

## WEEKDAY / SUNDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

SUNDAY	8.00am	Ints Cherry & Colin Stone
25 <sup>th</sup> April	9.30am	Reginald Davis RIP
	11.30am	People of the Parish
	6.30pm	Deceased Covid Victims RIP

{11.30am Live Streamed [www.tiny.cc/OLOLE11](http://www.tiny.cc/OLOLE11)}

### FERIA

MONDAY	9.00am	MASS - Norman Ford RIP
26 <sup>th</sup> April	11.00am	SCHOOL MASS in Church - Private Intention
	1.00pm	Requiem MASS - Stephen Rose RIP

### FERIA

TUESDAY	9.00am	MASS - Emmanuel C Etuazia RIP
27 <sup>th</sup> April		

### FERIA

WEDNESDAY	9.00am	MASS - Mary Burns RIP
28 <sup>th</sup> April		

### ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

THURSDAY	9.00am	MASS - Intentions Patrick Mullane
29 <sup>th</sup> April		

### FERIA

FRIDAY	9.00am	MASS - Laurence Carrigan RIP
30 <sup>th</sup> April		

### FERIA

SATURDAY	9.00am	MASS - Michael McCarthy RIP
1 <sup>st</sup> May	6.30pm	MASS - Intentions Denis Gibson

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

SUNDAY	8.00am	People of the Parish
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.30am	Sheila Crawley RIP
	11.30am	Hugh Francis & Alvira Rita D'Souza
	6.30pm	Dick Warran RIP

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# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

## Fourth Sunday of Easter

25<sup>th</sup> April, 2021



"The Good Shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep."

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Pastoral Assistants - Carmel Docherty, Frank Adesegha.

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OLOL Site Manager - Bernie Dando

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Catechetical Co-ordinator - Michaela Mouquet

Headteacher OLOL School - Ruth Boon

Steward of the Gospel - Anne-Marie Fox

*Dear Friends,*

## Vocations Sunday

Each year the fourth Sunday of Easter is designated as Vocations Sunday. A vocation is simply a calling, a call from God to the heart of each individual to live in a particular way or to follow a particular path. The Church recognises many vocations - marriage and single life are both authentic and worthy vocations, but on this Sunday we remember especially the calling to priesthood and religious life.

A calling from God can come in many different ways and at different times: in my own case I felt a calling to priesthood in my forties! God knows the best time to call someone and he also knows how to wait whilst that calling takes root in an individual, matures and grows. Pope Francis writes that, 'God does not like to reveal himself in a spectacular way, pressuring our freedom. He conveys his plans to us with gentleness. He does not overwhelm us with dazzling visions but quietly speaks in the depths of our heart, drawing near to us and speaking to us through our thoughts and feelings.' God approaches us gently, plants ideas like seeds dug by a careful gardener, and then watches and cares for what he has planted.

It has become almost unfashionable to ask someone if they feel called to priesthood or to be a sister, nun or monk. Modern society and culture seems to speak against these ways of living and we feel embarrassed to enquire of people if they have ever considered they might have one of these vocations. Pope Francis, however, writes that there are three words connected with responding to God's calling - Dream, Service and Fidelity. The first word, dream, perhaps resonates with the experience of many people - they dream of having a vocation but perhaps do not think themselves worthy or capable of following it. When we have the courage to ask someone about a sense of calling from God, then we can help them give a voice to those dreams, those feelings. In this way, by asking if someone feels called by God, we can promote and help that sense of calling to grow.

## PARISH FINANCES - PAYMENT METHOD

Contributions to the parish can be made via the Diocesan website at: [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=wanstead](http://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**

## SCHOOL VACANCIES

### Trinity Catholic High School

Teacher of English, F/T - September 2021

Teacher of French, F/T - September 2021

Teacher of Home Economics, P/T - September 2021

Teacher of Science, P/T, Maternity Cover- September 2021

Teacher of Science, F/T - September 2021

### The Ursuline Academy Ilford

Teacher of History (0.6)

Start: September 2021

Closing Date: noon, Thursday 6 May 2021

For further information please visit: [uai.org.uk/about/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/about/vacancies)

## **PARISH OPEN AIR MASS**

To celebrate our return to normal, there will be a parish Open Air Mass and Picnic on 27<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am. This will be held at Eaton Manor Rugby Club, Nutter Lane, Wanstead. The Club House and bar will be open after 12.30pm and it would be lovely if you could bring a picnic and stay so that we have the opportunity to gather as a community. Let's look forward to getting together, Covid rules permitting.



**100 CLUB WINNERS FOR APRIL - CONGRATULATIONS!!**

**1ST PRIZE - £100 Maralyn Ryan**

**2ND PRIZE - £50 Monica Mukherji**

**3RD PRIZE - £50 St. Joseph's Convent**

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 1 x £100 and 2 x £50 prizes monthly. Application forms are available in the church foyer. "You have to be in it to Win it!"

**MESSAGE 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. Parents, please email me at [mcololwanstead@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mcololwanstead@yahoo.co.uk) to express interest if your young person is eager and willing to serve.

**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, Sandra Samler. *{If you wish to include the name of a sick and housebound person, please contact the parish office}.*

**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.**



Please be courageous enough to ask our young people and older ones among us if they feel called to serve God in these particular ways!

If anyone does feel that they have a vocation, then it is good to speak to someone about it and start discerning. A few simple steps and we can begin to follow our dreams and walk the part of discernment with an experienced guide.

The Pope has dedicated this year to Saint Joseph and prays, 'May Saint Joseph, protector of vocations, accompany you with his fatherly heart!' Let's say a prayer this Sunday to Saint Joseph and ask him to help those called to priesthood and religious life.

*With my prayers  
Father Adrian*

**VOCATION SUNDAY**

Today has been designated as Vocation Sunday. It is a day of prayer and intercession for vocations to priesthood, religious life, diaconate and lay vocation. There are fewer vocations today and as a church we are asked to pray that the Lord of the Harvest will continue to make provision for the harvest. This year two men will be ordained to priesthood for the diocese and two to the diaconate.

**RETURN TO MASS**

Now that Covid restrictions are easing and we are moving back to a more normal way of life, I invite parishioners, who have not been doing so, to return to Sunday Mass. The church is a safe place, where we stringently observe all Covid regulations as directed by the Diocese and Government. The Mass is the source and summit of our catholic faith – for a catholic it is the Mass that matters.

## **BAPTISMS**

Baptisms may be booked now. No more than six people are allowed to attend including baby.

## **WEDDINGS**

Numbers attending restricted to 15 people.

## **FUNERALS**

Numbers attending restricted to 30 people.

## **CHURCH (MASSES)**

Maximum 130 people in order to maintain social distancing.

## **RETURN OF OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

These may be posted through the letterbox of the door of the presbytery. If you haven't received your offertory envelopes in the post please contact Bob Fox by email at [wansteadchurch@gmail.com](mailto:wansteadchurch@gmail.com).

## **PARISH SOCIAL LIFE**

Now that there are positive signs of Covid restrictions being lifted we are hoping to build up once again the social life of the parish. Already the Social Committee are talking and making preparations. All going well (fingers crossed) we have our Community Mass at Eaton Manor on 27<sup>th</sup> June. On 17<sup>th</sup> July there will be a Car Boot Fayre. Cake sale on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. On the 7<sup>th</sup> November the annual Autumn Fayre and the Parish Carol Service on the 19<sup>th</sup> December All subject to restrictions being lifted.



## **LIVING JOYFULLY – A CELEBRATION OF RELIGIOUS LIFE IN THE UK**

24<sup>th</sup> April 11am – Online from 11am

An invitation to young adults 18-40. Drop in any time. Full schedule @UKReligiousLife. Sign up at [bit.ly/LivingJoyfullyUK](https://bit.ly/LivingJoyfullyUK)

## **RIP**

Our sympathy and prayers to Matthew Rose (and Eileen and Children) on the sudden death of his father Stephen in South Africa. May he rest in peace. Mass for the repose of his soul on Monday at 1pm.

*Helena Opoku* – Funeral Service on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am City of London Cemetery.

*Susan Peacock* – Funeral Mass on 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11.30am

*ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will resume on Saturdays after morning Mass until 10.30am. Do come and spend some time in private prayer.*

## **MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND READERS**

*Due to the pandemic, quite a few of our ministers and readers stopped coming to church. I am now asking all to make an effort to come back and renew your ministry again. To arrange to go back on the rota, get in touch with Paul Godin for reading and Kai van Beers for Eucharistic ministry.*

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS 2021**

*The programme has now been completed and the First Holy Communion will be at parish masses starting next weekend. It has been a difficult year for the preparation programme due to Covid restrictions. Enormous gratitude must go to the co-ordinator Michaela Mouquet, whose commitment and dedication was second to none. The instructions for the children had to be given via zoom. Thanks to those parents who co-operated with that method. A huge thank you to our catechists and Father Adrian for their sterling work.*

## **Annual Migrants' Mass**

In the Year of St Joseph, and in honour of St Joseph the Worker, the London dioceses of Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood will celebrate the 16th Annual Mass for Migrants on Saturday 1st May 2021 at 11.20am. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan and live-streamed from St William of York Roman Catholic Church, Forest Hill. Although we cannot welcome the faithful in person this year, this lively online service will still celebrate of the significant contribution made by migrants to life of our dioceses. Livestream the Mass at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/migrants-mass>