

# Our Lady of Lourdes – Parish Newsletter

## Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2017 + 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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### Vigil Mass Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April

**7.00pm (Vigil):** Naughton & Lynch Family (Int);  
Eamon Diskin (RIP).

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**9.00am:** Tommy Campbell (B/day RIP); Jan Orlinski (RIP); Vujnovic Family (Int).

**10.30am:** Roselyn Lawrence (A/RIP); Stuart Down (RIP); Sebastian Page (Bday/Int); Thanksgiving.

**12.00 noon:** Tom Galvin (A/RIP); Matthew Cahill (RIP); Michael O'Donovan (RIP); Celine McDaid (B/day).

**6.00pm:** Mrs J. Samuels; Ramya (Health).

### Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May: St Joseph the Worker

**7.00am:** Eileen Bradley (Int); Margaret Rose Bennett (Health).

**10.00am:** Dennis Franklin (RIP); Maggie Simeons (RIP); Matthew Cahill (RIP); Anita (Int).

### Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: St Athanasius

**7.00am:** Bernard Campbell (RIP); Holy Souls.

**10.00am:** Joseph Low (A/RIP); Thomas Murphy (RIP); Mary Parkinson (RIP); Holy Souls.

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May: Sts Philip and James, Apostles

**10:00am:** Christopher Moore (A/RIP); Cruz Teireisa (RIP); Anthony & Family (Int).

**7.00pm:** The deceased members of the Campbell & McNicholl Families; Helen and Davy Breslin (Int).

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May: English Martyrs

**7.00am:** Mrs Susan Lennon (RIP); Kevin Hoare (RIP); Mary O'Leary (RIP); Michael Mullen (Int).

**10.00am:** Kathleen Fahey (RIP); Joseph & Family (Int); Patricia Kiernan (Health).

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May: Easter Feria Friday Abstinence

**10.00am:** Edward David Flint (RIP); Patrick Lally (A/RIP); Nathan Louis (A/RIP).

**7.00pm:** Mary Comiskey (Health); Kate Hoare (RIP).

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May: Easter Feria

**10.00am:** Priests living & dead; Living and deceased members of Naughton Family.

**12.00 noon:** Oli Regan (Int); Neasa & Larry Boyle & Family (Int), Enda & Fran Lynch & Family (Int).

**7.00pm (Vigil):** Kieran Murray (RIP); Rita Carr (RIP); Eamon Diskin (RIP), Angela McNamara (4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary RIP); Donagh Ledwith (RIP).

**We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including:** Patrick Lally; Nathan Louis; Joseph Low; Tom Galvin; Roselyn Lawrence.

**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 Orlinski.

**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.

### Collections

Last Sundays Collection amounted to £2093.56

**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 priests, brothers and sisters and an increasing number of lay associate members in over 30 countries throughout the world.

## Understanding the Bible

Today's Catholic is called to take an intelligent, spiritual approach to the bible. Here are 10 points for fruitful Scripture reading.

**Bible reading is for Catholics.** The Church encourages Catholics to make reading the Bible part of their daily prayer lives. Reading these inspired words, people grow deeper in their relationship with God and come to understand their place in the community God has called them to in himself.

**Prayer is the beginning and the end.** Reading the Bible is not like reading a novel or a history book. It should begin with a prayer asking the Holy Spirit to open our hearts and minds to the Word of God. Scripture reading should end with a prayer that this Word will bear fruit in our lives, helping us to become holier and more faithful people.

**Get the whole story! When selecting a Bible, look for a Catholic edition.** A Catholic edition will include the Church's complete list of sacred books along with introductions and notes for understanding the text. A Catholic edition will have an *imprimatur* notice on the back of the title page. An *imprimatur* indicates that the book is free of errors in Catholic doctrine.

**The Bible isn't a book. It's a library.** The Bible is a collection of 73 books written over the course of many centuries (Do you know why the Protestant Bible only has 66 books? Did we Catholics add the others? Of course not, but that is what some people will tell you!!!). The books include royal history, prophecy, poetry, challenging letters to struggling new faith communities, and believers' accounts of the preaching and passion of Jesus. Knowing the genre of the book you are reading will help you understand the literary tools the author is using and the meaning the author is trying to convey.

**Know what the Bible is – and what it isn't.** The Bible is the story of God's relationship with the people he has called to himself. It is not intended to be read as history text, a science book, or a political manifesto. In the Bible, God teaches us the truths that we need for the sake of our salvation.

**The sum is greater than the parts.** Read the Bible in context. What happens before and after – even in other books – helps us to understand the true meaning of the text.

**The Old relates to the New.** The Old Testament and the New Testament shed light on each other. While we read the Old Testament in light of the death and resurrection of Jesus, it has its own value as well. Together, these testaments help us to understand God's plan for human beings.

**You do not read alone.** By reading and reflecting on Sacred Scripture, Catholics join those faithful men and women who have taken God's Word to heart and put it into practice in their lives. We read the Bible within the tradition of the Church to benefit from the holiness and wisdom of all the faithful.

**What is God saying to me?** The Bible is not addressed only to long-dead people in a faraway land. It is addressed to each of us in our own unique situations. When we read, we need to understand what the text says and how the faithful have understood its meaning in the past. In light of this understanding, we then ask: What is God saying to me?

**Reading isn't enough.** If Scripture remains just words on a page, our work is not done. We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "living and effective." (Hebrews 4:12).

## More Hearts Needed

**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 sccc, Congregation of the Sacred Hearts, 27 Northbrook Road, Ranelagh, Dublin 6, Ireland or he can be contacted on email at [ssccdublin@sacredhearts.ie](mailto:ssccdublin@sacredhearts.ie)

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

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

**Confirmation:** The next meeting is on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> May at 3pm with Bishop John Wilson.

**Catechists Conference:** The Conference takes place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> May. Mass celebrated by Fr John Hemer, MHM, at 10am followed by First Saturday Holy Hour. See [www.ourladyoffatima.biz](http://www.ourladyoffatima.biz) or call 02087438334 for more info.

**Thank You:** For all the prayers and good wishes for Fr John who remains in hospital in South London undergoing further tests and investigations.

**Congratulations:** to Selam and Simon who were married in this Church on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017. It was wonderful to see the colour and vibrancy of the Eritrean Community.

**First Friday:** Friday the 5<sup>th</sup> May is the First Friday of the month.

**All Night Vigil:** Next Friday is the first Friday and the all-night Vigil will take place as usual with Mass at 11pm and concluding with Mass at 4am. All welcome.

**Bank Holiday Weekend:** We pray that you will all have a safe and pleasant Bank Holiday weekend. Please note that Mass on 1<sup>st</sup> May is at 10am only.

**Young (and Young at heart!) Peoples Corner Spirit in the City.** A festival of Hope, in Leicester Square on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June. Theatre, Music, Workshops, Prayer and Talks! Check out posters and flyers at the back of the Church.  
**Brightlights:** An annual Festival for Catholics aged 16-30 taking place June 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> at Alton Castle in Staffordshire.