

WEEKDAY / SUNDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - Rob Brazier RIP
12 th December	9.30am	MASS - People of the Parish
	11.30am	MASS - Marie Duffy RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - Mary & John Kiely RIP

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

ST. LUCY

MONDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
13 th December	9.00am	FUNERAL MASS - Denis Collins

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS

TUESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
14 th December	9.00am	MASS - Nora Pinnock RIP
	7.30pm	Talk by Fr. Adrian in Pastoral Centre

FERIA

WEDNESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
15 th December	9.00am	MASS - Alaister Craig RIP
	7.30pm	MASS - Maggie Davis RIP

FERIA

THURSDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
16 th December	9.00am	MASS - Marie Francis RIP

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FRIDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
17 th December	9.00am	MASS - Holy Souls
	7-9pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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SATURDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
18 th December	9.00am	MASS - Ints Rosina Forestiero
	9.30-1030am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	MASS - Susan Scanlon nee Reynolds RIP (2 nd Anv)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

(Expectant Mothers)

SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - People of Parish
19 th December	9.30am	MASS - Heather de Silva RIP
	11.30am	MASS - Ronald Alston RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - Hannah & Joseph McDermott RIP

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Third Sunday of Advent (C)

12th December 2021



"What must we do?"

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Headteacher OLOL School - Ruth Boon
Steward of the Gospel - Anne-Marie Fox

Dear Parishioners,

Gaudete Sunday

Some musicians have the strange and unique ability to hear colour. It sounds a peculiar thing to say but there are actual scientific reasons for it. About 4 percent of the people on Earth experience a mysterious phenomenon called synesthesia: They hear a sound and automatically see a colour; or, they read a certain word, and a specific hue enters their mind's eye.

I won't attempt to explain the science behind this, but it is interesting when you see written that music should be played in a blue or silver way in a music score by a composer with synesthesia. I suppose for most musicians such an instruction would defeat them! Perhaps this shows, however, just how powerful colour and art are, in all its different forms and mediums. Art can have an effect on our emotions without having to go through any 'thinking' or mental processing to find its meaning.

We move to a different liturgical colour for the third Sunday of advent, known as Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete means rejoice and it is from letter of Saint Paul to Philippians (4:4) 'Rejoice in the Lord, always.' The usual colour worn by clergy in advent is purple, symbolising penance and preparation for the joy of Christmas, but on the third Sunday things lighten a little, we move to a rose colour in the church, even the third candle on our advent wreath is rose!

We rejoice in the lighter mood and colours of this Sunday and perhaps recall the thinking of the spiritual writer Henri Nouwen who pointed out that happiness and joy are different. Happiness depends on external things whilst joy is "the experience of knowing that you are unconditionally loved and that nothing – sickness, failure, emotional distress, oppression, war, or even death - can take that love away."

We rejoice in God's love for us this Sunday and enjoy the brighter colours in the church and the effect they have on us.

*God bless,
Father Adrian*

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>)

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

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.antoniadoggett.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:

Science Technician – Full Time Permanent

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/RE - 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.

SERVING AT MASS

We have lost a large number of our altar servers during the pandemic. If anyone would like to learn to serve mass please come along to Mass and speak to the priest who will make arrangements for you to become a server. Further training will be given later.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Friday 24th December ~ Christmas Eve

5.00pm Mass (First Mass of Christmas)

7.00pm Mass

12.00 Midnight Mass (preceded by Carols at 11.30pm)

Saturday 25th December ~ Christmas Day

8.00am Mass

9.30am Mass

10.30am Mass

11.30am Mass

(No Evening Mass on Christmas Day)

Sunday 26th December ~ Boxing Day

8.00am Mass

9.30am Mass

11.30am Mass

6.30pm Mass

CHRISTMAS SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Confessions will be available at the following times:

Monday 20th December – 7.00pm

Tuesday 21st December – 9.30am and 7.00pm

Wednesday 22nd December – 9.30am and 6.00pm

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

The offerings given at all Christmas masses are traditionally the personal gift of parishioners to their priests. Please gift aid donations.

WELCOME

We welcome into the family of God through Baptism

WILLOW REIGN RICHARDSON and **OAKLEY ROSE RICHARDSON** who were Baptised recently.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

Next Sunday the fourth Sunday of advent is traditionally Sunday for Expectant mothers. There will be a blessing for expectant mothers after the 9.30am Mass.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2022

The new Diocesan Directory for 2022 is now available in the Repository.

Cost £4.00

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

As already announced, Father Pat will not be seeing parents privately to sign Certificates of Catholic Practice for admission to Catholic Schools. Please see him after any of the three Sunday morning masses and have your certificate with you. If you do not practice your faith, please do not come to see Fr. Pat but apply to the school in the normal way.

HELP FOR THE POOR AND NEEDY

At this time of year, we receive extra requests for help with Christmas food etc. If you would like to offer a donation please gift aid it. Cheques payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Rest In Peace

*Denis Collins ~ Body will be received into the Church on Sunday 12th December at 7.30pm. Funeral Mass Monday 13th December at 9am.
Egbert (Jim) Jemmot ~ Funeral Mass Friday 7th January 2022 at 1pm.
Clare Leonard – Sister of Paul from our community.*

Dora O'Toole – Funeral in St. James, Spanish Place on Monday 20th Joseph (Joe) Floyd – ex-parishioner and Father of Siobhan and Grandpa of William, Ellis, Roisin and Ciaran Dowers.

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.

CAFOD - Are you looking for Charity gifts that make a difference ?

Buying a World Gift is the perfect solution. World Gifts are CAFOD's range of virtual gifts that make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world, prices start at £4, there is something for everyone and these gifts will delight those you give them to. Brochures are available at the back of the church and there will be some on sale after masses next Sunday. You can also order online at <https://worldgifts.cafod.org.uk/>

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

The first ever cordless phone was created by God. He named it "Prayer". It never loses its signal and you never have to recharge it. Use it anywhere!



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



OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL RAFFLE

Thank you to everyone who donated a prize for our OLOL School Christmas Raffle. The online raffle is now live and will close on Monday 13th December. Please follow the link below to enter and good luck! It's our biggest Christmas raffle yet with prizes including:

- Amazon gift card £200
- Harpers Bazaar Luxury Beauty Box worth over £600
- M&S gift card £100
- Sunday lunch plus bottle of wine at The Nightingale for 4
- Luxury Christmas Fortnum & Mason Hamper
- Provender restaurant voucher £100 ...and many, many more prizes!

<https://raffall.com/276124/enter-raffle-to-win-olol-pta-christmas-raffle-hosted-by-our-lady-of-lourdes-re-school-pta>

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK / DATES FOR THE DIARY

<u>Monday 13th Dec</u>	8.00pm RCIA [Hall]
<u>Tuesday 14th Dec</u>	2-3pm Meditation Group (Hall) 4.15pm-6.15pm Drama (Hall) 7.30pm Advent Talk [Hall] 4.30pm-5.30pm English Tuition (Mark Room)
<u>Wednesday 15th Dec</u>	7-9pm Pilates (Hall) 7.00pm Advent Music and Prayer Service
<u>Thursday 16th Dec</u>	3.00pm-6.00pm Perform [Hall] Term Time only
<u>Friday 17th Dec</u>	3.00pm-6.00pm Perform [Hall] Term Time only
<u>Sunday 19th Dec</u>	8.00pm - Grand Raffle Draw [Hall]