

Parish Lottery Winners

Saturday 16th December 2023 Week No: 03 Bonus Ball: 08 Thunder Ball: 06
 £150 will be divided between: L Dalton, M Talbot, T Bradley, T Charlton (each receive £37.50) There was no winner of the Thunder Ball. Amount to be won next week £300.

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre

Christmas and New Year opening

Christmas Eve: 12 noon - 4pm 6pm - 11pm

Christmas Day: 12pm - 3pm (last orders 2.45pm)

Boxing Day: 7pm - 12 Midnight (Little Jimmy 8pm)

Wednesday 27th: 7pm - 11pm

Thursday 28th: Closed

Friday 29th: 6pm - 12 Midnight

Saturday 30th: Private Party

New Year's Eve: 7pm til late Live Music The McGraths (tickets £5)

New Year's Day: Closed

The Centre is available for

Funeral Wakes, Baptism Celebrations, Charity Events, Weddings, Birthday parties etc.

To book contact Parish Centre 07434 667695 or 0121 443 2199 follow us on

<https://www.facebook.com/ololparishcentre>

Prayer for those grieving at Christmas

Lord, not everyone feels joyful at this season. So many have lost loved ones during the year, and in many places, the winter cold blows its bitter winds into lonely hearts. This Christmas we pray for those who are grieving losses. Memories of happy times with loved ones in the past can send a rush of tears to those whose arms ache with emptiness. Lord, dry those tears

with Your sweet words of comfort and cheer. Turn their sorrow into joy as only You can do. May the joy of Your birth and the good news of Your coming to earth as the Saviour of the world cushion their grief this Christmas and bring peace to those who need it most. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.
(taken from Intercom Magazine)



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Fourth Sunday of Advent & Christmas Day

24th/25th December 2023



Masses this Week

Sat 23rd Dec	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Gerard McAuley (L/D)
Sun 24th Dec	9.00am	Fourth Sunday of Advent	Sean Callaghan RIP John O'Neill (L/D) Hughie O'Neill RIP
	11.00am		People of the Parish
Sun 24th Dec	5.00pm	Vigil of the Solemnity of the Nativity	Bridie Green (1st Anniv) Mick Sweeney (Anniv) Freda & Michael Keady RIP
Christmas Eve	7.30pm		Catherine Kenny, Fr Joe Taaffe, Canon Peter McKenna Maisie Catlow RIP (Birthday) Eddie Street RIP Caroline Power (Anniv)
Mon 25th Dec	9.00am	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	Michael McAvinney & dec'd of O'Connor family Ina Glennon RIP Bridget & William Kearns Martin Ryan RIP Ann O'Brien (1st Anniv)
Christmas Day	11.00am		Mary McCarron RIP Helen Wallace RIP Tom O'Donnell (Anniv) John Duffy (Anniv) Mary, Pakie, Joe Duffy RIP
Tue 26th Dec	10.00am	Feast of St Stephen	Stephen Flaherty RIP (Birthday)
Wed 27th Dec	10.00am	Feast of St John	People of Parish
Thu 28th Dec	10.00am	Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs	Mary Callaghan Birthday Intention
Fri 29th Dec	10.00am	St Thomas Becket	Eamon Murphy (1st Anniv)
Sat 30th Dec	10.00am		People of the Parish
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Peter Reilly (Anniv) George McDonnell & dec'd of family Paddy Maleady Bridget & Bertie O'Beirne Sr Mary Roache & dec'd of Roache & Tunney families
Sun 31st Dec	9.00am	Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	Annie & Michael O'Sullivan (Anniv)
	11.00am		Patrick Duffy (Anniv) Maggie Maguire RIP Catherine & Patrick Kelly RIP Crehan family Ints Kelly Cassidy 40th Birthday Intention

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Response to Psalm:

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the handmaid of the Lord:
let what you have said be done to me.
Alleluia!



Fr Sean, Deacon Tim and the Parish Sister's
Wish you all a Holy, Joyous & Peaceful Christmas
& New Year

Fourth Sunday of Advent

symbolizes **Love**. The four candles will be lit on our Advent wreath and we will have a full circle of light. The Lord brings the light of love to his people by sending His only Son to earth for our salvation.

Collection at all Christmas Masses will be your Christmas gift to Fr Sean. Envelopes are available at the back of church.

Times of Masses at Christmas

Christmas Eve Mass

5.00pm (family Mass) & 7.30pm

Christmas Day

9.00am & 11.00am

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family

A Pastoral Letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley will be read at all Masses.

Masses during the week will be at 10.00am.

There will be no Adoration on Saturday

Crib Offerings will go to Father Hudson's Society and Friends of the Holy Land.

New Year's Eve Dance

at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre. Live music 'The McGrath's' tickets available £5.

Next Baptism Preparation Meeting

Tuesday 4th February at 7.30pm in the church. **There will not be a meeting in January.**

SVP next Meeting will be on Monday 15th January at 7.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room. **SVP Contact number** 07949854349.

Bible Alive Jan/Feb edition now available at the church porch reduced cost £2.00.

The Catholic Post Newspaper please take a free copy from the church porch.

Year of Prayer In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope', 2024 has been designated a Year of Prayer (started this Advent) by Pope Francis. There is a particular focus on the *Our Father*, and this presents us with a great opportunity to go back to the basics of prayer.

Every Catholic is encouraged to reflect on their life of prayer: what they pray, how they pray and why they pray. This is for two reasons:

- 1 To encourage Catholics to deepen their prayer life and love of God;
 - 2 For each Catholic to help at least one other person to pray during the Year of Prayer.
- The 2025 Jubilee Year will begin on Christmas Eve 2024 with the opening of the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, Rome.

Pray for the sick - Margaret Barron, Pat Berns, Eddie Byrne, Rita Carroll, Giovanna Casserley, Isabelle Chester, Pat Clarke, Jennifer Cox, Ann Desmond, Bridget Doherty, Owen Dolan, Josie Douglas, Michael Doyle, Owen Dunne, Amber Durrant, Noah Edwards, Philomena Egan, Mary (Ria) Finglas, Tom Finnerty, Margaret Flavin, Mary Fleming, Patricia Freeman, Christopher Geraghty, Mary Gilligan, Chloe Glendall, Bryan Grogan, Carmel Haines, Martina Hand, Patrick Harte, Dan Healy, Baby Heyaan Heath, Finbar Herron, Anne Holland, Ray Holton, Norman Huddleday, Jason Hughes, Marie Hume, Michael Kilgallen, Brian Kirk, Barbara Kopieczek, Maureen Maloney, Adrian Mannion, Mary Mazurkiewicz, Eugene McCarthy, Helena McCaughey, Gemma McGeown, Francis McGillion, Pat McGlone, Kathleen McHale, John McNicholas, Danny Mulholland, James Murphy, John Murphy, Denis Murray, Michael Noga, Siobhan O'Connell, Patricia O'Donnell, Margaret O'Grady, Baby John Thomas O'Neill, Mary Pender, John Quinn, John Shryane, Ian Smith, Simon Spillane, Mary Spratt, Julie Swinscoe, Nadine Terry, Vincent Tierney, Baby Daisy Williams

Lately Dead:



Geraldine Browne (Anita Stone Court) Requiem Friday 5th January at 10.45am

Peggy Byrne (Connaught Nursing Home) Requiem Monday 8th January at 11.00am

Madge Gargan (Barton Croft) Requiem Tuesday 9th January at 10.00am Reception 8th at 6.00pm

Kieran Lavin (Gracemere Crescent) Requiem Friday 12th January at 10.00am Reception 11th 7.00pm

Patricia Connolly (Westridge Road) Funeral at Robin Hood Crematorium Monday 15th January at 11.30am

John Morgan (Selby Grove) **Celia Ward** (Westridge Road)



Anniversaries: 24th Dec - 30th Dec 2013 - 2023: Mick Sweeney, Anne O'Brien, David Lawrence, Sean Reilly, Nancy Duggan, Raymond Golden, Christopher McGillen, Edward McKenna, Ivy Johnson, Peter Reilly, Tony Seeney, Billy White, Eamon Murphy, Mary Desmond, Nora Walsh

Readers	Weekend 24th December	Weekend 31st December
6.00pm	E Flaherty, E Evans, G Evans	H Dalzell, E Dalzell
9.00am	B Martin, E Bailey, C McCann	A Carbery, Z Parker
11.00am	E Keating, R Wood	S Harkin, P Stephens
Ministers 6pm	P Keane, M Moran	P Keane, Y Brennan
9.00am	D Ryan, A Okonkwo, D Macaulay	A Hunt, T Kenna, P Fitzpatrick
11.00am	Sr Clarissa, J Duggan, E Keating	Sr Clarissa, B Wood, K Price
Minibus Driver	No minibus	No minibus
Counting	No counting	No counting
Church Cleaning	Thursday 3rd January 9.30am	Saturday 12th January 8.30am
	Team C: J Cunningham, F Rotherham, M Nguyen	Team A: S McGrath, P & C McDonald, A Treacy, C Hayden, E Sullivan

Webcam - Live Streaming www.ourladyoflourdesbirmingham.co.uk click on 'Watch Church Webcam' this will take you straight to the page or go to **MCN Media**, click on England, then West Midlands then Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Marie Sullivan and Lorraine Freeman. They can be contacted at: sg.ourladyoflourdes.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.