

Our Lady of Lourdes Wanstead

The Baptism of the Lord (B) 10th January 2021

Parish Newsheet

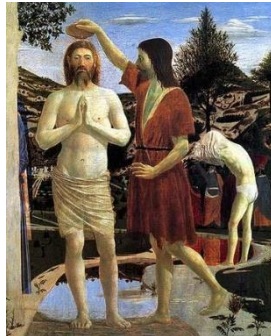
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"You are my son, the Beloved. My favour rests on you."

Dear Friends

The announcement from the Prime Minister that we would go into a third lockdown, though not unexpected, did cause some surprise. It is difficult, but we are all asked to support the measures and look out for, and look after, each other. In particular, please watch out for elderly people living alone.

As far as I am aware all Churches of other denominations are closed for services in the Borough of Redbridge. This does not apply to the Catholic Church - we remain open for Mass daily and on Sundays at the usual times. The 11:30 Sunday Mass will be streamed as it is each Sunday.

The Presbytery and parish office will remain closed until further notice. Requests for certificates will not be dealt with immediately. Our school remains closed also until half term, I understand.

Meanwhile life has to go on and we must cope as best we can in the circumstances. Our thoughts and prayers in particular are with NHS and frontline staff, with parents, children and young people who are home schooling, those in nursing homes and in hospital, those living alone and those in dark places. It is time to take care of our mental health as well as our physical well-being.

May I encourage all to pray daily, as a family, alone, with friends. 'More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.' It is good to attend Mass but there is no obligation to do so. Our

parish is dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes. It is to her gracious intercession that I commend the parish community at this testing and trying time for us all.

I encourage you to recite the following prayer each day. It is called the Memorare, composed by Saint Bernard.

*Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary,
that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession,
was left unaided.
Inspired by this confidence,
I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother.
To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate,
despise not my petitions,
but in your mercy, hear and answer me.
Amen.*

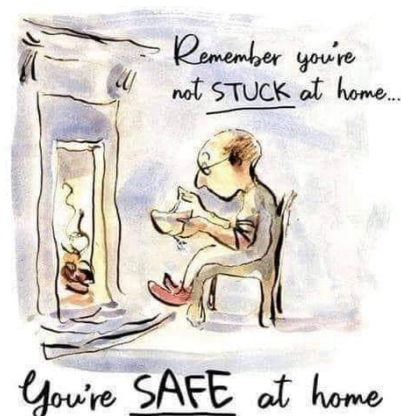
God bless you this week.

Go gently. Father Pat


NEWSLETTER The ordinary newsletter is suspended for the duration of the lockdown. There will be a basic newsletter online to keep you updated on parish matters. All parish meetings, committees and groups are suspended.

COVID RESTRICTIONS. Funerals are allowed with a maximum of 30 people attending. Weddings are not allowed unless in exceptional circumstances. Baptisms restricted to 5 attending including priest and baby. Attending mass on Sunday is permitted with social distancing and sanitisation strictly adhered to. Numbers in church limited to 120 with social distancing. All meetings and committees suspended. Parish office is closed until further notice.

Everyone is asked to cooperate to be sensible and stay at home wash hands and sanitise.



MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 10th January	8am - Intentions Michael Newman 9.30am - People of Parish 11.30am – Intentions O’Donnell family 6.30pm - David O’Brien RIP
Monday 11th January	9am – Dolores Hurley RIP
Tuesday 12th January	9am - Marie Francis RIP
Wednesday 13th January	9am - Holy Souls
Thursday 14th January	9am – Holy Souls
Friday 15th January	9am - Holy Souls
Saturday 16th January	9am – Intentions Cathy and Trevor Francis 6.30pm – People of the Parish
Sunday 17th January	8am - Marion Corder RIP 9.30am - Patrick Molloghan RIP 11.30am – Intentions Cathy Francis 6.30pm - Intentions Wendy Gillespie
	The 11.30am Mass will be live streamed every Sunday on our YouTube Channel at http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11

Please remember your face coverings when attending Mass and to sanitise your hands on your arrival and as you leave the church. If you have the NHS COVID 19 app on your smartphone, please scan the church QR code **every** time you visit the church.

PRAYERS PLEASE This week can we pray for all whose anniversary of death occurs this week, for the sick and housebound, for all in our nursing and care homes, for those in hospital and all NHS staff, for our schools staff and pupils, and for all who have asked for the prayers of the community.

RIP

Please pray for the following who have died recently:

Theresa Kawa, Catherine Corti (suddenly), Joan Peters - Grandmother of Angela Barrow

Bernadette Brown (former parishioner), Dinah Cagney - Aunt of Linda Gerrish

Anthona Fregene - Funeral Mass on 29 January

Nancy Bracken - Sister of Tom Farrelly and MariaGabriela Da Conceicao Ramos Leal

May they Rest in Peace.

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL. If you wish you can donate today to the White Flower Appeal. This is to support the Pro Life Movement remembering that human life is sacred from womb to tomb. You may gift aid donations and place in Offertory Collection Baskets in church foyer. This is a very worthwhile cause and deserves our support. Please be generous.

PARISHIONERS IN ISOLATION We are once again aware that a large section of our parish may find themselves in need during lockdown. Parishioners in Isolation is a support group set up in the first lockdown to help the vulnerable of our parish with their daily needs. We can help with shopping, collecting prescriptions or just a friendly telephone call if you fancy a chat. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need help. We have lots of volunteers standing by to assist you! Please contact Fiona Christison on 07812 766 082 or speak to Father Pat or Father Adrian.

PARISH FINANCES Please do not forget to keep up your support of the parish financially. If you are in arrears with your offertory contributions do catch up asap. you can donate on line, by envelope, and by cheque. Also gift aid your donation if you are a tax payer. We get 25p in every pound donation back from the government. thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Contributions to the parish can be made via a page on the Brentwood Diocesan website at: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=wanstead> or by scanning our QR code with your smartphone and selecting "General Offertory".



You can, if you prefer, make a account using online banking. Wanstead Parish as a payee on your online banking app or internet page.

payment directly into the parish bank You will need to set up the OLOL

The Parish Bank details are as follows:

Account Name:	<i>Catholic Church Wanstead Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
Sort Code:	<i>40-13-22</i>
Account number:	<i>71018973</i>



The parish is on Facebook & Twitter **@OLOLE11** and on Instagram at **@OLOL_E11** please follow and like these pages and ask your family and fellow parishioners to do the same.

These sites, along with the website

<http://www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/> are updated regularly during lockdown as a key method for us to communicate key information & announcements to parishioners.

Please subscribe (and turn on notifications) to our Parish YouTube Channel at <http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11> -