

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Wanstead

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B) - Newsletter

14th February 2021



"The leprosy left him at once and he was cured."

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DEAR FRIENDS

Jesus And Satan were having an ongoing argument about Who Is Better On The Computer. They had been going at it for days, and frankly God was tired of hearing all of the bickering.

Finally fed up God said, "THAT'S IT! I have had enough I am going to set up a test that will run two hours and from these results, and I will judge who does the better job."

So Satan and Jesus sat down at the keyboards and typed away.

They moused. They sent faxes
They e-mailed. They e-mailed with attachments.
They downloaded. They did spreadsheets.
They wrote reports. They created labels and cards.
They created charts and graphs.
They did every known job known to humankind.

Jesus worked with heavenly efficiency and Satan was faster than hell. Then ten minutes before their time was up, lightning suddenly flashed across the sky, thunder rolled, the rain poured and, of course, the electricity went off.

Satan stared at his blank screen and screamed every curse word known in the underworld.

Jesus just sighed.

The electricity finally flickered back on and each of them restarted their computers. Satan started searching frantically, screaming

"It's gone! It's all GONE! I lost everything when the power went out!"

Meanwhile, Jesus quietly started printing out all of his files from the past two hours. Satan observed this and became irate. "Wait!" he screamed. "That's not fair! He cheated!, how come he has all his work and I don't have any?"

God just shrugged and said,
"JESUS SAVES."

God bless,
Father Pat





A THOUGHT

One day at a time- this is enough.

*Do not look back and grieve over the past, for it is gone;
and do not be troubled about the future, for it has not yet come.*

*Live in the present, and make it so beautiful that it will be worth,
Remembering.*



Sunday 14 th February	8am People of Parish 9.30am Alan Frost RIP  11.30am Frank Baynes RIP 6.30pm Intentions of Fr. Paschal Uche.
Monday 15 th February	9am Brother Hugh Davies RIP 2.30. Funeral Mass Noreen Cavanagh RIP
Tuesday 16 th February	9am Holy Souls
Wednesday 17 th February Ash Wednesday	7am Patrick Joseph Donohoe RIP  9am Patrick Wallace RIP 8pm Richard Shore RIP
Thursday 18 th February	9am Alan Frost RIP
Friday 19 th February	9am Christopher Shonibare RIP
Saturday 20 th February	9am Graham Hamand RIP 6.30pm People of Parish
Sunday 21 st February	8am Christine Mansell RIP 9.30am Kate Hayes RIP  11.30am Sheila Pencoed RIP 6.30pm Intentions Carina Kennedy
 Live streamed Masses are via 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.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS

Noreen Cavanagh Funeral Mass 2.30pm 15th February.

Moya Doyle Reception of body into Church 6pm Monday
15th February. Funeral Mass Tuesday 16th February 10am.

Sondaye McLoughlin. Service at Manor Park Cemetery Wednesday
17th February 10am.

Pat Hetherington Reception of body into Church 6pm 1st March.
Funeral Mass 9am Tuesday 2nd March.

Gerard Crosby Funeral Mass 3rd March 10.30am.

Our condolence and prayers to the families and friends of the deceased. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

RIP the death has taken place of Christopher Shonibare RIP who was the father of Fr Joseph who often celebrated mass in OLOL during the summer. Fr Joseph will preside at the 9am Mass on Friday 19th February and all parishioners are welcome to attend.

Our sympathy and prayers to Fr Joseph and his family.

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.

100 CLUB WINNERS



December S. Britt hazard, Terry Leavens, Raphael
Derrick

January Rosemary o' Connor, Frank & Rita Reilly,
Geraldine Molloy

February Jenny & Dennis Perkins, Nicholson family, Geraldine & Leo
Tyrie

Congratulations to them all!

LENT begins this week on Ash Wednesday with the blessing and imposition of Ashes at our three masses, 7am 9am and 8pm. Wednesday is a day of fasting and day of abstinence. Lent is a period of penance of giving, good works and when we prepare for the feast of the Resurrection at Easter.

FROM POPE FRANCIS LENTEN LETTER

Jesus revealed to his disciples the deepest meaning of his mission when he told them of his passion, death and resurrection, in fulfilment of the Father's will. He then called the disciples to share in this mission for the salvation of the world.

In our Lenten journey towards Easter, let us remember the One who "humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross" (Phil 2:8). During this season of conversion, let us renew our faith, draw from the "living water" of hope, and receive with open hearts the love of God, who makes us brothers and sisters in Christ. At the Easter vigil, we will renew our baptismal promises and experience rebirth as new men and women by the working of the Holy Spirit. This Lenten journey, like the entire pilgrimage of the Christian life, is even now illumined by the light of the resurrection,

which inspires the thoughts, attitudes and decisions of the followers of Christ.

PARISH FINANCES 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
and selecting “General



code with your smartphone
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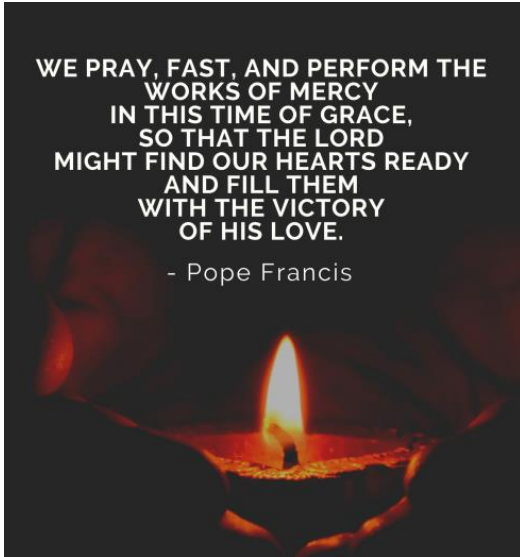
You can, if you prefer, make a payment directly into the parish bank account using online banking. You will need to set up the OLOL Wanstead Parish as a payee on your online banking app or internet page.

The Parish Bank details are as follows:

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

WE PRAY, FAST, AND PERFORM THE
WORKS OF MERCY
IN THIS TIME OF GRACE,
SO THAT THE LORD
MIGHT FIND OUR HEARTS READY
AND FILL THEM
WITH THE VICTORY
OF HIS LOVE.

- Pope Francis



LENTEN PROGRAMME

2021

LENT COMMENCES ON ASH
WEDNESDAY

17 FEBRUARY MASSES
7am, 9am and 8pm

DAILY MASS MONDAY TO SATURDAY 9.00am

SUNDAY MASSES

VIGIL MASS SATURDAY 6.30 pm

SUNDAY 8am, 9.30am, 11.30 am and 6.30 pm



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

SATURDAY at 10.00am and 5.30pm and
on request



ROSARY

UPLOADED TO OUR YOUTUBE
CHANNEL 8.00 pm EVERY WEDNESDAY
FROM 24TH FEBRUARY



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

UPLOADED TO OUR YOUTUBE CHANNEL
FRIDAY'S AT 8.00pm FROM 19TH
FEBRUARY



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

SATURDAY between 9.30 – 10.30 am



The Lent course will be run via Zoom on
Tuesdays at 8pm.

There will be a short film (about 20 minutes)
to be followed by discussion. You will need Internet
access and an Email address.

If you are interested please email the parish office
at: wanstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org
Please give the email you would like to use.

TUESDAY 23 FEBRUARY 8pm THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

Why bother thinking about religion? Five reasons
not to believe in God. Arguments for the existence
of God?

TUESDAY 2 MARCH 8pm WHO IS JESUS?

He came to bring life to the world. The Saving Death of Jesus.

The light of the Resurrection.

TUESDAY 9 MARCH 8pm THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH

How the Holy Spirit can change your life. No one gets into heaven alone. Why we need signs, symbols and sacraments.

TUESDAY 16 MARCH 8pm THE GIFT OF FAITH

What is faith? Are Christians just stupid or are there good reasons to believe? How to take a step of faith.

TUESDAY 23 MARCH 8pm FINDING TRUE FREEDOM

Is there such a thing as right and wrong? Where can we find moral guidance? How do you discover your true identity?

TUESDAY 30 MARCH 8pm THE MEANING OF LOVE

What is love? How to love your neighbour. Knowing the love