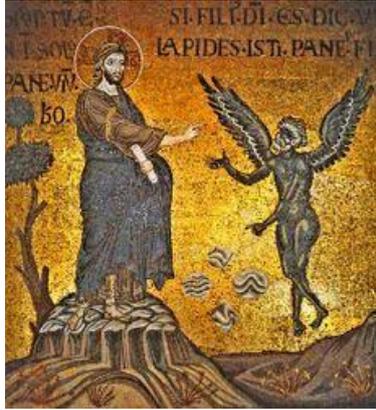


# Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Wanstead

First Sunday of Lent (B) - Newsletter

21<sup>st</sup> February 2021



"Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him."

Fr Patrick Sammon & Fr Adrian Lowe

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Dear Parishioners

On Ash Wednesday Christians all over the world began the season of Lent. The word Lent originally meant Springtime, so we can experience it as a springtime of the spirit. It is a time to spring clean our spiritual life.

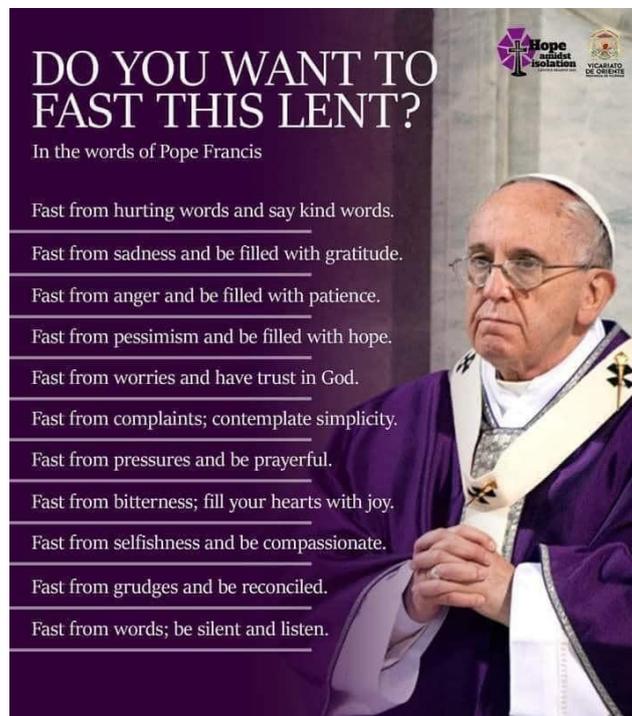
Lent should help us all to discern where we stand in relation to God and our neighbour. The ancient practices to help us do this were

Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving. This has not changed down the years. The call to fast invites us to focus on affairs of the spirit rather than the body. The call to almsgiving makes us focus on our neighbours needs rather than our own. The call to prayer nourishes our relationship with God and especially with Jesus in his passion.

The 40 days of Lent call to mind the period of time Jesus spent in the desert. For some it is also a reminder of the 40 hours he spent on the Cross.

You may wish to come to daily 9am Mass, pray the Rosary or Stations of the Cross online or join our Lent Faith talks on Zoom. Whatever way you decide to mark Lent in your life is fine but do not let this lovely season pass by without marking it in some spiritual way.

Pope Francis makes the following suggestions.



God Bless you and yours during this holy season.

Fr. Pat. Fr Adrian  
(07856937875)



Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	8am Christine Mansell RIP 9.30am Kate Hayes RIP  11.30am Sheila Pencoed RIP  6.30pm Intentions Carina Kennedy
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	9am Patrick Donohue RIP
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	9am Holy Souls
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	 9am Tony Donnell RIP
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	9am Brother Hugh Davies RIP
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> February	9am Private Intention
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	9am Stella Larkin RIP  6.30pm People of Parish
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	8am Private Intention 9.30am Michael Reddan RIP  11.30am Kate Hayes RIP  6.30pm Clary Porter RIP.
 Live streamed Masses are via our YouTube Channel at <a href="http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11">http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11</a>	

**PLEASE REMEMBER** your face coverings when attending Mass and to sanitise your hands on your arrival and as you leave the church. If you have the NHS COVID 19 app on your smartphone, please scan the church QR code every time you visit the church.

**RIP** David Coote      Our sympathy and prayers to his family.  
Funeral arrangements later.

Iris Finney      Our sympathy and prayers to her family.

## **FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Pat Hetherington      Reception of body into Church 6pm 1st March.  
Funeral Mass 9am Tuesday 2nd March.

Gerard Crosby          Funeral Mass 3rd March 10.30am.

Iris Finney              Funeral Mass 25<sup>th</sup> March 2pm

Our condolence and prayers to the families and friends of the deceased. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

**PRAYERS PLEASE** This week can we pray for all whose anniversary of death occurs this week, for the sick and housebound, for all in our nursing and care homes, for those in hospital and all NHS staff, for our schools staff and pupils, and for all who have asked for the prayers of the community.

**THE ROSARY** lead by members of the parish community will be uploaded to the Parish YouTube Channel at 8pm every Wednesday during Lent.

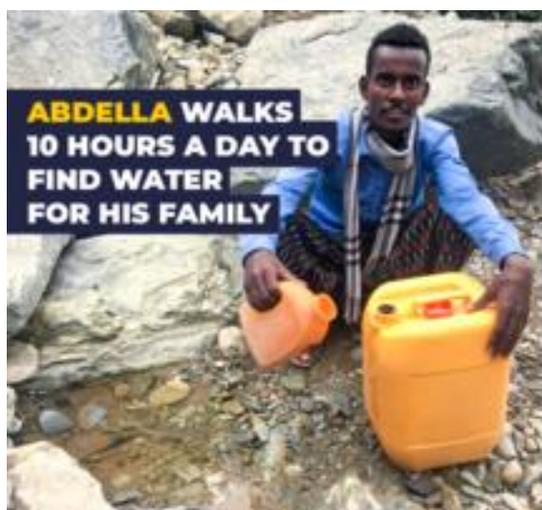
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be uploaded to the Parish YouTube Channel at 8pm every Friday during Lent.

**LENT COURSE** – The first session of this year's Lent Course will be held on Tuesday 23 February on 8pm on THE EXISTENCE OF GOD via Zoom – if you are interested in joining and haven't registered please email the parish office at: [wanstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:wanstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**CAFOD Lenten Fast Day Friday 26th February** Access to clean water is a basic human right for everyone. You can make a real difference to the world's poorest people by donating to CAFOD this Lent. Please leave your donation on Sunday 28th February in the collection baskets. Envelopes are available in the Church porch. Alternatively, you can give direct online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/> or text

LENT to 70460 to donate £10. Further details at;

[https://youtu.be/x8NOXN45t\\_A](https://youtu.be/x8NOXN45t_A)



To help people like Abdella

**Text LENT to**

**70460**

to donate £10 to  
CAFOD's Lent Appeal

**Or visit**

**[cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give)**

**CAFOD**  
Catholic Agency for  
Overseas Development

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER** - Friday March 5 at 10am The Parish of Wanstead this year is providing the World Day of Prayer service on-line. The service this year, entitled 'Build on a Strong Foundation' has been prepared by the women of Vanuatu which is an archipelago of eighty islands on the other side of the world in the South Pacific, two thousand miles east of Australia. Please bring your own stone to the service.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85203448517?pwd=MWsxMGIjTIJXREJLYWtRTDVicXoxdz09>

Meeting ID: 852 0344 8517

Passcode: 838205

If using a phone only then dial: 0203 051 2874 or 0203 481 5237 (you then enter meeting id and passcode when requested, each followed by #)

**LEARNING FROM COVID:** Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ of Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, will lead a livestreamed study day on Saturday 6th March from 11 am, on the topic 'Learning from Covid: church, state and a better future'. The study day is organised by Gidea Park parish. Free access to the live event will be available on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and a recording subsequently on the same website.



The London Jesuit Centre is a new venture offering retreats, events, courses, and training in Theology, Spirituality, and in issues of Social & Environmental Justice. We are recruiting to the team for Easter or Summer 2021.

[londonjesuitcentre.org](http://londonjesuitcentre.org)

**Theology Lead**

**Social & Environmental Justice Lead**

**Spirituality Team (2 posts)**

Application deadline  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**Act NOW and stop 'DIY' abortions being made permanent** As you are likely already aware, the UK Government has temporarily allowed home abortions.

Since home abortions were temporarily allowed, as has been reported extensively in the media, a number of significant problems have put the lives and health of many women in danger.

The UK Government has launched a consultation on whether to make permanent the current temporary arrangement allowing ‘DIY’ home abortions. The consequences of this measure would be devastating to the care and protection of both unborn babies and their mothers. It is vital that as many people as possible take part to ensure the voices of the most vulnerable are heard.

Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. If you would like to take part and make a submission to this consultation before it closes at 11:59pm on 26 February 2021, you can do so by visiting the link below. It only takes 2 minutes!

<https://righttolife.org.uk/ukconsultation>

**CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS:** at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to [www.thecatholicuniverse.com](http://www.thecatholicuniverse.com) or call them on 0161 820 5722.

SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS :- £25.00

SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months:- £99.00

DIGITAL COPY:- 12 Months: £55.00

OR

DIGITAL COPY/AND HARD COPY FOR:- £115.00 (EASTER SPECIAL OFFER)

**PARISH FINANCES** Contributions to the parish can be made via a page on the Brentwood Diocesan website at:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=wanstead>  
or by scanning our QR and selecting “General code with your smartphone Offertory”.



You can, if you prefer, make a payment directly into the parish bank account using online banking. You will need to set up the OLOL Wanstead Parish as a payee on your online banking app or internet page.

The Parish Bank details are as follows:

<b>Account Name:</b>	<i>Catholic Church Wanstead Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
<b>Sort Code:</b>	<i>40-13-22</i>
<b>Account number:</b>	<i>71018973</i>