

# Our Lady of Lourdes Wanstead

## Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

### Newsletter – 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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**"You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."**

Dear Parishioners,

I have just begun my 21<sup>st</sup> year as Parish Priest of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish. The years have flown by so quickly since my appointment in February 2000 – at that time, full of pastoral zeal, energy, ideas, fitter etc.

Now I am facing my 72<sup>nd</sup> birthday in August, and like many of my brother priests in that age group, and indeed like many of yourselves, I am beginning to realise what getting older means- slowing down, tired, health issues etc. Which of us don't have these things...

I am very aware that I have been entrusted with the pastoral care of this large parish, with a growing mass attendance- 1500 at the last count. At one stage there were four priests here, then three, then two, and now one. As you are aware I have been preparing you all for years to get used to a 'one priest' parish, since vocations of the priesthood are fewer than in the past.

However, this year the Diocese has been blessed with three new priests, one of whom is a parishioner here, Pascal will be our ordained priest on 1<sup>st</sup> August.

Always believing in the Roman poet Horace's motto *Carpe Diem* (seize the day) I have asked Bishop Alan if he could see his way to giving us an assistant priest here. Typical of his generosity, he has agreed and I am happy to say that Father Adrian Lowe has been appointed (who will be ordained in mid-July) to come here as assistant priest in September.

This is an unexpected and wonderful blessing for our community.

May I ask you to pray for me at this time, for Father Adrian and the parish community as we go forward together in hope.

God Bless you and yours,

Father Pat

## Beginning Again by Bob Holmes

*Enter into the quiet  
that threshold of stillness.  
In this very moment.  
Take your time with eternity.  
Breathe it in  
Feel the quickening  
The awakening  
of life  
coursing through your being.*

*In this very place  
Be.  
Just be,  
With your whole heart  
and being  
deep in heaven  
Learning afresh to dwell.*

*Herein lies our restoration*

*and rest in God.*

*It is new every morning*

*like fresh manna*

*We taste and see*

*Can you sense it*

*Now is your time*

*to be*

**Masses Intentions this week:**

<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	11am Mass People of Parish Mass Live Streamed on YouTube <a href="http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11">http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11</a>
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9am Mass Catriona O’Kelly
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9am Mass Intentions of Martin Hindley 10am to 12noon – Church Open for Private Prayer
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July</b>	9am Mass Intentions of Diane and Paul Silcock 10am Funeral Service City of London - Toussaint Matthew RIP 3.15pm Funeral Service City of London - Maureen Porter RIP
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	9am Mass Private Intention
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	9am Mass Holy Souls 7pm to 9pm – Church Open for Private Prayer
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July</b>	No Morning Mass Today 10am to 12noon – Church Open for Private Prayer 6.30pm Mass Margaret Duffy RIP
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30am Mass People of the Parish 11.30am Mass Marie Francis RIP Live Streamed at <a href="http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11">http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11</a> 6.30pm Mass James and Mary Smyth RIP

## **RIP**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mgr Henry Posluszny. He lived in south Woodford for a number of years and was Chaplain of St Joseph's Convent

He died last week, aged 90 years in Poland. May he rest in peace.

## **RIP Anniversaries**

Thomas McDonnell, Harry Haydrych, (Baby) Jade Dominique Davis, Toby Hackett, Jack Velliante, Mrs Elizabeth Hammond, Mrs Clotilda Dasgupta, Bernard Doyle, Barbara Pantry, Mary Troy, Sister Alphonsus, Paul Gormon, Olive Morrison, Harold Jack Sullivan, Miss Margaret Nixon, Mrs Ellen Knight, Teresa O'Regan, Mary Leavens, Fergus Daly, Kathleen Treacher, Nigel Gordon, Albert Coughlin, Miss Margaret Duffy, Giuseppe Forestiero, Margaret McGuire, Roger Michael Hurley, Barrie John Miller, Father Patrick Curran, Kathleen (Kay) Kenny, Vera White, Kathleen Brophy, Peggy (Margaret) Sugrue, Mrs Marie Manichan-Chetty, Dennis Murphy, Betty Tyrie, Margaret Mary Gibbons (Rita).

## **Pray for the Sick and Housebound**

Robert Britt-Hazard, Pat Hetherington, Noreen Cavanagh, Justina Paul, Mary O'Riordan, Anne Silcock, Norma Cohen-Johnson, Olive Flynn, Bridie Connolly, Glafira D'Souza, Violet Ruttlidge, Mary P. Sullivan, Bridie Halliganm, Gill Poulain and Finbar O Regan

If you wish to include the name of a sick and housebound person, please contact the parish office.



## **Reopening of the Church for Sunday Mass.**

We will open for Sunday Mass on Saturday evening (4<sup>th</sup> July) at 6.30 pm and on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July we have masses at 9.30am 11.30 am and 6.30 pm. Masses will be shorter.

The 11.30 mass will continue to be live streamed on our Parish YouTube channel.

Since the pandemic begun the obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been removed by the Bishops of England and Wales – this still applies but if you wish to attend mass and wish to avoid the busy Sunday Masses please come along to 9am weekday mass (Monday to Friday).

The capacity of the church has been reduced in line with Government guidance and there will be a maximum number of approx. 120 people allowed in to Church during each Mass and social distancing must be observed and the hygiene regulations at all times.

We are doing our best to ensure the health and safety of parishioners coming to the Church therefore a few guidelines will need to be followed.

- Please do NOT come to church if you have COVID-19 symptoms or have been contacted by the NHS Track and Trace service.
- Entry to the church will be on a first come first served basis and social distancing will be required when queuing outside.
- If possible can you not drive to church as space in the Car Park will be strictly limited.
- On arrival you will be directed by a steward to sanitize your hands.
- Please bring your own face covering.
- There will be no singing during Mass.
- Do not use the kneelers.
- There will be a box at the back of the church for your offertory envelopes.
- The Toilets will be closed until further notice.

Please COOPERATE with the stewards and follow their directions on entry/exit and during the distribution of Holy Communion.

All the arrangements that we are putting in place will be continually assessed and reviewed as we move forward with this process of reopening our church.

Please continue to check the parish website and social media during the week for updates and further information (details are at the top of this newsletter).

Thank you.

### **Diocesan Appointments**

Bishop Alan has made the following diocesan appointments:

- ❖ Fr. John Armitage from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham to be Parish Priest at Canning Town
- ❖ Fr. Andrew Forys from Canning Town to be Parish Priest at Lexden
- ❖ Fr. Martin Hardy from New Hall to be Parish Priest at Grays
- ❖ Fr. Nixon Gomes from Colchester to be Parish Priest at Witham
- ❖ Fr. Bartolomeu Blag on loan from Romania to be Priest in Charge at South Woodford.
- ❖ Fr. Jijo George Upton Park to assistant priest Canning Town
- ❖ Fr. Adrian Lowe (newly ordained) to be assistant priest at Our Lady of Lourdes Wanstead
- ❖ Fr. Paschal Uche (newly ordained) to be assistant priest at Colchester
- ❖ Fr. Neil Brett from South Woodford to join the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
- ❖ Canon Brian O'Shea Grays to retire and live in West London
- ❖ Canon Tom Lavin from Lexden to retire to Knock, Ireland
- ❖ Fr. David Prior Parish Priest at Witham to retire.

The following priests are ill and Bishop Alan has asked for your prayers for them.

Fr. Tom Jordan, Fr. Jean-Laurent Marie, and Fr. Liam Hayes

The following priests are in care homes and would be grateful for our prayers ; Fr. Brian McWilliams, Fr. John McKeon, Msg. Arthur Barrow, Fr. Kieran Dodd, Fr. John Taylor & Fr. Michael Butler



### **June 100 Club Winners**

1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100 Pat Flannery

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £50 Peta Richardson

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize £50 Peter Greensmith



Each week during the pandemic we publish a mini version of the newsletter online. It's the only way we can reach parishioners. But of course not every parishioner has access to the internet and therefore does not receive parish information. I know that some parishioners download a copy of the newsletter and pass it on to parishioners so they can keep tuned to parish life.

Could you please, this week especially; download and print few copies and pass it onto parishioners who do not receive it as they may not have online access (e.g. elderly), that would be a fantastic help to parishioners who are not aware of what is going on in the parish.

### **Tutors Available**

We are two local parishioners who are students at Exeter and Bristol (in September) available for online and face to face tuition (when allowed) for English and Maths up to and including GCE A level. History offered to GCSE. Very reasonable rates and the first trial lesson is free. We are both DBS checked. Please contact [marinalmleonard@gmail.com](mailto:marinalmleonard@gmail.com) (for Maths and Further Maths) or [chrisxavileon@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:chrisxavileon@hotmail.co.uk) . (for English and History)

## Parish Finances

Contributions can now be made securely via a page on the Brentwood Diocesan website at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=wanstead> and selecting General 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:

**Account Name:** *Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Wanstead*

**Sort Code:** 40-13-22

**Account number:** 71018973

Alternatively you can deliver your offertory envelopes through the presbytery letterbox with cheques made payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Wanstead.

Thank you for your continued support during this difficult time.

## Vacancies

### **Headteacher Vacancy ST Winefride's Catholic Primary School, Manor Park**

Church Road, Manor Park, London E12 6HB

Required from 1st January 2021 or sooner if possible.

Group 3: L11 – L24 (starting salary based on experience).

NOR: 315 (1.5 form entry)

The Governors of St Winefride's Catholic Primary School are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher. St Winefride's is a caring, friendly school and community where our Catholic Ethos is central to all that we do.

Please contact School Business Manager Percina Nunez to arrange a telephone conversation on 020 8478 0510 or email [info@st-winefrides.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-winefrides.newham.sch.uk)

Application packs are available from Percina Nunez or online from the school website at [www.st-winefrides.newham.sch.uk](http://www.st-winefrides.newham.sch.uk) Completed applications should be sent to [info@st-winefrides.newham.sch.uk](mailto:info@st-winefrides.newham.sch.uk)

**Closing date:** 12 noon on Friday 3rd 2020.

**Shortlisting:** Tuesday 7th July 2020.

**Interview:** Thursday 16th July 2020.

**The Ursuline Academy Ilford** has the following vacancy is available:

Data and Admissions Officer – September 2020

Closing Date: noon, Monday 6 July 2020

For further information please visit: [uai.org.uk/about/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/about/vacancies)