

WEEKDAY / SUNDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)

SUNDAY 8.00am Graham Adkins
 28th March 9.30am Intentions Eileen Howe
 11.30am Intentions Cashell Family
 6.30pm Intentions Howe Family

{11.30am Live Streamed www.tiny.cc/OLOLE11}

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK

MONDAY 9.00am Sheila Bates RIP
 29th March

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK

TUESDAY 9.00am Intentions Margaret Monahan
 30th March

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK (SPY WEDNESDAY)

WEDNESDAY 9.00am Intentions Religious of the Assumption
 31st March 11.00am Mass of Chrism in Brentwood Cathedral

MAUNDY THURSDAY

1st April 9.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
 8.00pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

GOOD FRIDAY

FRIDAY 9.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
 2nd April 11.00am Ecumenical Service OLOL
 3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
 5.00pm Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord
 7.30pm Prayer around the Cross (one hour)

HOLY SATURDAY

SATURDAY 9.00am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer
 3rd April 8.00pm Liturgy of the Paschal Vigil

THE RESSURACTION OF THE LORD (B)

SUNDAY 7.00am Tommie Podden RIP
 4th April 8.00am George Bagley RIP
 9.00am Mary Mollaghan RIP
 10.00am Don Falvey RIP
 11.00am Intentions Cathy Francis
 6.30pm Intentions Michael Gleeson

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
28th March, 2021



"Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord."

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Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Today, we begin Holy Week, often referred to as 'The Great Week' - a week in which we commemorate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Twice during Holy Week we read the story of the Passion - on Palm Sunday we read Mark's account and on Good Friday we read John's majestic account. It is to St. John's Gospel that I wish to refer now.

In his gospel he tells us that Jesus spoke the following beautiful words to his disciples on the night before he died. "Do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God still and trust in me." You will often hear these words read from St. John's gospel during funeral Masses. The words were spoken by Jesus at the last supper. He had taken the bread and wine and given them to his disciples telling them that it was his body and blood given up for them, and poured out for them, and for many.

The apostles would have understood these words because they were forewarning them of something to come, something that would cause pain and anguish to them and to Jesus. When he said do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid, he was speaking to their fear, doubt and uncertainty.

Just now, many of us are facing uncertainty and probably fear and doubt because of Covid-19. It seems never-ending, with a possibility of a third wave looming. Despite the enormous strides made with the various vaccines, the virus continues to spread, ravage and devastate many parts of the world. There is always a looming threat that it will come back stronger with a new variant which threatens our lives. We get different information from politicians and others, sometimes conflicting, so naturally many people are confused and worried.

In the midst of it all Jesus says "**DO NOT LET YOUR HEARTS BE TROUBLED OR AFRAID, TRUST IN GOD STILL AND TRUST IN ME.**"

Humanly speaking it is not always easy to follow this advice. The pandemic and the many challenges of modern life present in family community and personally, sometimes overwhelms us.

Despite our faith, the reality is that at times we are afraid, confused, uncertain, bewildered. Sometimes we may feel that God has abandoned us. Of course, the fact is that this is not true. God is always with us as a constant and faithful companion on the journey.

100 CLUB

If you are a member of the 100 Club and have not yet returned your form and the £60 subscription for 2021-2022, could you please do so as soon as you can. The 100 Club is a great financial support to the presbytery and it also puts you in with a chance to win £100 and 2 £50 prizes monthly. Application forms are available in the church foyer. "You have to be in it to Win it!"

FUNERALS

Wednesday 7th April 12.15pm - Funeral Service - Witold Polanski RIP

Thursday 8th April 11.30am - Funeral Mass - Sister Patricia RIP

Thursday 8th April 2.30pm - Funeral Service - Sheila Willis RIP

Friday 9th April 2.30pm - Funeral Service - Ernest Lloyd RIP

PARISH FINANCES - PAYMENT METHOD

Contributions to the parish can be made via the 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

The Passage's mission and work is developing to cope with more people becoming homeless it is raising funds through the Big Give until Wed 31st March to support **No Night Out** a new initiative to take newly homeless people off the street straight away. Further details of the work is at www.passage.org.uk. **Double your Donation, Double your impact.** This is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the Gift up to £20 (and for individuals to £22.50 with Gift Aid with higher rate tax relief it may cost the donor less than £10). For more information ring Andrew Hollingsworth 020 75921886 andrew.h@passage.org.uk. Donate at <https://tinyurl.com/NoNightOut>

EASTER SERVICES

Sunday 28th March - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Masses – Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 8am, 9.30am, 11.30am, 6.30pm. Palms will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.

Monday 29th Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st Holy Week

Mass each morning at 9am.

Wednesday 31st Mass of Chrism in the Cathedral 11am

Easter Triduum

Thursday 1st April Holy Thursday - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 8pm

**Friday 2nd April Good Friday – Services 3pm and 5pm
7.30pm Prayer around the Cross (one hour)**

Saturday 3rd April Holy Saturday – Liturgy of the Paschal Vigil 8pm

**Easter Sunday Masses 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am and 6.30pm
*(please note the times of masses are changed for Easter Sunday)***

Please note that services this year have been shortened to comply with COVID restrictions issued by the Government and the Diocese. Sanitisation and social distancing needs to be observed at all times. Admission to these services is on a 'first come, first served basis'. Your cooperation in complying with regulations would be much appreciated. Please adhere to the directions issued by the stewards. Thank you.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSIONS)

The Sacrament of Reconciliation in preparation for Easter will be available at the following times

Monday 29th March - 7.00pm to 7.30pm

Tuesday 30th March - 9.30am to 10.00am

Wednesday 31st March - 6.30pm to 7.00pm

Confessions will be heard in the Blessed Sacrament chapel.

Please wear a mask and sanitise your hands.

God is nearer to us than we realise, nearer to us than ourselves. God's gifts and the gift of the Holy Spirit, of faith, peace, joy, hope, are freely given to us but never forced upon us. In the context of Jesus telling his disciples not to have troubled hearts he reminds them that he is the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE, suggesting that if we faithfully follow him we will not get lost.

Keeping to the way of Jesus ensures peace for our troubled hearts and minds.

After the Resurrection the first words of Jesus were "peace be with you." The disciples received this gift of peace and as a result their lives were transformed. It is my fervent prayer that this will be your experience too as we enter the great week reflecting the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Reflect on the words of Jesus, COURAGE, DO NOT BE AFRAID, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS.

Many people have been away from the church for a long time, and that is understandable in the context of Covid-19. It is right and good to take precautions to ensure the safety of everybody. Now, I think, would be a good time to come back to Church for some of the Easter ceremonies. THE CHURCH IS OPEN - IT IS THE HOUSE OF GOD, IT IS YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME. IT IS A SAFE PLACE AND YOU ARE WARMLY WELCOMED.

To assist with this we are providing extra Holy Week and Easter services.

Holy Thursday 1st April - Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. 8pm.

Good Friday 2nd April (Day of fasting and abstinence) Ecumenical Service 11am (no walk of witness). 3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord. 5pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord. 7.30pm Prayer around the Cross for one hour.

Holy Saturday 3rd April - Liturgy of the Paschal Vigil 8pm. Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday 4th April (The Resurrection of the Lord) - Please note Mass times - 7am, 8am, 9am, 10am, 11am and 6.30pm. Because of restrictions entry into the church will have to be on a first come first serve basis. We are instructed to have shorter Masses and not to detain people for too long. In this parish we comply with all instruction from the Government and the Bishop.

Let us continue to go forward together as a praying Christian community. Thank you to all who help out and let us continue to support each other.

*God bless you and yours.
Father Pat and Father Adrian*

LENT COURSE – The sixth session of this year’s Lent Course will be held on Tuesday 30th March at 8pm

FOR OUR ALTAR SERVERS from 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.

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

PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Robert Britt-Hazard, Steve Britt-Hazard, Justina Paul, Anne Silcock, Olive Flynn, Bridie Connolly, Glafira D’Souza, Violet Ruttlidge, Mary P. Sullivan, Bridie Halligan, Mikey McDonagh. *{If you wish to include the name of a sick and housebound person, please contact the parish office}.*

THE ROSARY lead 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.

PLEASE REMEMBER to wear your face coverings when attending Mass and please 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.

BCYS SPONSORED SLEEPOUT 2021

A promotional poster for the 'Sponsored Sleepout 2021' event. The background is dark blue with a starry night sky and a crescent moon. The title 'SPONSORED SLEEPOUT 2021' is written in large, white, block letters. Below the title, it says 'Sleep outside to raise funds for charities supporting homeless people in Essex and East London'. There is a photograph of a person sleeping on the ground under a blue blanket. A yellow arrow-shaped box contains the date 'Date: 26th March 2021' and 'More info at: www.bcys.net/events'. At the bottom, there are logos for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, Caritas Diocese of Brentwood, and Caritas Anchor House. Text at the bottom states: 'All funds raised will be split 50/50 between the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service and the Caritas Brentwood charities supporting homeless people'.

Sponsorship forms, online donations and further information can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sleepout2021 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 for the whole amount or per hour you sleep outside. Young people from our confirmation group are taking part in this event. Donations can be made online <http://www.bcys.net/donate> selecting Sponsored Sleepout 2021 on the dropdown list and selecting OLOL Wanstead.