

Our Lady of Lourdes Wanstead

Sixth Sunday of Easter Newsletter

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16th / 17th May 2020

Dear Parishioners,

Fulfilling Dreams

*Often your tasks will be many
And more than you think you can do,
Often the road will be rugged
And the hills insurmountable too.*

*But always remember, the hills ahead
Are never as steep as they seem,
And with Faith in your heart start upward
And climb 'til you reach your dream.*

*For nothing in life that is worthy
Is ever too hard to achieve,
If you have the courage to try it
And you have the faith to believe.*

*For faith is a force that is greater
Than knowledge or power or skill,
And many defeats turn to triumph*

If you trust in God's wisdom and will.

*For faith is a mover of mountains,
There's nothing that God cannot do,
So start out today with faith in your heart
And climb 'till your dreams come true!*

Masses Intentions this week:

Monday 18th May	Mass Holy Souls, Time to be confirmed 3.15pm Funeral service Hilary Joseph RIP, Manor Park Cemetery
Tuesday 19th May	Mass Brian McCafferty RIP, Time to be confirmed 9.15am Funeral service Henriette Thomas RIP, City Of London
Wednesday 20th May	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer 9am Mass Holy Souls 10am Funeral service Angelina Alvarado RIP, Manor Park
Thursday 21st May	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer 9am Mass William and Madge Fowler RIP
Friday 22nd May	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer 9am Mass Deceased Members Stackerd Family
Saturday 23rd May	8.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Morning Prayer 9am Holy Souls Mass
Sunday 24th May	11am Mass Carmel Benson RIP Mass Live Streamed on the Parish YouTube Channel

Pray for the Sick

Denis Raines, Katie Cox, Peter Hain, Mrs Crolley, Carl Dean, Robert Britt-Hazard, Mary Martin, Mrs Carldan, Pat Hetherington, Julia Taylor, Christopher Browne, Justina Paul, Maureen Walker, Gerald Foreman, Mary O’Riordan, Grace Smith, James McGovern, Pauline McKenna, Ann Silcock, Katharine Bramwell, Norma Cohen-Johnson, Connor Colgan, Bridie Connolly, Simon Griffith, Mary Oldcorn, William Roche, Glafira D’Souza, Prem Kumar Menon, Sister Bernadette, Violet Rutledge, Mary P Sullivan, Peter Fagan, Edgar De Souza, Christopher Gillham, Bridget Hughes, Tess Doyle, Tracie Jones, John Dimoni.

RIP Anniversaries

Ethel James, Gerald O’Shaughnessy, William Kirk, Henry Gerrish, Jessie Lamb, Mary Brereton, Clement Horton, Eileen Warren, Angela Tapper, Brian Evans, Lily Mahon, Tim Noonan. Maire Cable, Gary Lestrade, Christopher Redmond, Charles Hardy Alice Stammers, Adelina Binks, Brendan Leslie, Winifred Finnimore, Mary Kirvan, Edward Zamett, Madge Fowler, Jose Maria D.Souza, Olive Stout, Diana Grant Somers

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Price

Parish Finances

Thank you to those who have sent in cheques or weekly envelopes for the months of March and April. As you can imagine, the Parish finances are way down since the start of the pandemic. Please do send in your envelopes or better still set up a standing order to the church. Thank you for your support of the Parish. Don’t forget to Gift Aid all contributions.

Message from Father Pat re Our Lady of Lourdes School

I am pleased to announce the appointment of a new Head Teacher for Our Lady Of Lourdes School, Mrs. Ruth Boon. She will succeed Mr Edward Cottle the present Head teacher, who will retire in July.

We congratulate her on her appointment and thank Mr Cottle for his many years of service, loyalty, dedication to the staff and pupils of the school.

Message from Bishop Alan to Married Couples

This week is National Marriage Week and I would like to take this opportunity to send my greetings to all married couples, especially those celebrating significant anniversaries this year, and all those who are preparing for marriage. We have recently celebrated the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, and the church is greatly enriched by all those who live the vocation to marriage, helping their spouse and their children on the path to heaven and revealing something of Christ’s love for his church through their own commitment to each other. You are all in my prayers, but most especially those who are experiencing illness and bereavement. I am also aware of the deep disappointment experienced by the many engaged couples who have had to postpone weddings or do not yet know how their weddings will be affected, and you too are in my prayers at this time of uncertainty.

Many families will be under a great deal of pressure with all the additional stresses associated with the pandemic, and sadly some relationships will be pushed to breaking point: please do not be afraid to seek help, or leave it too late – Marriage Care is one of a number of organisations offering remote

access to marriage counselling, and in our own diocese the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society continues to provide vital support to children and families who are experiencing difficulties. As Pope Francis recently tweeted "The Family is the hope of the future. Let us pray especially for families facing serious difficulties: may Our Lord assist them."

Yours in Christ and Mary,

+Alan, sm

Virtual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham

Our annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham was due to take place on Saturday 23rd May but had to be cancelled due to the closure of places of worship as a result of Covid-19. However, thanks to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham's 24 hour livestream service we can still have a virtual pilgrimage by joining the services being livestreamed via the Shrine's website www.walsingham.org.uk on Saturday 23rd May from 11am.

Thank You

On 7 March 2020 Sara Brewer and I rowed into English harbour, Antigua after 86 days, 8 hours and 59 minutes at sea. We had completed the Talisker Whisky Atlantic Challenge, having rowed 3,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean from La Gomera, the Canary Islands. Sara, at 64 years old, now holds the record for the oldest women to row an ocean. Despite enduring extreme physical and mental exhaustion, technical challenges, food shortages and huge swells up to 65 feet high, we were determined not to let down our charities and followers. Thanks to the generosity of all our donors, over £45,000 will support the valuable work Street League and Alzheimer's Society both do. On behalf of Sara and myself I wholeheartedly thank Father Sammon, the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes and all our supporters who gave willingly to our charities and have kept us in their prayers.

God bless you and keep you safe and well in these uncertain times.

Ann Prestidge

An Invitation from the National Justice and Peace Network



- ***Are you concerned about injustice in our world?***
- ***Do you feel the need to take action and make your voice heard?***
- ***Would you like support and encouragement?***

If the answer is yes, then please look at what the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) has to offer. The National Justice and Peace Network is a grassroots body with Catholic roots, working with groups and individuals of all faiths and none, who share its aims and values. It is based in England and Wales.

The network offers:

- Opportunities for action,
- access to related agencies,
- Information sharing,
- Friendship, solidarity and mutual support.

More details available from: <https://www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/>

Vacancies

Trinity Catholic High School

- Teacher of Science - F/T - Sep 2020
- Teacher of Science 0.8FTE, P/T - Sep 2020
- Teacher of Home Economics, 0.6FTE- P/T- Sep 2020
- Teacher of Computer Science with a TLR - Full time - Sep 2020
- Teacher of Computer Science - Part time - Sep 2020
- Teacher of Religious Education - Full time - Sep 2020
- Lead Teacher for PRE & RSE with a TLR - Sep 2020
- Teacher of Home Economics, 0.6FTE- P/T- Sep 2020

The web address of the above vacancies on the school website <https://fc.tchs.uk.net/vacancies/index.html> Trinity Catholic High School is committed to safe guarding children; successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Loyola Preparatory School

The Governors of Loyola Preparatory School are looking for two new candidates an EYFS teacher and SENCO to join their school as of September 2020.

Interested candidates please apply online via www.TES.com If you have any queries please email finance@loyola.essex.sch.uk

Loyola Preparatory School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with past employers and the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Closing date: 18th May 2020 Interview date: 21st and 22nd May 2020
Salary: Competitive

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School & Nursery, Southend-On-Sea

Deputy Head Teacher Vacancy
Windermere Road, Southend-on-Sea, SS1 2RF

Required for September 2020
Salary Range: Group 2, L9-14

Assisi Catholic Trust and Governors of Sacred Heart Primary School & Nursery are looking for an enthusiastic, inspiring Deputy Headteacher with exceptionally strong values. Applications are welcomed from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably qualified practising Catholic Leaders to play a key role in building on the school's successes and reputation. Candidates are warmly encouraged to visit the school.

Please contact Joy Robertson to arrange a telephone conversation or virtual tour on 01702 534546 or email finance@sacredheart.southend.sch.uk

Application packs are available from Miss Nikita Parr at the Assisi Registered Office on 01702 606762 or email nparr@assiscatholictrust.com. Full details of the post are also available on the school's website www.shs-southend.co.uk.

Applications should be sent to nparr@assiscatholictrust.com.

Closing Date: 22nd May (noon)

Shortlisting: 26th May 2020

Formal Interviews: 28th / 29th May 2020 (to be held virtually over two days)

CVs or applications from agencies are not accepted. Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.