

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

28th January - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Fiona Kennedy RIP
9.30 a.m. MASS - Davis/Docherty families
11.30 a.m. MASS - Mary Wood RIP
6.30 p.m. MASS - People of Parish

Monday 29th January

9.00 a.m. MASS - Chindji family INT

Tuesday 30th January

9.00 a.m. MASS - Margaret Maskey & family INT

Wednesday 31st January St John Bosco

9.00 a.m. MASS - Ashley Francis INT

Thursday 1st February

NO MORNING MASS

Friday 2nd February Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)

9.00 a.m. MASS - Kenneth Winger RIP

Saturday 3rd February St Anne Line

NO MORNING MASS

10.00 a.m. -11.00a.m. Confessions

6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - Hilary Sheehy RIP

Sunday 4th February - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 a.m. MASS - Marie Linehan RIP
11.30 a.m. MASS - Mary Gardener RIP
6.30 p.m. MASS - People of Parish

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Racial Justice Sunday

28th January 2024

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY This year's theme is: *"Seeing one another in the life of the Church."* It is important to recognise that we are all children of God, regardless of our race and background. For more information go to www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/

There will be a retiring collection at the end of Mass today to support the continued work for racial justice within the Church and beyond.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD ON FRIDAY 2 FEBRUARY commemorates how Jesus, as a baby, was presented to God in the Temple in Jerusalem. This presentation finds its complete and perfect fulfillment in the mystery of the passion, death and Resurrection of the Lord. The Feast is also known as *Candlemas* as Christ is the light of all nations.

Although we were officially presented to God on the day of our Baptism, we present ourselves on the altar before God our Father through our Saviour Jesus Christ at every Holy Mass. Hence, we need to live our daily lives with the awareness both that we are dedicated people consecrated to God and that we, like Simon and Anna, are called to become instruments the Holy Spirit uses to make Christ known to others.

If you have candles at home that you use for religious purposes, you might like to have them blessed at the Morning Mass that day. Alternatively, consider taking the time to read the Gospel account of the Presentation Luke 2; 22-35 or pray a decade of the Rosary, focusing on the fourth joyful mystery.

CHOOSE A CHARITY The Parish Social Committee does remarkable work putting on social events that give opportunities for the parish to come together and build bonds of friendship which are essential for the future growth of any community. These events also raise money for the continued running and maintenance of the Parish Centre. Last year, the incredible sum of £12,503.65 was raised through these social events. *A sincere thank you to everyone involved in any way.*

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ADORATION takes place on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

MORNING FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION are commissioned for the primary role of assisting the priest with the distribution of Holy Communion. Some Ministers will also take Holy Communion to any sick or housebound members of our parish family. But being a Minister of Holy Communion should not be considered as a practical function.

Ministers of Holy Communion have a great contribution to make in assisting the assembly to receive Holy Communion reverently and fruitfully. They do this through the witness of their own lives and by the reverence they show for this Sacrament of Christ's love for us.

On *Saturday 24th February 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon*, there will be a morning of formation and reflection for our present Ministers of Holy Communion in order to help them reflect a little more deeply on their role and to consider some practical questions. The morning will be led by Fr Gary Dench, the Diocesan Director of Liturgy, and Fr Martin. If you are a Minister of Holy Communion, please make a special effort to attend this morning and make a note of this date.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM marks the beginning of a child's relationship with Christ. This is also an opportunity for parents to thank God for the gift of their child and to strengthen or rekindle their own relationship with Christ by the practice of their faith, that is, by coming into Christ's presence at the celebration of Sunday Mass.

If you wish to have your child baptised, please phone the parish office and register for the next two formation sessions. You will be asked to confirm that, at least, one parent is a Catholic and that you are living in the parish. Parents must attend both formation sessions. The next sessions will be held on *7th and 14th March 2024*, starting promptly at 8 p.m. Please note that this formation is for the parents of babies, including those babies not yet born. If your child is 7 or over, they will have to be prepared in an alternative age appropriate way.

Please support these events and consider supporting the Social Committee by offering a little of your time and talents in helping them run these events, e.g., by helping to set up for an event or clear away afterwards, by selling raffle tickets at the end of the Mass you attend, etc., If you want to find out more, please contact Natasha on 07977 863362.

At the last meeting of the Social Committee, it was decided that 25 percent of all profits from these events would be donated to one local charity that the parish will support throughout the year.

Would you like to nominate a charity for consideration? If so, please forward details of the charity with as much information as possible about the work that they do. For example, if the charity has a website, please forward its link. *The deadline for nominations is Sunday 18th February*. After this date, the Social Committee will consider the nominations and recognizing the value of all charities, select one charity that we will support in this way.

THANK YOU for your most generous response to the recent collection for Peace Sunday to support the work of *Pax Christi*. The parish raised the sum of £713.21. www.paxchristi.org.uk

EASTER NEWSLETTER COMPETITION is open to any school children or students at secondary schools. Do you enjoy drawing or painting? Would you like to design the cover for the front of the Easter Newsletter of Our Lady of Lourdes Church? Your design would be seen by hundreds of people and be posted on social media. There will also be prizes for our favourite three pictures: First prize: £50 Second Prize: £30 and third Prize: £20 All entries will be displayed in the Church on Easter Sunday.

If you are interested, we are looking for colourful, inspiring and imaginative pictures that tell us something about Jesus rising from the dead. Please use a piece of A4 paper using portrait layout.

Please make sure that you put your name, age and a contact email address/telephone number on the back of your picture so

that we can contact you if you win a prize. Please note that entries cannot be returned to the artist. **Deadline for entries Sunday 17th March.**

PLEASE NOTE that this Tuesday 30th January, there will be a 9.00 a.m. Mass. However, there will be no 9.00 a.m. Mass this Thursday 1st February.

THE LAETARE (REJOICE) WEEKEND 8th March - 10th March at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Laetare Sunday falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent. During the midst of the austere and penitential season of Lent, we are reminded to Rejoice! *Laetare!*

But what are we to rejoice in? This weekend will be led by members of the Sion community and will provide an opportunity for our parish community to come together in Christ's presence to reflect on where our joy is to be found and how that joy may attract others at the margins of our community or, indeed, far from our parish family back into the warm embrace of Christ.

The essential mission of the Church is to evangelize, “[to] proclaim the good news of salvation to all, generate new creatures in Christ through Baptism, and train them to live knowingly as children of God.” The mission of the Church is to make the Kingdom of God present in our world, guiding people to friendship with Christ, to the communion of love with the Lord who is the true light in our lives.

St Pope John Paul II says that the new evangelization “calls for the involvement of the entire People of God, and requires a new fervour, new methods and a new expression for the announcing and witnessing of the Gospel.” Our parish is called to embrace this impulse of missionary transformation.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, the *Laetare weekend* will allow us to reflect on the ways that we can live in Christ and make known God's grace to people beyond the walls of the church.

The weekend will begin with a simple community supper on *Friday 8th March* followed by Stations of the Cross, led by members of the Sion Community.

On the morning of *Saturday 9th March*, there will be a working breakfast where we will be able to reflect on those areas of our parish life that need attention if our community is to have a more missionary outlook.

During that afternoon, the Church will be open and set up with Prayer Stations in the Church where people will be able to pray alone or with someone else. In the hall, there will be refreshments and activities for our children and their families. The afternoon will conclude before the evening Mass with a special Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

The Sion community will lead the music at Masses this weekend and the children's liturgy. More details to follow, but do make a note of the dates of the parish mission.

Would you like to be involved in preparing for this weekend?

We need as much help as possible if the weekend is to run smoothly and attract people through the doors of our community. This will also be a way for you to contribute to the life and mission of the community and get to know other parishioners.

If you are interested, there will be an informal meeting on *Saturday 17th February* 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. to discuss the weekend. Just come along. All are very welcome.

THE BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL is the place of repose for the Holy Eucharist—the True Presence of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is a place where we genuflect before the Blessed Sacrament; a physical recognition that we are in the presence of the living God.

This chapel allows individuals to spend time before Jesus in a quiet atmosphere, allowing for contemplative prayer and, if we wish, lighting candles while offering our own needs and the needs of our world to Jesus, the light of the world.