHale(RIP), Baylon Pereira (RIP)

7.00pm: Joe Coyne (RIP), Fr. John Leahy (RIP)

Sat 9th Dec: Advent Feria

10.00am: Mary & Tony Bull & Family(Int), Gladys Braganza(Int), Sr. Margaret Murphy (health)

12.00pm: Teresa Gannon (A), Edmondo DaSilva (RIP)

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Colm Tully, Bridie Bell, Richard & Bridget Roberts, Teresa Gannon and Maggie Simeons.

We pray for those who have died recently: Eileen Chapman, Isaac Ram Appiah, Thomas Beck, Jerry Canty, Mary Gridley, Eileen Minns, Baylon Pereira, Joseph Dean Crowner, Nancy Coyne, Victoria Agbobu, Sadie Krieger, Betty Brennan, Juan Jr Saato, Kevin Hoare, Stephen McNicholas and Fr John Leahy SSCC.

We remember those that are sick in hospital, undergoing treatment or convalescing, including:

Chelsea Stracey, Michelle Cronin, Lorna Tierney, Pamela Dunkinson, Miya-Jay Lewis, Sylvia Turini, Vanessa Lujan, , Mary Murphy, Patrick Farrell Fionn Anderssen, , Borivoje Lazarevc, Pauline Kirrane, Jack Taggart, Seamus McGrath, Ann Morrissey, Darren Ruddy and Mary Rocks.

Collections

Last Sunday's collection was £2087.45
with approximately £600.00 in standing orders.
Many Thanks as always for your generosity.

Our Lady Of Lourdes Parish Mass times and contact details. For St Aidans please check out their website.

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

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First Sunday of Advent

The **first reading** – The prophet prays that God might tear open the heavens and come down. This prayer was answered at the baptism of Jesus, when the heavens were torn open and the Father's voice was heard.

The **second reading** – Paul thanks God, not simply for what he himself has received, but for what his fellow Christians have received. Nothing gladdens Paul's heart more than to find a lively faith in others

The **Gospel** – Three times in this short reading we hear the words 'Stay awake!' Three times in the Garden of Gethsemane the apostles will fall asleep. The Lord knows and addresses our weakness.

FR JOHN LEAHY SSCC RIP: As we mentioned last weekend at all Masses, Fr John was told on the 15th November that his condition was very serious and that now he would receive only Palliative Care. The following Friday he went to his sisters house in Limerick when he died very peacefully surrounded by his loving family at 5am on Monday 27th November 2017. Fr John was buried in the family plot in his beloved Ballybay, Co Monaghan on Wednesday afternoon last. Frs Fintan, Derek, Bala and Ultan were able to attend. Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, phonecalls and expressions of sympathy with us on the death of our dear brother Fr John.

At the 12 noon Mass on Sunday next 10th December (2nd Sunday of Advent) we will pray for the happy repose of his soul. We will be joined by members of Fr John's family, including his sisters and brother and other family members. After the Mass we will have tea/coffee in the parish hall so you have an opportunity to meet them and sympathise with them. All are welcome. If you would like to help with music or tea/coffee, please contact the Parish Office.

May Fr John rest in peace.

MINI ADVENT RETREAT: Led by Fr Ultan ssc is on in the parish hall today starting at 3pm. It will include Mass at 6pm and end after Eucharistic Adoration from 7-8pm. All are welcome.

BAPTISM: The next preparation dates are 4th and 11th December at 7:30pm in No. 3 Berrymead Gardens. Baptism will take place on 17th December.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: The parents' information meeting will take place on Monday 11th December at 7.30pm.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: Thursday Coffee Group invites you to see a recent film of Lourdes on Thursday 7th December, to celebrate the Feast of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception, in the Parish Hall after 10am Mass. Do please join us.

GIVING TREE: As you can see the Giving Tree is now in place. We will make up hampers from the donations

for those in need at Christmas. If there is any family or elderly person you consider to be in need please give us their name and address.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

PRIMARY SCHOOL REFERENCES: Primary school references will be given on Tuesday 5th and Thursday 7th December. Please call the parish office and book an appointment.

ACT IN SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION: Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them?

Then we need you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents new Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend.

The Prime Minister has acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and had promised previously to abandon it. Now the Government may decide to keep this discriminatory policy in place instead of removing it. We need you to tell the Government not to discriminate against Catholics and to remove the admissions cap on new faith-based schools.

Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools.

CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR FILIPINO COMMUNITY: We are planning to organise a Christmas party for Filipino community. If you can help, please come for a meeting this Sunday 3rd December at 10am in the parish hall.

INDIAN (CHHOTNAGPUR) COMMUNITY: will have a Christmas celebration on Sunday 10th December with a Mass at 1pm followed by a meal.

FREE CONCERT: Adam's Apples, a local men's barbershop group, are doing a charity concert in the parish hall of Our Lady of Lourdes, at 7:20pm on the 10th December. Lot of loud noises, good causes and Christmas spirit. Free entry with retiring collection.

Tea and Coffee: after 9.00am and 10.30am Mass today. **Do please join us.**