

WEEKDAY / SUNDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - Maura Stone RIP
28 th November	9.30am	MASS - People of the Parish
	11.30am	MASS - Freddie Brewer RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - Maria Keen & James Kane RIP

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

FERIA

MONDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
29 th November	9.00am	MASS - Ints Owen Branley {& Diana Branley RIP}

ST. ANDREW

TUESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
30 th November	9.00am	MASS - Shanthi Francine RIP
	2.00pm	FUNERAL MASS - Ted Lombardi RIP

FERIA

WEDNESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
1 st December	9.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
	7.30pm	MASS - Holy Souls

FERIA

THURSDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
2 nd December	9.00am	MASS - Thanksgiving (Birthday)

ST. FRANCIS

FRIDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
3 rd December	9.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
	7-9pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FERIA

SATURDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
4 th December	9.00am	MASS - Ann Keane RIP
	9.30-1030am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	MASS - Joe Gleeson RIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - People of the Parish
5 th December	9.30am	MASS - Ints Rosina Forestiero 100 th Birthday
	11.30am	MASS - Michael & Aniela Smolowik RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - Sarah & Edward Benson RIP

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

First Sunday of Advent (C)

28th November 2021



"Your liberation is near at hand."

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Pastoral Assistants - Carmel Docherty, Frank Adesegha.
Chair of Parish Council - Fiona Christison
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Catechetical Co-ordinator - Michaela Mouquet
Headteacher OLOL School - Ruth Boon
Steward of the Gospel - Anne-Marie Fox

Dear Parishioners,

With the arrival of the first Sunday of Advent, the church once again begins a new liturgical year. The next four weeks are an important and poignant time of spiritual preparation as we prepare to celebrate and ponder the mystery of the Incarnation, of God becoming Man, and coming to dwell among us.

Advent has a twofold character, first of all it is a time of preparation for Christmas when we celebrate the birthday of our Saviour, the nativity of God coming among us and it is also a season when our minds and hearts are directed to Christ's second coming at the end of time. It is presented by the church as a season of joyful hope and spiritual expectation with a hint of penance. The liturgy of Advent is designed to awake in us sentiments of hope, longing, joyful expectancy and penance.

At the beginning of Advent the call to conversion is addressed to us all "you know the time has come, you must wake up". These words were decisive in the conversion of St. Augustine. Their note of urgency should not be lost in us. These words can also change our lives.

We are not fully free of the pandemic and are still slowly emerging from it with caution and care. Safety is of paramount importance for all who come to church. Please observe our regulations.

We are emphasising reconciliation this Advent. Keep an eye on the newsletter for the details of many opportunities for confession. At the time of going to press we are uncertain about having our annual penitential service but we will see how the Covid restrictions work out. There are many things you can do in advent to help your spiritual life, eg., making an effort to come to morning mass, daily morning prayer and adoration, there will also be one weekly evening Mass during advent at 7.30pm. There are ample opportunities in the church for private prayer. These are the simple, age-old ways given to us by the church to prepare for Christmas.

Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem but all in vain unless he is born in me. T.S. Elliot wrote 'we had the experience but missed the meaning'. Do not miss the meaning of Advent 2021.

For those who have not come back to mass, I invite you now to begin this Advent. Come back to your spiritual roots and be nourished once again by the Eucharist. Let us pray as a community for a good experience of Advent in our parish.

*God bless,
Father Pat*

PARISH FINANCES - PAYMENT METHOD

Contributions to the parish can be made online via the Diocesan website at:

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=wanstead or by scanning the QR code shown here 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

You can also use contactless giving using your phone's QR reader and the QR codes shown on posters in the Parish Centre and also on the OLOL website which provides further detail. (<http://www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/offertory-donations>)

IMPORTANT

As we return to the new 'normal'. We have to ensure that all those in relevant ministries have the correct checks and DBS in place. It is essential if you receive an email regarding this that you return all the necessary information promptly. Without this we will not be able to run liturgical classes, youth club etc as effectively as possible. You will be contacted by the Group Leader to provide initial details in the first instance. If you have any queries please speak to Bernie Dando, Andrew Burns or Linda Houghton, our parish safeguarding representatives

LAMDA Acting exam classes at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre!

My Tuesday after-school drama classes will be very small with only 6 children in each group: Year 2/3: 4.15pm - Years 4-6: 5.15pm. These are fun, warm and creative sessions where over 12 week terms I help the children prepare for graded LAMDA acting examinations. (There are options to take Solo exams, Duo exams or Combined exams where students perform their own solo pieces as well as a Duologue with another student). I currently have 4 places available for the Yrs 4-7 class and a waiting list for the Yrs 2-3 class. For more information or contact please visit: <https://www.antoniodoggett.co.uk/classes-for-children> Hope to hear from you soon!

DIOCESAN NEWS

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – WOODFORD GREEN

We are recruiting for the following vacancies:

Sixth Form Administrator - Year 13 Full Time Permanent.

Teacher of French - Full time, Permanent, MPS / UPS / Outer London Pay.

Examinations Manager - Full time, Permanent, (£37, 722-£40, 869, FTE).

Teacher of Theology/Religious Education Full time - Permanent, MPS / UPS / Outer London Pay. 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.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) and Walsingham House at Abbotswick offer retreats, pilgrimages and many other events for many thousands of young people every year; most of the work is led by volunteers, trained as young leaders in the Church. The BCYS also supports our catechists and school lay chaplains. There will be a collection for their vital work, or you can donate online at www.bcys.net/donate.

This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to re-launch their virtual **Tree of Angels** which will allow you to light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of 'bccs'. Please visit bccs.org.uk and click on the Christmas tab where you will see 'Tree of Angels'. You can read more about this initiative and can click onto the Tree of Angels portal to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions contact Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk

THE ROUTE TO SUCCESS TUITION SERVICES.

Are you interested in finding the right kind of support to ensure your child's academic success? We cover a broad range of services and can individualise a support package that will meet the individual needs of your child at whatever stage they are. We approach the teaching in a creative, multisensory, cumulative manner which engages the pupil in learning and guarantees success.

*** English GCe and GCSE Lit and language * Study skills KS3 and KS4 ***

*** Specialist Dyslexic support at both primary and secondary level ***

Please get in touch to discuss the needs of your child and the support we have available in more detail. The support can take place in your own home or in South Woodford. Email: Nicola.coghlan@btinternet.com Mobile: 07342626521

ENGLISH TUTION: From January 2022 I will be running small group English tuition sessions at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre. Sessions will run for Year 6, Year 7, Year 8-9, GCSE and possibly A Level. I am a full time English teacher with over 15 years' experience teaching in full time education; I am fully insured and DBS checked. If you would like to find out more about my group sessions please do get in touch by calling 07981878034 or by email theresaosullivan2002@yahoo.co.uk

SYNOD 2023

We will have a meeting for anyone interested in sharing their thoughts, opinions etc. It is about listening and sharing ideas for the future of the Church. The meeting will be on Friday 10th December at 8pm in the Pastoral Centre Hall. Fr. Adrian will formulate the process – more later.

OLOL RC Primary School Christmas Raffle - Donation of Prizes

Would you like to donate a prize to Our Lady of Lourdes RC Primary School Christmas Raffle to raise funds for our local school? Typical prizes include John Lewis vouchers, restaurant vouchers, Christmas hampers, though all donations however big or small are most welcome and very much appreciated. Please contact the school PTA for more details or to donate a prize at:

ololrepta@gmail.com

WELCOME

We welcome into the family of God through Baptism
Austin Theodore Conway who was Baptised recently.



DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2022

The new Diocesan Directory for 2022 will be available in the Repository. Cost £4.00

INAUGURATION OF ADVENT SERVICE

Sunday 28th November at 4.00 pm in Brentwood Cathedral. Presider: Bishop Alan Williams with the Brentwood Cathedral Choir. This is a beautiful and uplifting way to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Christ's birth and for that time when He will come again.

100 CLUB WINNERS NOVEMBER

1ST PRIZE £100 CHARLES DE SILVA, 2ND PRIZE £50 THERESA HARRISON, 3RD PRIZE £50 PAM PLANE. CONGRATULATIONS!

Rest In Peace

Lucy Shepherd - Mother of Eileen from our community who has died in Hull.

Ted Lombardi - Funeral Mass Tuesday 30th November at 2pm.

Anne Delaney - Funeral Mass Wednesday 7th December.

Our sympathy and prayers to the families. May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM PREPARATION COURSE

The Baptism Preparation Course will resume in January 2022. The course comprises of two sessions held in the Pastoral Centre Hall at 7.45pm on Thursday evenings every second month as detailed below:

January 6 th and 20 th	March 3 rd and 10 th
May 5 th and 12 th	July 7 th and 21 st
September 8 th and 15 th	November 3 rd and 17 th

PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Robert Britt-Hazard, Steve Britt-Hazard, Justina Paul, Ann Silcock, Olive Flynn, Bridie Connolly, Glafira D'Souza, Bridie Halligan, Mikey McDonagh, Sandra Samler, Jane O'Halloran, Betty Ramsey, Caroline Sarpong, Thelma, Mr. Lanre Falano, Vivian Bazuaye, David McDonagh, Gemma Fishman, Rosemary O'Connor. *{If you wish to include the name of a sick and housebound person for prayers, please contact the parish office or pop a note through the presbytery door}.*

Chestnut Manor Care Home, 63 Cambridge Park, Wanstead, E11 2PR

Dementia Friends, Changing the way the nation thinks, talks and acts about dementia

There are over 850,000 people in the UK today living with dementia, and over 21 million people know someone affected by the condition. If you would like to learn a bit more about what life can be like for people living with dementia and some of the small things you can do to help them feel a part of their community, then please attend one of our Dementia Friends Information Sessions. Held on the first Wednesday of each month between 2-3pm starting on 1st December 2021. Please email Lesley.loizou@westgatehc.co.uk or call Lesley on 07947 536057.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES BY AIR FOR THE FEAST OF THE

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION: 4 Nights, 7th - 11th December 2021 £560 p.p. (twin/double), £650 p.p. (single room) which includes flights from Stansted, 4 nights' full board accommodation at the luxury Hotel Panorama (Inc. wine with meals), full time presence of the tour operator and chaplain, airport transfers in Lourdes, Mass offerings and procession candles. For more information and a booking form, please contact Siobhan at Parker Travel Ltd: 07932 634589 or siobhan@parker-travel.com. Due to current entry requirements into France, **this pilgrimage is only available to those who have been fully vaccinated.** You will have to purchase and carry out a COVID "Day Two" lateral flow test for your return to the UK. If you are unsure about how to go about this, we can assist you.

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people, is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme from 12.00 noon. Every £1 donated online between 12.00 noon on Tuesday 30 November and 12.00 noon on Tuesday 7 December makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. At a time when The Passage's finances are stretched and they are helping more homeless people please consider supporting this charity: <https://bit.ly/PassageBG2021>

Christmas Fayre Raised £2629.10

It was lovely seeing so many of you supporting the Christmas Fayre with the sound of laughter, the chatter and Christmas music playing it had a wonderful atmosphere. A big Thank you for all those who supported the event from wonderful donations, delicious cakes, wine, Spirits, New Gifts, Vintage items and raffle prizes. Also a special mention to those who helped to set up and run the stalls and to **Primavera Financial Partners** for donating the incredible advent calendar full of goodies for the weekend event and **Petty Son and Prestwich** who kindly donated a Fortnum and Masons Hamper and also advertised the event on a number of boards around Wanstead. Thank you so much. With all your hard work we raised an incredible **total of £2629.10**

Grand Raffle

Raffle Tickets for the Grand Draw will be sold after mass each weekend. Please help to support and raise funds towards the running of the Hall. You could have the chance to win great prizes such as £100.00 John Lewis Voucher, Fortnum and Masons Hamper, Kindle Fire, Hair Cut and Conditioning treatment in Toni & Guy Sloane Square, or a number of other hampers, wine, etc. Tickets are £2.00 each or they come in a book of 5 for £10.00. The draw will take place on 19th December at 8.00 pm



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK ~ DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>Monday 29th Nov</u>	8.00pm RCIA [Hall]
<u>Tuesday 30th</u>	2-3pm Meditation Group (Hall) 4.15pm-6.15pm Drama (Hall) 4.30pm-5.30pm English Tuition (Mark Room)
<u>Wednesday 1st Dec</u>	7-9pm Pilates (Hall)
<u>Thursday 2nd Dec</u>	3.00pm-6.00pm Perform [Hall] Term Time only
<u>Friday 3rd Dec</u>	3.00pm-6.00pm Perform [Hall] Term Time only

<u>Wednesday 15th Dec</u>	Advent Music and Prayer Service
<u>Monday 20th Dec</u>	8.00pm Parish Penitential Service (TBC)
<u>February 11th 2022</u>	Confirmation and Pastoral Visit by Bishop Alan