

WEEKDAY / SUNDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

SUNDAY	8.00am	Pier Skjold RIP
13 th December	9.30am	Maggie Davis RIP
	11.30am	Intentions Pat Elwood
		Live Streamed www.tiny.cc/OLOLE11
	6.30pm	People of Parish

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MONDAY	9.00am	Peter Carolan RIP
14 th December		

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TUESDAY	8.00am	Holy Souls - PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF TIME
15 th December	9.15am	Funeral mass - Mary O'Riordan RIP

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WEDNESDAY	9.00am	Edward Benson RIP
16 th December		

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THURSDAY	9.00am	Intentions Margaret Monahan
17 th December		

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FRIDAY	9.00am	Holy Souls
18 th December	7.30pm	Intentions Wendy Gillespie
		Followed by Adoration until 9pm

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SATURDAY	9.00am	Mass - Private Intention
19 th December	10.00am	Confessions
	5.30pm	Confessions
	6.30pm	People of Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

SUNDAY	8.00am	Intentions Janet Booth
20 th December	9.30am	Intentions Raphella & Glenn Derrick
	11.30am	Ronald Alston RIP
		Live Streamed www.tiny.cc/OLOLE11
	6.30pm	Father Paul Dinan RIP

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

3rd Sunday Of Advent (B)

12th – 13th December 2020



"There stands among you, unknown to you, the one who is coming after me."

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Dear Friends,

Without realising it, we have quietly arrived at the Third Sunday of Advent.

The Liturgy today takes on a note of hopeful anticipation, it is known as Sunday of Joy (in Latin 'Gaudete'). We light the pink candle - pink being a symbol of hope and joy. The church invites us today to personalise and make our own the joy that Jesus brings.

The late Cardinal Basil Hume wrote, "God cannot count - with him everyone is number one, to realise and believe we are loved is basic to true joy."

"Rejoice the Lord loves you dearly" is the message of the Angel Gabriel to Mary.

Joy comes in a myriad of ways and each of us will experience it differently. At this time of year, during Advent, as we wait in joyful anticipation for the Feast of the Incarnation, we could reflect on the joy that comes from forgiveness. John the Baptist's message reminds us of the beauty of God's forgiveness and mercy. We must take ownership of our sins so we are open and receptive to God's forgiveness.

The more we recognise in ourselves the need of God's forgiveness, the more joy it will bring us. There is joy in forgiving and in being forgiven, God forgives us. His mercy enables us to take back, turn around, at our level, forgiving someone brings peace, inner freedom and joy.

We are unable this year to celebrate our usual Penitential service but there will be ample opportunities for you to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions), I encourage you to do that.

There was a massive online and telephone response to our invitation to book Christmas masses. Please ensure you book (see details on opposite page) to avoid disappointment, as most of the eight masses are filling up fast and three are already full.

Without a booking for these mass times you will not be permitted access to the Church on the day.

I wish you a good week. As you go about the food shopping and present buying etc. etc. keep in mind, Christ could be born 1000 times in vain unless he is born in me.

Blessings and joy to you and yours.
Father Pat

NHS COVID-19 TRACK AND TRACE APP & QR CODE

Please could all parishioners download the NHS COVID-19 Track and Trace App onto their phones or devices before attending masses or visiting the church. We have NHS QR code posters situated at entry points around the church, so that you may scan them using the app upon entry to the church or the Pastoral centre. This will easily help to check in to the church and enable us to keep parishioners safe during this time and help to stop the spread of COVID-19. For more information and a link to download the app, please visit: www.covid19.nhs.uk

PARISH FINANCES - PAYMENT METHOD

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

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=wanstead

or by scanning the following QR code with your smartphone 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

PLEASE NOTE...

Evening mass Friday 7.30pm, followed by Adoration until 9pm.
Morning mass on Tuesday is at 8am due to a funeral service.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS/ DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

Please take a poster from the church foyer and place it in your window. The Diocesan Directory is available in the Repository - £4.50 per copy.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Andrew Molloy and Amber Battams who were married in our church yesterday. We wish them a long and happy life together and ask God to bless them.

PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Robert Britt-Hazard, Steve Britt-Hazard, Pat Hetherington, Noreen Cavanagh, Justina Paul, Anne Silcock, Olive Flynn, Bridie Connolly, Glafira D'Souza, Violet Ruttlidge, Mary P. Sullivan, Bridie Halligan, Mikey McDonagh, David Cootes & Keith Fernet. *{If you wish to include the name of a sick and housebound person, please contact the parish office}.*

RIP

Mary O'Riordan - Monday 14th December, Reception of body into church at 6pm. Funeral mass this Tuesday 15th at 9.15am. May she rest in peace.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES

Nora Pinnock, Mrs. Mary O'Dwyer, Ted Peters, John Harvey, Rosa Clementina Phillippina D'Souza, Amalia Williams, Dominic Stephen Sharkey, William Breen, Baby Holly Genevieve Chimes, Miss Monica Halsey, John Vint, Emily Wong, Alan James Purcell, Stephen Kelly, Michael O'Riordan, Gordon Collins, Susan Scanlon, Mrs. Conchita McCarthy, Joseph Cefai, Miss Anne Sheehan, Bob Disney, Rose Taylor, Marie Coffey, Mrs. Elsie Stormouth, Mrs. Kathleen Veronica Colahan, Walter Smith, Breeda Keeling, Daniel Patrick Breen, Miss Mary Branney, Mrs. Joan Wright, Louis Toscani, Joan Christine Hill, Anthony Jannece, Mrs. Chrissie McCahill, Mrs. Thi Truc Vu, Iyrine Manuel & Alick Casey

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPELS

Fr. Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared a series of reflections on the 'Christmas Gospels', the Gospel passages read from 17th December until 6th January. Video of the talks can be accessed by going to: www.whatgoodnews.org

CHRISTMAS MASSES - UPDATED

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAT

****2pm, 4pm & 6pm Christmas Eve masses are now fully booked***
Please do not try to book these mass times, mass options available at the time of going to press are:*

8pm & 10pm Christmas Eve, 7.30am, 9.30am & 11.30am Christmas Day- these are filling up rapidly.

The Coronavirus restrictions for churches are continuing, so in order to keep people safe during Christmas and manage the number of people who would like to attend mass, there will be a booking system for masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. We ask that you choose only ONE of these masses. Booking is available online - please go to the Parish website, a link will be on the homepage for booking Christmas masses.

If you do not have internet access then booking may be done by phone, by calling this number 07856937875, on this coming Tuesday 15th December between the hours of 11am - 1pm, this is your last opportunity to book via phone. Online bookings will also close on Tuesday 15th December at 1pm.

Please do not call the presbytery office main line, or use the parish email to make your booking. This is so that we can manage the number of people expected to reserve a place for mass and keep all the other parts of our parish running. If numbers are too high or low for a mass then we may have to ask you to transfer to another time.

The Bishops of England and Wales have suggested that everyone attend mass at some point during the Christmas Octave which runs from Christmas Eve/Day through until the end of Friday 1st January. An octave in the Church calendar means that Christmas Day is of such great importance and significance that it is celebrated for eight days! So, in effect, each of those days after Christmas is also Christmas Day - a long and joyful celebration! It means that there are lots of opportunities to celebrate Christmas by attending one of the masses that week. The masses after Christmas Day do not need to be booked.

Although Christmas will be very different for us this year, we hope that having a number of masses to choose from will help us all to keep Our Lord in mind through the Christmas season and to help us remember that he is always with us and caring for us.

PLEASE PLEASE DO NOT...

Please do not email or telephone the parish office to book your Christmas mass. Please use the booking system on our homepage or the telephone number given in this newsletter during the times listed.

When you make your booking, you can correctly assume that you have obtained a seat for your party unless you hear otherwise. No confirmation will be sent out. This year we are not permitted to have a special mass for our children due to COVID-19 restrictions. Children should come with their parents and be seated as a family.

SPIRITUAL READING

I recommend the following books as meaningful spiritual reading, they are obtainable on Amazon or in St. Paul's book shop, Kensington:

'Let us Dream' (the path to a better future) by Pope Francis

'Christ in the Storm' by Pope Francis

'Where the hell is God' by Richard Leonard, SJ (I highly recommend this book!).

ALTAR SERVERS

Notice to Altar Servers from the Parish MC: It has been some time since we all served at mass as a team. Due to COVID-19 where possible a small number of mass MCs have been serving individually. I am exploring the possibility of expanding this to any young person who is eager to serve on their own at a specific mass possibly on a rota basis depending on numbers. Serving would mean a single server setting and clearing the altar only. A little bit of instruction to ensure COVID-19 compliance would be explained. A plain mask must be worn. A small number of masses may be available on Christmas Eve and Day. Parents, please email: mcololwanstead@yahoo.co.uk

CHRISTMAS CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY 19TH 10AM & 5.30PM

MONDAY 21ST 9.30AM & 7PM

TUESDAY 22ND 9.30AM & 7PM

PLEASE PHONE OR EMAIL THE PRESBYTERY FOR REQUESTS

ITEMS OF INTEREST

CAN YOU HELP PLEASE? CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS...

Due to COVID-19 regulations we have to take extra special care in the church to ensure that people are safe.

We strictly adhere to government regulations, in order to do this we need people to help - Stewards, to meet people in the foyer, to ensure the church is sanitised and to guide people to their seats. We are having difficulty in getting people to do this for the Christmas masses. Understandably, people want to be with their families. However, I do appeal for help and ask you to volunteer your time as a steward.

If you can help - please contact Bernie Dando on:

Bernie.dando007@gmail.com

LOCAL DOG SERVICES

Please contact Joanna Witka on 07952837729 if you would like to enquire about local dog walking or dog sitting services.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

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 fulfil the admissions criteria of a Catholic school send your application to the school directly. Applications close 15th January 2021.

