

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

Wanstead

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Parish News Sheet

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Dear Friends

I was struck this week by these lines from a poem by the Austrian Poet, Rainer Maria Rilke:

*Work no miracles for me.
simply hold to your laws of creation,
more perceptible to us
from generation to generation.*

It is from Rilke's 'Book of Hours', a series of poems based on the title of the Liturgy of Hours or Divine Office, also known as the breviary which contains sets of prayers for different times of the day. Rilke's collection does not follow the pattern of Morning, Evening and Night Prayer of the Church, but he writes instead a set of poems exploring subjects such as the difficulty of grasping and expressing God and how we can create images of God which do not really manage to define him.

In the quotation above we can see the writer asking not for miracles, but simply that God reveal himself in creation. Perhaps we can think of the daily miracles that happen around us - the sun rises each morning, we wake from sleep, or a bird flies and lands on our windowsill. There are many miracles which happen around us all the time and that go unnoticed, even the playing of beautiful music and a fine painting are all God working through our nature and talents. God constantly keeps perfecting and improving all our natural abilities so that they serve him.

Of course, we should pray for things that we need; St. Paul says, 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God' (Philippians 4:6), but the poet is trying to get us to see the miracles around us 'from generation to generation' meaning that as we look around us more and more in our lives we will hopefully recognise God more and more.

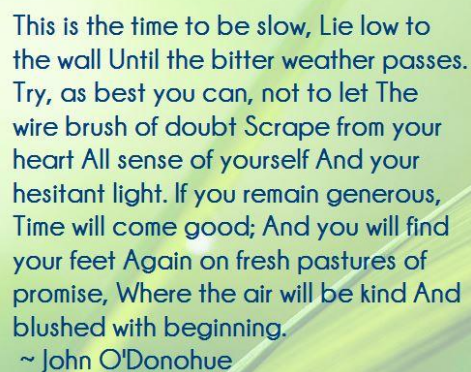
The poem also tries to get us to love god for who he is, not for what we can get from him, including miracles. True love seeks nothing from the beloved, which is hard to do. Rabbi Lionel Blue, the writer and broadcaster, once wrote, 'God, I do not want your heaven, and I am not scared of hell, what I want is YOU.'

God bless you and take care,

Fr. Adrian

The Truth About Me


You have to keep unmasking the world about you for what it is: manipulative, controlling, power-hungry, and, in the long run, destructive. The world tells you many lies about who you are, and you simply have to be realistic enough to remind yourself of this. Every time you feel hurt, offended, or rejected, you have to dare to say to yourself: "These feelings, strong as they may be, are not telling me the truth about myself. The truth, even though I cannot feel it right now, is that I am the chosen child of God, precious in God's eyes, called the Beloved from all eternity, and held safe in an everlasting embrace."



This is the time to be slow, Lie low to
the wall Until the bitter weather passes.
Try, as best you can, not to let The
wire brush of doubt Scrape from your
heart All sense of yourself And your
hesitant light. If you remain generous,
Time will come good; And you will find
your feet Again on fresh pastures of
promise, Where the air will be kind And
blushed with beginning.
~ John O'Donohue

God Bless you and yours. Fr. Pat

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sunday 17th January	<p>8am - Marion Corder RIP</p> <p>9.30am - Patrick Molloghan RIP</p> <p>11.30am – Intentions Cathy Francis</p> <p>6.30pm - Intentions Wendy Gillespie</p>
Monday 18th January	9am – Daisy Winston Eddie Ingram and Herman Reinhardt RIP
Tuesday 19th January	9am - Ken Winger RIP
Wednesday 20th January	9am - Carmel O Gormon RIP
Thursday 21st January	9am – Patrick Gorham RIP
Friday 22nd January	9am - Joan Peters RIP
Saturday 23rd January	<p>9am – Holy Souls</p> <p>6.30pm – Deceased Members Bennett Family</p>
Sunday 24th January	<p>8am – People of Parish</p> <p>9.30am - Patrick Donohue RIP</p> <p>11.30am – Grace Peace RIP</p> <p>6.30pm – Private Intentions</p>
	<p>The 11.30am Mass will be live streamed every Sunday on our YouTube Channel at http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11</p>

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 Moya Doyle from our community. Funeral Arrangements to be announced later. May she Rest in Peace.

PLEASE NOTE There are 11 masses next week and to fulfill the Sunday obligation you can attend any of them. Please be aware you are not obligated to attend Mass at this present time. The obligation to attend Sunday Mass is suspended.

TRINITY VACANCIES

- P/T Teacher of History
- P/T Teacher of Art

Please visit the School website for more information

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.

payment directly into the parish bank 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:	<i>Catholic Church Wanstead Our Lady of Lourdes</i>
Sort Code:	<i>40-13-22</i>
Account number:	<i>71018973</i>



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

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