

Our Lady of Lourdes - Parish Newsletter

Sunday 27th December 2009

No. 53 of 2009

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MASS TIMES: (Vigil Saturday 7.00pm) – Sundays – 9.00am, 10.30am, 12.00pm, 6.00pm
Weekdays: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday – 7.00am and 10.00am
Wednesday and Friday – 10.00am and 7.00pm
Saturday – 10.00am and 12.00pm



Acton Homeless Concern

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Mass Intentions 19th December – 27th December 2009

Saturday 19th December

10.00am James Griffin – (Anniversary)
12.00pm Julian Castillo – (RIP)
7.00pm Michael Nevin – (RIP)

Sunday 20th December

9.00am Michael Morrison – (Anniversary)
10.30am Jean Monger – (RIP)
12.00pm Lionel Cutter – (Anniversary)
6.00pm Jo Stewart – (RIP)

Monday 21st December

7.00am Evelyn Benjamin – (RIP)
10.00am Patrick & Bridget Coyne – (Ann)

Tuesday 22nd December

7.00am Evelyn Benjamin – (RIP)
10.00am William Brown - Funeral

Wednesday 23rd December

10.00am Deceased members of the Moore & Nagle
Families – (RIP)
7.00pm Charles Murphy – (Ann)

Thursday 24th December

10.00am Pauline Reilly – (RIP)
6.00pm Joan Foley – (Intention)
8.00pm People of the Parish

Midnight Mass

Peter & Eileen Bradley & Family – (Intention)

Friday 25th December

9.00am People of the Parish
10.30am McGilligan & Flanagan Families – (RIP)
12.00pm Holy Souls

Saturday 26th December

10.00am Margaret Dunne – (Anniversary)
12.00pm Pat Gilmartin – (RIP)
7.00pm Deha & Thomas Farragher
Mary Kelly - (RIP)

Sunday 27th December

9.00am Patrick Naughton – (Anniversary)
10.30am Peter & Kay Byrne – (Anniversary)
12.00pm Alexander Morris – (RIP)
6.00pm People of the Parish

Reconciliation (confession):

Saturday 10.30am, 12.30pm and 6.00pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

There will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
for one hour on:

Monday: 11.45am - 12.45pm

Tue, Wed, Thurs and Sat: 10.30am - 11.30am

Friday – (All Day): 10.30am - 6.30pm

Sunday: 7.00pm - 8.00pm

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Monday 21st December 8.00pm – Reconciliation Service

Thursday 24th December – Christmas Eve

Mass at 10.00am

Children's Mass at 6.00pm

Vigil Mass at 8.00pm

Carol Service at 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass

Friday 25th December – Christmas Day

Masses at 9.00am, 10.30am and 12 noon

No evening mass on Christmas Day

**Please pick up a leaflet from the table in the porch for
further Mass times during Christmas and New Year**

Readings for the week:

Sunday 20 December

Micah 5:1-4
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

Monday 21 December

Song of Songs 2:8-14
Luke 1:39-45

Tuesday 22 December

1 Samuel 1:24-28
Luke 1:46-56

Wednesday 23 December

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24
Luke 1:57-66

Thursday 24 December

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12.14.16
Luke 1:67-79

Midnight Mass

Isaiah 9:1-7

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

Friday 25 December

Isaiah 52:7-1

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

Saturday 26 December

Acts 6:8-10,7:54-59
Matthew 10:17-22



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Please pray for those who have died recently, including: Maurice White, Michael Conlin, Antoun Narouz, Sheila Morrissey, Elizabeth Waldron, William Brown, John McKeigue, Hugh Rooney

THERE WILL NOW BE A CHILDRENS MASS AT 6.00PM ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Archbishops Vincent Nicholls

Please pray for Archbishop Vincent who celebrates his 40th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood on Monday 21 December. He will mark this by celebrating Mass with retired priests and the community at St Anne's Home, Stoke Newington. I now he would appreciate it if the people of the parishes and communities of the Diocese, remember him in your prayers over the weekend 19/20 December and, of course, on 21 December.

We are looking for people to become Confirmation Catechists. Please contact the Parish office with your name.

RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation is for adults who wish to become full members of the Catholic church the RCIA group meets on Wednesdays at 7.30pm at No.5 Berrymead Gardens. Come along and see.

Adult Confirmation or Communion – Some of our parishioners may have missed confirmation or communion at the usual age. This sometimes happens because of illness, moving house, changing schools and any other reasons. If you are one of these people and you would no like to receive the sacrament of confirmation or communion, please come along to the above RCIA meeting.

Carol Singing – Please meet at Sycamore Lodge on Monday 21st at 3.00pm

Repository – The repository will be open today after 9.00am and 10.30am mass

Red Boxes – There are still some to be collected please. Thank you for those handed in.

Offertory Collection

If you do not use Offertory envelopes each week, please consider doing so. For every £1.00 you give Our Lady of Lourdes, we can claim 25p tax back from the government. This can be done either by envelope or direct debit. Last year we were able to claim £13945.80 back in tax, but there was approximately £11000.00 that we were unable to claim for. feel you can help, please contact the parish office on 020 8992 2014.

Offertory

The offertory collection for Sunday 13th December amounted to £2083.63

Many thanks for your contributions.

Please pray for peoples anniversaries that occur at this time, including: Vicky Lopez, Anias Manufor, Stephen Manufor,

Please pray for those who are sick in our parish, including: Frank Comiskey, Patrick Hayden, Beatrice Manufor, Kathleen O'Brien, Paddy Doyle, Liam Rooney, John (Connie) O'Sullivan, Ruben Noel, Geraldine Powell, Denise Buckley, Ralph Lurshay, Mona Questier, Eddie Phelan, Sean Codrington-Lambert, Hazel Baker

Catholic Newspapers - are available on the table at the back of the church. Please put money into the box in the porch. Price £1.20

Youth 2000 – are holding a prayer festival, devotion@balham on Tuesday 29th Dec-Friday 1st January 2010. It will be held at Holy Ghost, Nightingale Square, Balham. Please see poster in porch

LIFE Group – are always in need of baby clothing, cots, prams, etc etc. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

CRIB Appeal 2009

At Christmas time, it is a common practice to give friends and family members presents as tokens of love and Friendship, but rarely to alleviate real need. However the true essence of a Christmas gift is to make a real and profound difference in the lives of others, while leaving them with their dignity.

Every year the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) encounters thousands of cases of children and families throughout the Diocese who encounter difficulties. Staff at our Family Centres help parents to find and apply for suitable training courses and by helping them to fill out application forms.

This Christmas, by using the Society as your intermediary, you have an opportunity to capture the spirit of the season by making a Crib Offering to help children and families of the Diocese who need your help. Please be as generous as you can because your support changes lives

The Giving Tree -The Giving Tree at the front of the church has gift tags attached to it. If you can, take one or more and add to your shopping list this week. Gifts can then be left at the tree during mass. Otherwise please leave them in at the presbytery. Food donations are made into hampers for the poor. If you know of anyone in need of a hamper, please let Avril in the parish office know.

