

# Our Lady of Lourdes – Parish Newsletter

## Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 + 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

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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

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### Vigil Mass Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March:

**7.00pm (Vigil):** Paddy Rooney RIP; Dan McKenna (A-RIP).

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March + 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

**9.00am:** Holy Souls. Dominic McCauley (RIP); William Loftus (INT), Fionn Anderssen (Health).  
**10.30am** Holy Souls. Edward David Flint (RIP); Tito Pereira (A-RIP); Libro Fernandes (INT).  
**12.00pm:** Patrick Joseph Murphy (5<sup>th</sup> A-RIP); Enzo Franzosi (A-RIP); Danny Brick (A-RIP).  
**6.00pm:** Joao, Biatriz & José Norio Valerio (RIP).

### Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March: (Lent feria, First week of Lent)

**7.00am:** Clara Beschizza (RIP).  
**10.00am:** Helena & Stefan Sadowski (RIP); Piotr Seredyn (RIP), Marjano De’Almeida (A-RIP).

### Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March: ( Lent Feria)

**7.00am:** Bernard Doherty (B/day RIP); Seamus McCable (Health).  
**10.00am:** Maggie Simeons (RIP); Richard Peter & John Stonor (B/days); Mike O’Donovan (Health).

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March: (Lent Feria)

**10:00am:** Reginaldo Rebelo (A-RIP); Marjorie Van der Klooster (RIP).  
**7.00pm:** Carol Ramnarian & Family (INT).

### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March: (Lent, Feria)

**7.00am:** Giusepina Pascarella (RIP).  
**10.00am:** Francesca Rebelo (A-RIP).

### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March: ( Lent, feria)

**10.00am:** Fatima Rebelo (A-RIP); Fr Brendan McFlynn osco (RIP).  
**7.00pm:** Fr John Leahy ssc (Health).

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March: (Lent, Feria)

**10.00am:** Ashraf Ramnarain (RIP); Thornton Family (INT).  
**12.00pm:** Bridget Mary Gilmartin A-RIP).  
**7.00pm:** John James Coghlan (A-RIP).

**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Dan McKenna, Tito Pereira, Patrick Joseph Murphy, Enzo Franzosi, Danny Brick, Marjano De’Almeida, Francesca Rebelo and Fatima Rebelo.

**We pray for those who have died recently:** Jimmy McLoughlin, Asraf (Chuck) Ramnarain, Veronica (Ronnie) Money, Ciara Maguire, Sheila Broderick, and Natalia Galloni & Jacqueline Toledo, Fr Brendan McFlynn osco and Bernard Chow.

**We remember those that are sick in hospital, undergoing treatment or convalescing, including:** John McCann, Chris O’Leary, Fr John Leahy ssc, Angela Nurse, Tom Mythen, Margaret O’Donnell, Fionn Anderssen (aged 3), Beryl Bashford, Shirley Thomas, Eileen Rocks and Mary Hannon.

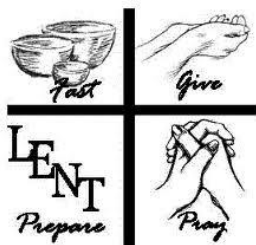
### Collections

The collection last weekend 26<sup>th</sup> February was £2,057.80 with approx. £800 in standing orders.

**Many Thanks for your generosity**

Did you know the parish is staffed by priests from the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary (sscc). As members of a Religious Order they live in community, unlike Diocesan Priests. The order requires that three or more live (where possible) in community. That is why we have four priests working in our parish presently.





## 1<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

### Readings

**The first reading**, from the book of Genesis, recalls how the temptation to be like God brought unhappiness and pain to humanity.

**The second reading**, from St Paul, discloses how Christ's obedience restored the fractured relationship between God and the human race.

**The Gospel**, from Matthew, describes Jesus' victory over the tempter as he is offered power and glory in return for disobedience to God. (Synopsis Intercom)

### Announcements

**Mass for Bereaved Parents** on Saturday 11th March at 2.30pm, Westminster Cathedral. Bishop Paul McAleenan will celebrate a Mass for bereaved parents. During Mass, after the homily, parents will be invited to write the name of their deceased child on a card and the cards will be taken along with the offertory to the sanctuary.

**Tea & Coffee** - After the 9.00am and 10.30am masses today. Please do come along everyone is welcome.

**Baptism** - The next preparation dates are 6<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> of March with the welcoming ceremony on 12<sup>th</sup> March and baptisms taking place on 26<sup>th</sup> March. Baptism Information is available at the back of the Church. Please note: The classes will take place at No 3 Berrymead Gardens.

#### Lent is Here: Lets Prepare well for Easter 2017

**Please note**: No flowers please to be left in the Church for the season of Lent, Thank you.

**Lent Stations of the Cross**: Will take place every Wednesday at 3pm during Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday. Please do consider joining in this very appropriate 'way of the cross' in anticipation of Easter. Booklets will be provided. Do encourage a friend!

**17<sup>th</sup> March 2017**: Is the feast day of St Patrick. After the 10am mass, we hope once again to have a cake sale with tea and coffee in aid of the missions.

This year we will divide the money raised between a Sacred Hearts Community (SSCC) project run by our brothers in India (that looks after young adults) and a project run by a Divine Word Missionary (SVD) priest that cares for the poor living among the graves and tombs of the old Chinese cemetery in Cebu, Philippines. Like last year, we hope to be able to show you pictures on the day of these two projects. If you can help us in any way to make this a success please let Freda or Fr Bala know. All are welcome. Many thanks in advance.



**Acton Homeless Concern requires from April a new Treasurer** – you must come from a background in bookkeeping or accountancy. This is a Volunteer position. If you would like to know more please call 07710282753 for an informal chat.

**The General Pharmaceutical Council (GPhC)** has launched a consultation about a proposed 'significant change from

the present position' on conscientious objection by pharmacy professionals. Bishop John Sherrington has asked that we forward this request from the Bishops' Conference Department for Christian Responsibility and Citizenship to you so that you may be made aware of this consultation and perhaps share the information with parishioners.

Attached is a briefing, prepared by the Anscombe Centre.

It is hoped that Catholics might use it as a guide for sending in their own short responses to the consultation.

The consultation can be found at

<http://www.pharmacyregulation.org/valuesbeliefs>, and responses submitted directly via that website. The deadline for responses is 7 March 2017.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next week 12<sup>th</sup> March - CAFOD Family Fast Day Lent Appeal 2017: Florence and the little fish**

Florence is 41 and lives in northern Zambia. When her husband died in a mining accident, she struggled to make a living. Thanks to donations like yours, CAFOD's partner in the area, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, gave Florence tiny fish - the size of your thumb. They also taught her to build fish ponds and care for the growing fishes – providing a way for her to help herself and her family. "I thought, 'I'm determined to do this,'" says Florence. "When I came back from the training, I wanted to help my neighbours as they had helped me in the past. I thought if they were empowered, they would benefit too."

**Why should I donate?** Your donations make the Sisters' work possible. Florence transformed her whole life with just a small amount of help. By donating to our Lent Appeal you can give that help to people like Florence. The fish Florence started with were the size of your thumb. With her hard work, commitment and dedication, they grew to the size of your dinner plate. She sold the fish and bought clothes and school books – a future for her children. From just a tiny start, she was about to do big things. "I can send my children to school now and I can feed my family. I urge you please continue supporting me."

#### YOUTH SECTION

#### 'The present and the future of the Church'

**Flame 2017**: Flame 2017 is the largest National Catholic Youth event of the year, taking place in the SSE Wembley Arena on **Saturday 11 March 2017**. Check it out!!!!

**Joel's Bar 17**: Joel's Bar is a Catholic Charismatic youth conference that will be running in the lead up to Easter 2017.

**Theology of the Body Symposium 19<sup>th</sup> April**: The overall aim of this Symposium is to equip Catholic men and women to transform the culture with the Gospel of Life and Love, as we study and pray together and reach out to those around us.

**Brightlights Unlimited – Festival on 23 June**: Now going for over 20 years, Brightlights is an opportunity for young Catholics to come together – have fun, listen to awesome & engaging speakers, take part in interesting workshops, and hear some great bands & musical talent. All this with awesome times for prayer and encounter with the Sacraments! More information on all these at <http://dowym.com/events/>

