

Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Wanstead

Fourth Sunday of Lent (B) "Laetare Sunday"
Newsletter 14th March



"God sent his Son, so that through him the
world might be saved"

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Dear Parishioners,

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through the season of Lent. I hope its going well for you spiritually and that you can participate in the services we are offering through zoom. It seems that COVID-19 restrictions will still be in place at Easter. The good news is that we are permitted to have Holy Week ceremonies, but they will be curtailed and basic.

On Holy Thursday Evening Mass of the Lords Supper will take place without The Mandatum - the Washington the Feet and there will be no watching at the Altar of Repose.

On Good Friday we have an Ecumenical Service in our Church at 11am when ministers from the other Christian Churches with their parish representatives will join us at Our Lady of Lourdes. We have two Solemnity of the Passion Services at 3pm and 5pm . There will not be individual Veneration of The Cross. It will be a communal Veneration. The Passion of The Lord Jesus will be proclaimed, and Holy Communion will be distributed. There will also be an Hour of Silent Prayer around the Cross from 7.30 to 8.30.pm.

Holy Saturday the most sacred night of the year will commence at 8pm with the proclamation of the Exultation the great Easter Hymn in front of the Paschal Candle. No blessing of the Easter fire, no baptisms or reception of candidates into full Communion with the Church. This year that will take place privately.

On Easter Sunday there will be extra masses. We begin early in morning with mass at 7am.

"Early in the morning on the first day of the week they went to the tomb...the disciples ran and found it empty "He is risen the angel told them - he is not dead. Go and tell the others.

The mass times on Easter Sunday are on the hour at 7am 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am and evening mass at 6.30 pm. This year admission to all Holy Week Ceremonies and Easter masses will be on a first come first served basis.

Your full cooperation is requested and please follow the instructions of the stewards on duty. The stewards are Parishioners giving freely of their time to assist the community and ensure your health and safety while in Church. No abuse of them will be tolerated. They have a difficult task and are carrying out Government and Diocesan instructions on behalf of the Parish. Please respect them. We will keep you updated in the run up to Easter.

I encourage those who have not come back to Mass to do so at Easter. Mass online is not the same as physical presence. So, COME BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY FOR EASTER. It is a safe place to be. We strictly observe and adhere to sanitisation and social distancing and all rules and regulations relating to health and safety during these COVID-19 times.

God Bless you and yours this week.

Father Pat and Father Adrian.

Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



<p>Sunday 14th March</p> <p><i>4th Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p>8am People of Parish</p> <p>9.30am Intentions Phil Scannell</p> <p> 11.30am Margaret O Neill RIP</p> <p>6.30pm Tracey Barry RIP</p>
<p>Monday 15th March</p>	<p>9am Marie Francis RIP</p>
<p>Tuesday 16th March</p>	<p>8.30am (Please note change of time) - Holy Souls</p> <p>10am Funeral Mass James Gates RIP</p>
<p>Wednesday 17th March</p> <p><i>Feast of St Patrick</i></p>	<p>8.20am – Mass in Trinity Catholic High School (Fr Pat)</p> <p> 9am Intentions of Parishioners (Frost)</p> <p>11am Funeral Mass – Michael McCarthy RIP</p>
<p>Thursday 18th March</p>	<p>9am Paul Maxfield RIP</p> <p>3pm Funeral Mass – David Coote</p>
<p>Friday 19th March</p> <p><i>Feast of St Joseph</i></p>	<p>9am Margaret McGrath RIP</p>
<p>Saturday 20th March</p>	<p>9am P. Skjold RIP</p> <p>6.30pm Holy Souls</p>
<p>Sunday 21st March</p> <p><i>5th Sunday of Lent</i></p>	<p>8am People of Parish</p> <p>9.30am Maureen McGoldrick RIP</p> <p> 11.30am Pat Hetherington RIP</p> <p>6.30pm Alan Frost RIP</p>
<p> Live streamed Masses are via our YouTube Channel at http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11</p>	

WELCOME We welcome into the family of God through Baptism Aria Lilyana Victor who was baptised here on Saturday.

THE ROSARY led by members of the parish community will be available on the Parish YouTube Channel from 8pm every Wednesday during Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be available on the Parish YouTube Channel from 8pm every Friday during Lent.

LENT COURSE – The fourth session of this year's Lent Course will be held on Tuesday 16th March on 8pm

THANK YOU "Thank you, and Thank you to OLOL, for your greetings for my 90th Birthday. What a truly good Parish this is, to be a part of it. I thank God for you ever more, if that's possible" Sr. Katie

CAFOD The current Parish project supports Magdalena Medio in Colombia, a community working together to establish trust and peace in a strife-torn area. Financial and prayerful support is given to community groups for education, human rights, and peace-building projects. Please add your support to this campaign as we enter the last few weeks of a three-year commitment. Donations clearly marked may be left in the collection baskets after Sunday Mass or at the Presbytery. If you have a triangular box, please return – all gift-aided if possible. Thank you

FOR OUR ALTAR SERVERS from the Paul Millen our Parish MC - We are hoping to return to serving after Easter on a scaled, gradual process as we come out of lockdown. Easter will be much scaled back but there may be an opportunity for a small number to serve. This is yet to be confirmed. Parents, please email me at mcololwanstead@yahoo.co.uk to express interest if your young person is eager and willing to serve.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES if you haven't received your offertory envelopes in the post please contact Bob Fox via wanstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org Thank you.

PARISH FINANCES. Due to COVID19 many parishioners have chosen not to attend Sunday Mass. This is understandable but consequently the parish offertory collection has dropped by about 80%. We must meet our commitments which are very large. May I please ask all who are in arrears with contributions to drop your envelopes through the Presbytery letter box. Also, if you can give a donation to parish funds that would be enormously helpful. Please consider this if you can. All donations should be gift aided please. Thank you for supporting your church and community.

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

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=wanstead>

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:	40-13-22
Account number:	71018973

BCYS SPONSORED SLEEPOUT 2021



The poster features a dark blue background with a starry night sky and a crescent moon. The title 'SPONSORED SLEEPOUT 2021' is written in large, white, textured letters. Below the title, the text reads: 'Sleep outside to raise funds for charities supporting homeless people in Essex and East London'. A photograph shows a person wrapped in a blue blanket on a concrete floor. A yellow arrow-shaped box contains the date 'Date: 26th March 2021' and the website 'More info at: www.bcys.net/events'. At the bottom, there is text stating: 'All funds raised will be split 50/50 between the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service and the Caritas Brentwood charities supporting homeless people'. Logos for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, Caritas diocese of Brentwood, and Caritas Anchor House are also present.

Sponsorship forms, online donations and further information can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sleepout2021

Donations can also be made online <http://www.bcys.net/donate>, selecting "Sponsored

Sleepout 2021” on the dropdown list and putting the name of the person or group being sponsored into the reference box. You could ask people to sponsor you one whole amount or per hour you sleep outside.

ASK YOUR MP TO ATTEND A PARLIAMENTARY EVENT ON THE DANGERS OF DIY ABORTION Governments are currently deciding on whether to make permanent the temporary measure allowing ‘DIY’ home abortions in England, Wales and Scotland. To ensure that politicians are aware of the negative impact of ‘DIY’ home abortions, the All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group will be hosting a parliamentary event on Tuesday 23 March where experts will cover the latest evidence on how ‘DIY’ home abortions are placing women at risk.

Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool that will enable members of the public to easily contact their MPs asking them to attend this event. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds!

www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionMeeting

VACANCY Trinity Catholic High School Woodford Green have the following vacancy.

- Fixed Term SEN TA, ASAP: Scale 3, Point 5, 18 hours p/w

Trinity Catholic High School is committed to safeguarding children; successful candidates will be subject to an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service check. Please visit the school's website for more details. <https://www.tchs.org.uk/>