

Our Lady of Lourdes – Parish Newsletter

Sunday 12th March 2017 + 2nd 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 11th March

7.00pm (Vigil): John James Coghlan (A-RIP); Special Intention.

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9.00am: Natalia Galloni (RIP).
10.30am: Stephen Emmanuel Gonash (A-RIP); Francisco Rodrigues (1ST A-RIP); Rory Moore (A-RIP); Fr John (health); Marian Campbell (Health).
12.00pm: Rosari McAuliffe (RIP); Kathleen Keohane (RIP); Ruth Boyle (RIP); Raida Afonso (Health);
6.00pm: Joao de Freitas (RIP); Maria Augusta (RIP); Maria Menzes (RIP).

Monday 13th March: (Lent feria, Second week of Lent)

7.00am: Ciara Maguire (RIP).
10.00am: Fr John Leahy ssc (Health); Donie Mulcahy (Health); Lucy Bridget Ryan (Health).

Tuesday 14th March: (Lent feria)

7.00am: Rory Moore (A-RIP).
10.00am: Maggie Simeons (RIP); Ann O'Malley (RIP); Desiree Abella Sutton (1st A-RIP).

Wednesday 15th March: (Lent feria)

10.00am: Helena Teixeira (RIP); Patrick Danaher (A-RIP).
7.00pm: Teresa Scanlon (INT); Thanksgiving.

Thursday 16th March: (Lent, feria)

7.00am: John Casey (RIP).
10.00am: Maureen Keating (Health).

Friday 17th March: (ST PATRICK, Bishop and Patron of Ireland)

10.00am: Elizabeth Henstock (RIP); Bob & Barbara Hill (A-RIP); Lysandro Faleiro (B/day); Ramya Samaranayake (Health).
7.00pm: Elizabeth & John O'Toole (A-RIP); Genevieve Francis (B/day).

Saturday 18th March: (Lent, feria)

10.00am: Tom & Kate McInerney (RIP); Mary Boucher (A-RIP); Naresh & Mohinder Bangar (Health).
12.00pm: Ann Brennan (RIP).
7.00pm (Vigil): Angela Louise Soloman (RIP).

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including: John James Coghlan, Stephen Emmanuel Gonash, Francisco Rodrigues, Rory Moore, Bridget Roberts, Richard Roberts, Martin O'Halloran, Joseph Collins, Desiree Abella Sutton, Patrick Danaher, Bob & Barbara Hill, Elizabeth & John O'Toole and Mary Boucher.

We pray for those who have died recently: Asraf (Chuck) Ramnarain, Ciara Maguire, Sheila Broderick, Natalia Galloni, Jacqueline Toledo, Fr Brendan McGlynn oco, Bernard Chow and Angela Louise Soloman.

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

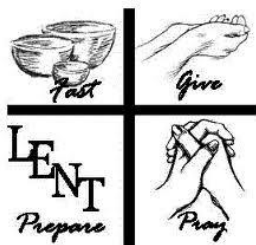
Collections

The collection last weekend 26th February was offertory envelopes £989.02, loose plate £1,119.91 totalling £2,108.93, with approximately £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.





2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

Readings

The first reading, from the book of Genesis, sees Abraham respond to the Lord's call to leave all and to trust in God's promise.

The second reading finds St Paul calling on Timothy to embrace hardship and God's call to holiness.

The Gospel sees Jesus encourage and strengthen his apostles for the journey towards the cross which lies ahead. (Synopsis Intercom)

Announcements

Lent is Here: Lets Prepare well for Easter 2017

Please note: No flowers 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!

17th 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. **For our St Patrick's Day cake sale and raffle** – The organisers once again appeal to your usual generosity for lots of cakes for the sale, prizes for the raffle and any unwanted gifts or saleable items, it would be helpful to bring containers for the small cakes. All items can be handed into the Parish office, Thank you very much.

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

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. **Also volunteers needed for Acton Homeless Concern:** Can you spare a few hours a week to help? If you would like to know more please give Ian or Kim a call 020 8992 5768.

Baptism - The next preparation dates are 3rd & 10th of April, start time is 7.30pm, with the welcoming ceremony on 9th April. Baptisms taking place on 30th April. Information is available at the back of the Church. Please note: The classes will take place at No 3 Berrymead Gardens.

The offertory envelope box sets for 2017-18 Start on Sunday 2 April 2017. If you have been donating by envelope or have recently requested to receive a box set,

your brand new box will be ready for collection from Saturday 18th March until Sunday 2nd April. You will find them in the Church, War Memorial side chapel. Thank you.

2nd Collection this week 12th March - CAFOD Family Fast Day Lent Appeal 2017: Envelopes at the back of the church, please do give what you can. Read Florence's story at, <http://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/Lent-Fast-Day>

Haven's Road Catholic Online Radio: Is planning a new series on Poverty. It Plans to produce programmes on such topics as the Hungry; Homeless; Lonely; Sick and Dying those trapped in Debt, to name a few. If you've a story to tell or would like to get involved call 07906073376 or email gerrycoats@blueyonder.co.uk there are a few leaflets at the back of the church. www.havensroadfm.com

Scared Hearts Lay Association: Meets on Wednesday 15th March after 7pm Mass. You are all welcome to come along.

Furniture & Household Items Needed- For young Mother and Child who are moving into an empty flat, if you can help please contact the Parish office, Many thanks.

Come and See - becoming a Permanent Deacon. Men wanting to know more about the permanent diaconate are invited to come to a two hour meeting at St Edward the Confessor, 700 Finchley Rd, Golders Green, NW11 7NE on Saturday 25th March from 10am to 12. Wives welcome. Contact details Deacon Adrian Cullen 07961 594725 or Deacon Anthony 07545 373548.

CAFOD Gap Year Opportunity. Aged 18 – 30 and thinking about taking a gap year? Want to put your faith into action volunteering for a charity? CAFOD's gap year programme is an opportunity to volunteer in the UK, gain experience, and develop leadership skills. Closing date: 19th March <http://cafod.org.uk/Education/CAFOD-Gap-year>.

Vacancies: Parish Administrator - Our Lady of Lourdes, Acton: A Parish Administrator is required to provide administrative support to the parish team. The successful applicant will ideally be a Secretary PA or Administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. Must be a good team player with excellent communication and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel. It is important that you are self-motivated, organised, can multi task and work to deadlines. **Hours of work:** 20 - 25 hours per week. **Salary:** £11-£14 per hour (neg) **Closing date:** Monday 26th March 2017. To apply for this vacancy, please visit <http://rcdow.org.uk/diocese/jobs/>

YOUTH SECTION

'The present and the future of the Church'

Theology of the Body Symposium 19th

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 others.

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/>

