

# **Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Wanstead**

Third Sunday of Lent (B) – 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Newsletter



"Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I  
will raise it up."

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Dear Parishioners

We are now halfway through the season of Lent. Due to pandemic restrictions, we are unable to celebrate it this year in the parish. Our area masses have had to be cancelled as well as Stations of the Cross in the Church. However, we are making the best possible use of Zoom. On Tuesdays Fr. Adrian presents Lent talks at 8pm, on Wednesdays we stream the Rosary led by various people, and on Fridays we stream the Stations of the Cross. Do make use of these opportunities to help you spiritually during Lent.

The Sacramental Programmes for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, RCIA and wedding preparation are also presented via Zoom. COVID has had the effect of substantially reducing numbers attending Sunday Mass. Whilst the obligation to attend Mass is at present suspended by the Bishops Conference some people do attend. I encourage you now to come back to Sunday Mass. With all obligatory health and safety procedures in place in the Church it is a safe place to be. I particularly encourage first Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates to start attending mass in preparation for the Sacraments.

The parish has incurred a huge financial loss now exceeding £50,000. Income from Hall lettings and the Offertory Collection is substantially reduced. May I ask those who are in arrears with Offertory Envelopes to please return them to the Presbytery. If you cannot do this perhaps you would be kind enough to donate on line - instructions are in this

newsletter. Now that once again there are two priests in the parish our expenses have increased. As has ways been the case the Church to keep going depends on the generosity and support of the people. I now ask you to continue that support as you have always done.

As we look towards the feast of Easter when we celebrate the feast of The Resurrection let us use the remaining weeks of Lent to prepare wisely and well, pondering its meaning for Christian people.

*"THE RESURRECTION IS NOT AN APPENDAGE TO OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH IT IS OUR CHRISTIAN FAITH."*

Please also keep an eye on elderly neighbours and those living alone. A shout out to them helps enormously. Thanks, and appreciation to our Church Stewards and cleaners who give so generously of their time to ensure the health safety and wellbeing of those who attend Church.

We are baptising children when requested but only 6 people (including the baby) are permitted, for funerals 30 people are allowed and for wedding's 15 people (from 15<sup>th</sup> April).

God bless you and your loved ones this week.  
Father Pat and Father Adrian.

# Mass Intentions

FOR THE WEEK



Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	8am People of Parish 9.30am Intentions Sister Perpetua Lynch  11.30am Lyndsey Rita Alston RIP 6.30pm Edward Benson RIP
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	9am Holy Souls
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	9am Margaret Toher RIP
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	 9am Sister Katie (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	9am Marita Jordan
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	9am Intentions Agnes Kelly
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	9am Patrick Johnson 6.30pm Jim Duffy RIP
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	8am People of Parish 9.30am Intentions Phil Scannell  11.30am Margaret O Neill RIP 6.30pm Tracey Barry RIP
 Live streamed Masses are via our YouTube Channel at <a href="http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11">http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11</a>	

**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.

**RIP** The death has taken place of Michael McCarthy. Our sympathy and prayers to Mary and the family.

The death has also taken place of Carmel Duane RIP sister of Bernadette Quinn from the parish and Shelia Willis RIP and Audrey Duignan RIP.

May they all rest in peace.

### **FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS**

Audrey Duignan      Funeral Service 15<sup>th</sup> March 11am at City of London Cemetery

Michael McCarthy      Funeral Mass 17<sup>th</sup> March 11am - No flowers by request of family. Donations instead to MIND.

David Coote              Reception of body into Church 6pm on 17th March and Funeral Mass 18th March at 3pm.

Iris Finney              Funeral Mass 25th March 2pm

Shelia Willis              Funeral Service 8<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm

Our Sympathy and Prayers to the families of the deceased,  
May They Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

**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.

**PARISH SECRETARY** Our parish secretary Daniella has, for personal reasons, stepped down from this position. We thank her for her work, commitment and efficiency during her short time with us.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** a VERY Happy birthday to Sr. Katie on her 90th birthday on Tuesday. Sister Katie is a member of the Religious of the Assumption living at the Convent in the parish. We wish her health happiness and God's blessings on this great occasion and thank her for her contribution to parish life.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST** Thank you for the contributions to CAFOD Family Fast Day which amounted to £1115.00.

**THE ROSARY** lead by members of the parish community will be uploaded to the Parish YouTube Channel at 8pm every Wednesday during Lent.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will be uploaded to the Parish YouTube Channel at 8pm every Friday during Lent.

**LENT COURSE** – The third session of this year’s Lent Course will be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> March on 8pm on THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHURCH? via Zoom – if you are interested in joining and haven’t registered please email the parish office for the Zoom Meeting link at:

[wanstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:wanstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**STEWARDS** if you can help with stewarding at mass please contact Bernie Dando our site manager via [wanstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:wanstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Your help would be greatly appreciated.

**GIFT AID 2021/2022** Due to the COVID situation, this year’s new Gift Aid boxes have been posted out using second class post during the w/c 22nd February. The Boxes do not need to be used until 12th April which is the first Sunday after Easter but if you have not received a box in the post by the end of March, please let the parish office know. We are also aware that because of COVID, some parishioners have been unable in the last year to use the Gift Aid envelope system at all during 2020/2021. If you are one of those parishioners, it is possible that we will not have posted you a new set for 2021-2022 so please let us know by email or telephone.

**BCYS SPONSORED SLEEPOUT 2021** Join us in “giving” rather than “giving up” this Lent, by taking part in a diocesan wide Sponsored Sleepout on 26th March, led (virtually) from Walsingham House at Abbotswick. – join us from your garden, with just a sleeping bag and mat or cardboard boxes to sleep on or under! No tents allowed whatever the weather! Challenge yourself with a sponsorship goal - from £10 - £100, or perhaps even more! – as all money raised will support local homeless charities, such as Anchor House, The NewWay Project, Basildon Emergency Night Shelter and Southend Night Shelter, as well the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. If you are not able to take part, you can always support those who are by sponsoring them on our website! Sponsorship forms, online donations and further information can be found at [www.bcys.net/events/sleepout2021](http://www.bcys.net/events/sleepout2021) and if you would like to take part or have any more questions, please email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**WELCOME TO WANSTEAD SYRIAN FAMILY** We'd like to extend our thanks to the congregation and wider community of OLOL for all the kind support, generous donations, well wishes and prayers you have offered us over recent weeks and months. We are delighted to say that our family have arrived in Wanstead safely, and are settling in well. COVID19 has presented us with some additional and unexpected challenges, but we are working with the family to overcome them and we have every expectation of success. We are so grateful to everyone who has contributed time, money or other donations; the community has truly risen to



the occasion and we have been touched by the friendly welcome our family has received.



The parish is on Facebook & Twitter @OLOLE11 and on Instagram at @OLOL\_E11

Mass is live streamed on our YouTube channel every Wednesday (9am) & Sunday (11.30am)

<http://tiny.cc/OLOLE11> - please subscribe today.

### PARISH FINANCES

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Offertory Contributions to made via a page on the 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 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:

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

## VACANCIES

St Marys Catholic Primary School Chingford - Key Stage Leader – Key Stage 2 Further details are available on our website: [www.stmaryschingford.com](http://www.stmaryschingford.com)

Brentwood Diocesan Catholic School Vacancies.

Please use this link address to view current vacancies.

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

The following vacancies are currently being recruited for:

- Teacher of English & Teacher of Religious Education – St Benedict’s Catholic College, Colchester  
Deadline for applications: 12:00 pm on Monday 8th March 2021.
- Deputy Headteacher – Our Lady of Ransom Primary School, Rayleigh  
Deadline for applications: 4:00 pm on Monday 22nd March 2021.
- Headteacher – St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School, Grays  
Deadline for applications: 6:00 am on Tuesday 6th April 2021