

# Our Lady of Lourdes – Parish Newsletter

## Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017 + EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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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 25<sup>th</sup> February

**7.00pm (Vigil):** Danny Leonard (A-RIP); Teresa Leonard Lyons (A-RIP).

**7.00pm:** Mary & Tommy Mallard (RIP).

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**9.00am:** Holy Souls; Bridie Lawlor (A-RIP); Mary, Tony Bull & Family (INT); The People in the Parish (INT).

**10.30am:** Diego Anthony Rodrigues (RIP); Oliver Gavan (RIP); George O'Connell (2<sup>nd</sup> A-RIP), Puran Sasani (INT).

**12.00pm:** Pauline Mullen (RIP); James Keane (A-RIP); Francis Rodriguez (A-RIP).

**6.00pm:** Olivo, Guilermína, Mario, Maria & José Macedo (RIP); Gill Rodrigues (Thanksgiving); Hayden Rodrigues (INT).

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March : (Lent, Feria)

**10.00am:** Deceased Members of the Railmundo & Jenifer Fernandes Family (RIP); Brenda Monger (Health).

**12.00pm:** Satyabhama Singh (RIP).

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

**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Bridie Lawlor, George O'Connell, James Keane, Francis Rodriguez, Mariano De Almeida, Mary Duggan, Reginaldo Rebelo, John & John Patrick Byron, Jimmy Dennehy and Dan McKenna.

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February: (feria, Eighth week, Year 1)

**7.00am: St Maura (INT)**

**10.00am:** Patrick Hayden (RIP); Mariano De Almeida (A-RIP); Pauline Doherty (Health).

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

### Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February: (Feria)

**7.00am:** Maggie Simeons (RIP); Thanksgiving.

**10.00am:** Angela Cronin (RIP); Mary Duggan (A-RIP); Reginaldo Rebelo (A-RIP); Giovanni Pontearso (B/day- RIP).

**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.

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March: (ASH WEDNESDAY)

**7.00am:** Fr John Leahy ssc (Health).

**10.00am:** Sarah Gibbons (RIP); John & John Patrick Byron (A-RIP); Fr John Leahy ssc (Health).

**7.00pm:** Satyabhama Singh (RIP).

### Collections

The collection last weekend 19th February was £1,712.69 with approx. £800 in standing orders.

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March: (Lent, Feria)

**7.00am:** Tom Gilmartin (RIP); Gladys Braganza (INT).

**10.00am: Funeral of Jacqueline Mary Toledo RIP.**

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March : ( Lent, Women's World Day of Prayer)

**10.00am:** Maggie Simeons (RIP); Sheila Broderick (RIP); Jimmy Dennehy (A-RIP).

### **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.





**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Day of Prayer for Temperance**

Readings

**The first reading** -The prophet Isaiah voices God's promise of remembrance for his people that reaches beyond even a parent's love for their child.

**The second reading** –St Paul warns those who are judging him that no one can judge – even themselves – but God, who judges with love.

**The Gospel** – Jesus challenges his followers to put away anxiety and preoccupation with material things and instead to seek first the things of God and to trust in his mercy and loving care for us. (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.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March:** 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.

**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.

**Members of our parish finance committee** will be speaking at masses during all masses this weekend. The aim is to give you an overview of last year's parish finances and to explain the different ways you can give financially to the work of the parish. All of the people involved in looking after the parish finances give their expertise and time completely free of charge. Thank You.

**Lent is Coming: Lets Prepare well for Easter 2017**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> March is Ash Wednesday:** Remember it is a day of Fast and Abstinence and a great opportunity to express our faith. Masses, with distribution of ashes, at 7am, 10am and 7pm. Don't forget Lent is 40 days of preparation, not a month! Remember too that our celebration after Lent lasts for 50 days (called the Easter Season), and is not just one day!

**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.

**Episcopal ordination of Jean Pierre COTTANCEAU sccc, archbishop of Papeete.** On Friday, February 17 at 7:30

pm, there was a **prayer vigil** at the Cathedral to prepare spiritually for the ordination. The vigil began with Vespers conducted by the parish of the Cathedral. Adoration followed until midnight. In the year and a half since **Jean Pierre Cottanceau sccc** had become Apostolic Administrator of the Archdiocese of Papeete (Tahiti - French Polynesia) we could have begun to despair of ever seeing a bishop named. Indeed, there had been no bishop at the head of the archdiocese for nearly 6 years, and three apostolic administrators have succeeded one another throughout this time! But it is a done deal since the morning of **Saturday February 18, 2017**. Beginning at 8:30 am, more than 1000 choristers from the various parishes of the Archdiocese animated the ordination Mass. To these choristers we must add more than 1500 participants. The church of **Maria No Te Nau** near the archbishopric was not large enough and it was extended by two marquee. The seven concelebrating bishops were welcomed from the podium at the center of the assembly. There were the consecrating bishops: Most Reverend Michel CALVET Archbishop of Noumea who was assisted by Most Reverend Hubert COPPENRATH, Archbishop Emeritus of Papeete, and Most Reverend Pascal CHANG SOI sccc, Bishop of Taiohae

**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/>

