

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SUNDAY	9.30am	Jack Mackey RIP
20 th September	11.30am	People of Parish
		Live Streamed at http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11
	6.30pm	Ann-Marie Scanlon RIP

ST MATTHEW, Ap, Evangelist

MONDAY	9.00am	Stephen John Barratt RIP
21 st September		Church open 8.45am until 10am

FERIA

TUESDAY	9.00am	Holy Souls
22 nd September		Church open 8.45am until 10am

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WEDNESDAY	9.00am	Maura Stone RIP
23 rd September		Church open 8.45am until 10am

OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

THURSDAY	9.00am	John Travis RIP
24 th September		Church open 8.45am until 10am
	11.30am	Funeral Mass Peter Finlay RIP

FERIA

FRIDAY	9.00am	Thomas Luckie
25 th September		Church open 8.45am until 10am
	11.00am	Funeral Mass, Kate Hayes RIP

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY

SATURDAY		No 9am Mass today
26 th September	10.00am	Confessions (Church open at 9.45am)
	11.00am	First Holy Communion Mass
	2.00pm	First Holy Communion Mass
	5.30pm	Confessions
	6.30pm	Holy Souls

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

SUNDAY	9.30am	People of Parish
27 th September	11.30am	Holy Souls -Live Streamed http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11
	2.00pm	First Holy Communion Mass
	6.30pm	Ints Rosemary & Joe O'Connor (60 th Anniversary)

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

19th - 20th September 2020



"Why be envious, because I am generous?"

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 Pastoral Assistants - Carmel Docherty, Frank Adesegha.
 Chair of Parish Council - Fiona Christison
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 Pastoral Centre Caretaker - Camille Mouquet
 Catechetical Co-ordinator - Michaela Mouquet
 Headteacher OLOL School - Ruth Boon
 Steward of the Gospel - Anne-Marie Fox

Dear Parishioners,

Vineyards featured prominently in the life of Jesus, the most popular fruits were grapes and figs. A vineyard was usually located on a hillside, and it was terraced to make more space available for the vines.

In the first part of today's gospel we hear of the landowner going out five times during the day to hire workers for the vineyard, and then his payment of the workers when the day's work was done.

In September when the grapes were ripe and it was time to bring in the harvest, extra helpers were needed. The parable tells us something of the economic world at the time of Jesus. It was standard practice to start paying wages to those who were hired first. But the landowner instructs the clerk to start at the back of the queue. The workers who were hired last were given a full day's wage.

As news of the generosity of the landowner reached the workers, those who had begun work early in the morning rightly expected to receive extra but to their disappointment they received the one denarius agreed. The landlord reminds them of their contract. He tells them he is not unfair and asks "why are you jealous because I am generous."

Our sympathy goes out to the first group of workers who had not been treated well.

This is an inspiring story because its message is good news for all. It tells us something of the justice of God. At the end we will be judged by the good we have done rather than by hard justice.

God's justice is full of compassion, tenderness and mercy. God is a God of surprises, full of generosity. This is constantly emphasised by Pope Francis in his writings and talks, "another name for God he tells us is 'mercy'."

God Bless you and yours,
Father Pat

Contributions to the parish can be made 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:

Bank:	HSBC
Account Name:	Catholic Church Wanstead Our Lady of Lourdes
Account number:	71018973
Sort Code:	40-13-22

Sacramental Preparation 2020/2021

Due to COVID 19, First Holy Communions and Confirmations have had to be deferred. Here are the revised dates:

First Holy Communion 2020 Dates:

19th September 10am
20th September 2pm
26th September 11am
26th September 2pm
27th September 2pm
3rd October 11am

Confirmation dates 2020:

The following are the dates for Confirmation Masses:

1st October 7.30pm
4th October 2pm
9th October 7.30pm

First Holy Communion and Confirmation Masses will be ticket only.

First Holy Communion 2021:

Parents with children in Year 3 and above who wish for their children to be prepared for 1st Holy Communion please email Michaela Mouquet, (michaelaololcc@gmail.com) for a registration form.

Baptisms

Those wishing to arrange baptisms, please email or phone the Presbytery to make an appointment with one of the priests. Baptisms are now taking place but with restricted numbers attending.

Weddings & Funerals

Weddings and funerals can now take place, with restricted numbers, COVID 19 restrictions in place and social distancing to be observed.

RCIA- About Being Catholic

Judith Smith and her team will start the RCIA process on 28th September at 8pm. This is a process by which those who wish to find out more about the Catholic Church and its teaching may do so. There is no commitment required for some time- the invitation is come and see. Perhaps you could encourage someone to attend and come with them, social distancing observed.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

1st Holy Communion cohort of 2020

Attendance at these 6 masses is *by advance ticket only*. A form will be sent the Monday before the event to apply for tickets following the safety guidelines. The same regulations apply as for any mass at OLOL. Guests are limited this year to keep everyone safe. It is usual practice, and would be lovely, if the children could attend their next regular mass in their finery to share their special time with those in the parish. Please can you pray for the 60 children receiving their 1st Holy Communion this year. Their names will be in the newsletter each week.

Confirmation cohort of 2020

We will have three masses, *by advance ticket only*, to keep us all safe. A form will be sent out the week before the event to apply for tickets. We have 35 young people receiving the sacrament this year and they welcome your prayers. Parents will have received an email from Michaela with further details by Friday 11th September. If you have not received an email by then please contact her on: michaelaololcc@gmail.com.

We need to distribute the group evenly across the three dates.

1st Holy Communion new cohort 2021

We intend to run sacramental preparation for 1st Holy Communion in the parish starting in October. To do this safely we need expressions of interest to work out numbers, accommodation, and other implications. If you would like your child to begin this preparation this year please send an email to Michaela by Friday September 25th at the latest: michaelaololcc@gmail.com Please give the name of your child, the school they attend and their school year.

All children who *live in the parish of OLOL Wanstead* are welcome to apply for this programme.

NB. If your family would prefer to defer this sacramental preparation until next year this is not a problem. It would be helpful however if you could contact Michaela so that we can plan to accommodate your child in next year's programme (Autumn 2021).

Thank you to those who have already expressed an interest. We have already had enough children presented to run a programme this year. It will now be a matter of how we organise it. We are always in need of new catechists and this year more than ever, as we wish to keep groups to a safe size and within school year group bubbles. It would be wonderful if any parishioners could feel called to this ministry. Support will be given.

Please contact Michaela at michaelaololcc@gmail.com urgently. Or approach Fr Pat or Fr Adrian.

Confirmation Preparation 2021

We intend to support young people of the parish to prepare for Confirmation in 2021. We need expressions of interest to work out a plan for this. Young people in Year 10 and above who would like to be prepared for this sacrament are asked to express their interest by sending an email to Michaela at michaelaololcc@gmail.com by October 1st 2020, indicating their name, school and year group. You will need to have proof of baptism to be prepared for Confirmation.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth McDonald, Miss Mary Irwin, Dr Kate Foley, Charles Lingley, Mrs Margarita Fonseca, Leonard Aylen, Michael Sweeney, Anthony O' Boyle, Martin Casaluci, Mrs Christine Bines, Shaun Patrick O'Connor, Veronica Smith, Ann-Marie Scanlon, Nan Dorran, Michael Passa, Julie Madden, Sidney Tchiohgo, Maria Simpole, Victor Cesare Gorni, Dennis Ahern, Agnes Reilly, Eithne Agnes Murray, Josephat Charles, Mrs Yolanda Noronua-Sapsford, Anna McGinley, Yuniea Semambo, Kathleen Bridget Eaton, Unile Fabrizi, Mrs Bridie Kane, Michael O'Sullivan, Edward Troy, Mr E. Reed and Patrick Kelly.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our best wishes and congratulations to Rosemary and Joe O'Connor - 60 years married, Adrian and Maralyn Ryan, 40 years married and to Patrick and Suzanne Flynn - 25 years married. Well done!

Congratulations to the following children from our community who received their 1st Holy Communion at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, this weekend:

Melissa Akora, Isabelle Wainwright, Joseph Cotton, Samuel Quintana, Noah Martin, Teresa Guerra Garcia, Elizabeth (Betsy) McAra, Jack Adshead, Marcel Korycki, Cais Ocloo, Julia Borkowska, Ella Ward, Alexander Bonarski, Theodore Blakesley, Oisín Rose, Joy Ude, Peace Ude, Roisin Allen, Gabriella Di-Crosta-Low and Jack Meenaghan.

CAN YOU HELP

A major task at present is cleaning and disinfecting the church before and after all services i.e. Sunday and weekday masses, Exposition, Confessions, Funerals and Baptisms. It's a huge task and we depend on our volunteers to do it. A machine called a 'fogging machine' has come on the market which does the work efficiently in a short time. Its costs £500.00 - if you are able to give a donation towards it please, it would help enormously. Please don't forget to Gift Aid your donation.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

Due to COVID-19 and the health and safety of people, Father Pat will not be available to see parents face to face to endorse applications. If you wish to apply for a Catholic school, complete the certificate of Catholic Practice, bring it with you to mass and hand it to Father Pat personally after mass.

If you do not attend mass and do not fulfill the admissions criteria of a Catholic school send your application to the school directly.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

SURVIVE-MIVA

Missionary Vehicle Association is grateful to the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead for their generosity in giving £2,174.27. A Catholic lay Association providing funding for essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access.

www.survive-miva.org



TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VACANCIES

- Finance Officer, ASAP: Scale 5, Point 12, 28 hours p/w, 44.2 weeks p/y
- Cover Supervisor, ASAP, Scale 4, Point 7, 12.5-18.75 hours p/w, 43.2 weeks p/y
- Closing date for applicants 20th September

Trinity Catholic High School is committed to safeguarding children; successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. Please visit the schools website for more details.

<https://tchs.uk.net/vacancies/>

VISITATION OF THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Care of the sick and housebound is a priority for priests. Unfortunately since he is over 70 years old, Father Pat is prohibited from visiting homes, hospitals and nursing homes. But Father Adrian can do this work. If you know someone who would like a visit, speak to one of the priests please.

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 Halligan, Gill Poulain, Finbar O'Regan, Mikey McDonagh and Mimi Bacon. *{If you wish to include the name of a sick and housebound person, please contact the parish office}.*

PETER FINLAY FUNERAL MASS

11.30am Thursday 24th September with the funeral proceeding to the City of London Cemetery for committal, may he rest in peace.

KATE HAYES RIP FUNERAL DETAILS

Reception of the body into church on Thursday 24th September at 7pm. Funeral Mass 11am on Friday 25th September followed by burial at St Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone. May she rest in peace.

FACE MASKS IN CHURCH

The wearing of face masks is now a legal obligation as directed by the Government. Please wear your mask when you come to church.

CANDLES

In the tradition of the Catholic Church, lighting a candle before statues of Jesus, Mary and the Saints is popular and prayerful. We have had to stop this practice but now can reinstate it in a new way.

THANK YOU

MISSIO (red box) have acknowledged our Parish donation of £1581.29 towards the work of the Mill Hill missionaries.

Thank you.

