

WEEKDAY / SUNDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

SUNDAY	8.00am	Private Intention
6 th December	9.30am	Leonarda & Ronilo Rontale RIP and Bernadine Rosita Price RIP
	11.30am	Nora Pinnock RIP
		Live Streamed www.tiny.cc/OLOLE11
	6.30pm	Michael & Amiela Smolowik RIP

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MONDAY	9.00am	John Duncan Francis Leyland RIP
7 th December		

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TUESDAY	9.00am	Holy Souls Mass
8 th December		

FERIA

WEDNESDAY	9.00am	James (Jimmy) Kane RIP
9 th December		

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THURSDAY	9.00am	Helen Parker RIP
10 th December	11.00am	Funeral Mass - Nell Farrelly RIP

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FRIDAY	9.00am	Josie Butler RIP
11 th December	7.30pm	Holy Souls Mass followed by Adoration until 9pm

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SATURDAY	9.00am	John J. Smith RIP
12 th December	10.00am	Confessions
	5.30pm	Confessions
	6.30pm	Phyllis Donoghue RIP

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

SUNDAY	8.00am	Pat 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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
2ND Sunday Of Advent (B)
5th – 6th December 2020



Make his paths straight

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Dear Parishioners

As we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent, the towering figure of John the Baptist is introduced to us in the liturgy. He was an eccentric looking person with his disheveled hair style, leather coat and sandals and his diet of locusts and wild honey. The crowds flocked to hear him speak, in strong uncompromising language, as he fearlessly raged against evil.

He had a mission to prepare a way for the coming of Christ. In order to do that he challenged the people to change their lives, to reform, to repent of their sins. John has a three-fold title, preacher, teacher and prophet. He pointed beyond himself and was a signpost for the coming of Christ into the world. His basic message - *turn your back on sin*.

John's call to repentance is an urgent invitation to us all to prepare a way for the Lord. Basically, that is what Advent is all about, preparing to celebrate Christmas - that means renewing our lives by acknowledging our need for Christ. John warns us that the biggest obstacle to Christ coming into our lives is sin and selfishness. It would be a good preparation for us to try and celebrate the sacrament of reconciliation in preparation for Christmas.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, we have several extra masses for Christmas. You will have to book online or by phone to obtain your seat. See instructions provided in this newsletter and do please follow them.

"God our Father grant that our advent preparation will help us to celebrate worthily the incarnation of your Son".

God bless you and yours this week.
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 use this website: 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

100 CLUB WINNERS - CONGRATULATIONS!

100 CLUB WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER:

1ST PRIZE - MRS N. McCARTHY £100

2ND PRIZE - MISS CAROLINE DUFFY £50

3RD PRIZE - MRS CATHERINE O'NEILL £50

PLEASE NOTE...

Evening mass Friday 7.30pm, followed by Adoration until 9pm.

CONGRATULATIONS

One of our younger parishioners - Dr Emma Greensmith, has published a book entitled 'The Resurrection of Homer in Imperial Greek Epic. Greek scholars will find it engrossing.

Well done to Emma!

CHRISTMAS POSTERS

Please take a poster from the church foyer and place it in your window.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY

The Diocesan Directory is available in the Repository - £4.50 per copy.

FEAST OF OUR LADY

Tuesday 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception - a major and beautiful Feast of Our Lady. Mass at 9am.

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

RIP

The body of Nell Farrelly will be received into the Church on Wednesday and her funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday morning, with the funeral proceeding to City of London Cemetery for committal. May she rest in peace.
Mary O'Riordan RIP - funeral arrangements to be confirmed.

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 fulfill the admissions criteria of a Catholic school send your application to the school directly.

CHRISTMAS MASSES - IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM FATHER PAT

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. There are eight Masses to choose from and we ask that you choose only one of these Masses. Booking is available from Sunday 6th December online - 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 on this number 07856937875 on Tuesdays and Thursdays 11am - 1pm.

Please DO NOT call the parish office 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 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.

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

to express interest if your young person is eager and willing to serve.

RIP ANNIVERSARIES

George Francis Imber, Maureen Bridget Doherty,
Mrs. Lilian Humphrays, Thomas Gleeson, Joseph Dunne,
Charles Frederick Lascelles, Patrick Joseph O'Sullivan,
Teresa Elena Maria Zambardi, James Christopher Kane,
Mrs. Madeline Anstee, Joan Stratton, Kathleen Cudhay,
Melita Bernadette McSweeney, Michael Russell, Dick Stevenette,
Mary Docherty, Kate Banahan, May Curtis, Mary Fitzgerald,
Martha (Meta) O'Loughlin, Anne Mary Morgan,
Mrs. Florence Sackett, Mrs. Anne Tuddenham, Jean Duignan,
Donald Lynch, Patrick Eves, Joseph Gill, Eileen Bond,
Judah Hambury, George Frederick Hannaway & Maggie Davis.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ARE SEEKING:

- Careers Leader / Attendance Officer / Clerical Assistant

Below is the web address of our vacancies on our website: <https://www.tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment/>
Trinity Catholic High School is committed to safeguarding children; successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check.

Loulla Karamanlis

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A REFLECTION OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Next Tuesday, 8th December, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a great feast day for our Diocese dedicated to Mary Immaculate. Here is an extract from a sermon of St. Anselm, a Benedictine monk who was the Archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109. This reading 'Virgin Mary, all nature is blessed by you', appears in the Office of Readings for the day.

Blessed Lady, sky and stars, earth and rivers, day and night – everything that is subject to the power or use of man – rejoice that through you they are in some sense restored to their lost beauty and are endowed with inexpressible new grace. All creatures were dead, as it were, useless for men or for the praise of God, who made them. The world, contrary to its true destiny, was corrupted and tainted by the acts of men who served idols. Now all creation has been restored to life and rejoices that it is controlled and given splendour by men who believe in God. The universe rejoices with new and indefinable loveliness. Not only does it feel the unseen presence of God himself, its Creator, it sees him openly, working and making it holy. These great blessings spring from the blessed fruit of Mary's womb.

Through the fullness of the grace that was given you, dead things rejoice in their freedom, and those in heaven are glad to be made new. Through the Son who was the glorious fruit of your virgin womb, just souls who died before his life-giving death rejoice as they are freed from captivity, and the angels are glad at the restoration of their shattered domain.

Lady, full and overflowing with grace, all creation receives new life from your abundance. Virgin, blessed above all creatures, through your blessing all creation is blessed, not only creation from its Creator, but the Creator himself has been blessed by creation.

To Mary God gave his only-begotten Son, whom he loved as himself. Through Mary God made himself a Son, not different but the same, by nature Son of God and Son of Mary. The whole universe was created by God, and God was born of Mary. God created all things, and Mary gave birth to God. The God who made all things gave himself form through Mary, and thus he made his own creation. He who could create all things from nothing would not remake his ruined creation without Mary.

God, then, is the Father of the created world and Mary the mother of the re-created world. God is the Father by whom all things were given life, and Mary the mother through whom all things were given new life. For God begot the Son, through whom all things were made, and Mary gave birth to him as the Saviour of the world. Without God's Son, nothing could exist; without Mary's Son, nothing could be redeemed.

Truly the Lord is with you, to whom the Lord granted that all nature should owe as much to you as to himself.