

Our Lady of Lourdes – Parish Newsletter

Sunday 7th May 2017 + 4th Sunday of Easter



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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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9.00am: PJ Neylon (RIP); Phyllis Canty (RIP); Patricia Duffy (A-RIP); Patricia Lynch (Int); Betty Brennan (Int).
10.30am: Eileen Ward (A-RIP); Peter & Rose Ward (RIP); Jonathan Francis (B/day); Helena Rodrigues (Health); Matthew Fernandes (Health).
12.00 noon: Patrick Henaghan (RIP); Gill Rodrigues (Int); Virginia Martin Andrew (Anniv).
6.00pm: Ramya (Health).

Monday 8th May: Easter Feria

7.00am: Michael McKenna (RIP).
10.00am: Pat Hoare (RIP); John & John Patrick Byron (RIP-A); All those in the Fatima Convent (Int).

Tuesday 9th May: Easter Feria

7.00am: Michelle Bradley (Int).
10.00am: Peter Chu (RIP); Thomas Connaughton (RIP); Fr John (Health).

Wednesday 10th May: Easter Feria

10:00am: Susan Doyle (Health); Celina Maduiké (Int); Sr Rita Dawson (Int); Alison Thornton (Health).
7.00pm: John & Bridget Cattigan (RIP-A).

Thursday 11th May: Easter Feria

7.00am: Fr John (Health).
10.00am: Matthew Fernandes (Int); Elsa (Health).

Friday 12th May: Easter Feria Friday Abstinence

10.00am: Patrick O'Leary (RIP); Reginald Rebello (RIP); Fila D'Souza & Family (Int), Paddy O'Leary (4th A).
7.00pm: Larry O'Toole (RIP)

Saturday 13th May: Easter Feria

10.00am: Margarita Maniar (Int); John Doyle (RIP/B'day); Keith O'Donoghue (B'day Int).
12.00 noon: Tim Turner (B'day Int).
7.00pm (Vigil): People of the Parish

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: Patricia Duffy, Eileen Ward, John & John Patrick Byron, John & Bridget Cattigan, Paddy O'Leary.

We pray for those who have died recently Susan Lennon; Carlo Rosamilia, Eamon Diskin; Michael O'Donovan; Peter Dilworth; Vivienne Johnson; Larry O'Toole; Jan Orłinski, Patrick Oglesby..

We remember those that are sick in hospital, undergoing treatment or convalescing, including: Fr John Leahy ssc, Fionn Anderssen (aged 3), Shirley Thomas, Mary Hannon, Peter Turner, Patrick Allen, Joe Clerkin, Marian Campbell, Jeffery French, Michael Towsney, Chris O'Leary, Thomas (Tony) James Loughran and Pamela Dunkinson, Alison Thornton.

Collections

Last Sundays Collection amounted to £3535.60
Many Thanks for your generosity



The *Congregation of the Sacred Hearts* represented by the abbreviation SS.CC. after its Latin name *Sacrorum Cordium*, is a worldwide religious order whose mission is to contemplate, live and proclaim God's love in the world. There are over 1500 in the Congregation made up of priests, brothers and sisters and an increasing number of lay associate members in over 30 countries throughout the world.

More Hearts Needed: Good Shepherd Sunday

Have you ever thought of a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Is God calling you? The Lord does 'call us', but we have to be careful! When we use the word 'sign or call' it may make us think of visions and voices. It is true that sometimes something clear and dramatic helps us, but usually God speaks to us in ordinary ways, guiding us through the events and experiences of our daily lives; through the 'ordinary' experience of our Christian faith (which of course is not at all ordinary). Deep down, it is not about signs, but about an ever-deepening personal relationship with the Lord – his love and care for me, his call, what he has created me for; and how I respond to that with the gift of my whole life. If you are interested, or would like to explore this idea further please do not hesitate to contact our Vocation Promoter: Fr Michael Ruddy ssc, Congregation of the Sacred Hearts, 27 Northbrook Road, Ranelagh, Dublin 6, Ireland or he can be contacted on email at sscdublin@sacredhearts.ie

Tea & Coffee after the 9am and 10.30am masses today.

Baptism - The next preparation dates are 8th & 15th of May with Baptisms taking place on the 28th May. The classes will take place at No 3 Berrymead Gardens.

Confirmation: The next meeting is on Monday 8th May at 7.15pm in the Church. We ask you to keep our Confirmation candidates in your prayers as they prepare for the ceremony which will take place on Sunday 21st May at 3pm with Bishop John Wilson.

Catechists Conference: The Conference takes place on Saturday 8th July 2017 from 10am - 4pm at Sacred Heart High School, 212 Hammersmith Rd, London W6 7DG, (Entrance in Bute Gardens – first left turn after main doorway). The cost of the day is £10 per person to be paid by Cheque to the Diocese. Please bring a packed lunch – tea and coffee provided. The day will be led by Sr Judith Russi SSMN.

Persecuted Christians, The next event in relation to Persecuted Christians of all denominations, will take place on Friday 12 May 2017, 6:30-9:30 pm at Tyburn Convent, 8 Hyde Park Place, London W2 2LJ (Marble Arch station). Free admission. See poster in porch.

First Saturday - Fatima devotion. In this centenary year of the Fatima apparitions, there are monthly devotions at Our Lady of Fatima parish in White City, beginning on Saturday 6th May. Mass celebrated by Fr John Hemer, MHM, at 10am followed by First Saturday Holy Hour. See www.ourladyoffatima.biz or call 02087438334 for more info.

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ. Cardinal Vincent Nichols has said, 'To have a week of prayer for Christian mission is just a wonderful thing. We know how rich Pentecost is in the life of the church from its very beginning. That richness can be ours too – if we ask God for it.' Prayer cards can be found at the back of the church.

Do you have any unwanted men's trousers? Emmaus House urgently need men's trousers to be donated. Its best if you can bring them on the days Emmaus House is open rather than leaving them outside.

Second Collection next week for the Diocese of Westminster priests training fund which we have been asked to collect for the Diocese.

St Richard Reynolds Catholic College has the following 3 vacancies: Maths Teacher, Subject Lead in Maths & English Teacher. For more information please see their website at www.strichardreynolds.org.uk

Young (and Young at heart!) Peoples Corner

Spirit in the City. A festival of Hope, in Leicester Square on 9th and 10th June. Theatre, Music, Workshops, Prayer and Talks! Check out posters and flyers at the back of the Church. Also have a look at the posters prepared around the Church on the recently held World Youth Day in Poland. The next one is in Panama City? Whose up for it?

Brightlights: An annual Festival for Catholics aged 16-30 taking place June 23rd – 26th at Alton Castle in Staffordshire. Loads more information available online and at the Westminster Diocesan Youth Office.

Congregation of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary

St Damien the Leper Priest: Feast Day is on Wednesday 10th May with mass at 10am and the conclusion of the Damien Novena. Tea and coffee will be served in the parish hall on this very special occasion for the priests of the parish and for the whole parish community as it is staffed by the Order to which Fr Damien belonged. Please do come along so we can build up communion between all of us in this wonderful parish.

Congratulations: On the 22nd April two of our SSCC sisters Sr Gema de Paz ssc and Sr Marina Utrilla ssc, celebrated their perpetual profession. The celebration took place in Paraíso, our SSCC School that the sisters run in Madrid. The principal celebrant was Fr Aurelio Cayón ssc, Provincial of the Iberian Province. We give thanks to God for the commitment of our sisters Marina and Gema and we ask Him to bless them in this new stage which they are beginning.

4th May: was the date of the death of one of our priests Fr Mateo Bovey-Crawley ssc who joined the order age 15 years of age in Chile. He travelled the world promoting the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the home. He was called the 'apostle of the Sacred Heart of Jesus', as designated by Pius XI and died at the age of 84. Upon learning of his death, Pope John XXIII sent the following message through the Cardinal Secretary of State to the Superior General of the Congregation of the Sacred Hearts: *"The Holy Father is fully familiar with the mission that this tireless apostle took up throughout his life: the spread of devotion of the Sacred Heart. That is comforting to think that the sad loss suffered by the Congregation of Sacred Hearts is offset by the presence in the sky, as we believe, of a new and powerful protector."*