

WEEKDAY / SUNDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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}

FERIA

MONDAY	8.30am	MASS - Holy Souls
20 th December		*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME*

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TUESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
21 st December	9.00am	MASS - Ernest Peace RIP

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WEDNESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
22 nd December	9.00am	MASS - Mary Shipsey RIP
	7.30pm	MASS - Anne Keane RIP

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THURSDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
23 rd December	9.00am	MASS - Marie Duffy RIP

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

FRIDAY	9.00am	MASS - Willie Burns RIP
24 th December	5.00pm	MASS - Violet Rutledge RIP
	7.00pm	MASS - Edward & Carmel Benson RIP
	12.00mn	MIDNIGHT MASS - John & Hannah Stack RIP

CHRISTMAS DAY

SATURDAY	8.00am	MASS - Mary Hamilton RIP
25 th December	9.30am	MASS - Ints Roderick Sime
	10.30am	MASS - Marie Linehan
	11.30am	MASS - Jack Mullan

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (C)

SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - Mary & John Kiely
26 th December	9.30am	MASS - Rev. Deacon Peter Hurrell RIP
	11.30am	MASS - James Kane & Maria Keen RIP
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Fourth Sunday of Advent (C)

19th December 2021



"Listen! You are to conceive and bear a Son"

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Chair of Parish Council - Fiona Christison
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Headteacher OLOL School - Ruth Boon
Steward of the Gospel - Anne-Marie Fox

Dear Parishioners,

As we approach Christmas, perhaps we can spend this last week of advent reflecting on Our Lady and her relationship with Holy Communion, the Eucharist. As Our Lady carried the Christ Child within her to Bethlehem together with Saint Joseph, we can think of this as Pope Saint John Paul II called it, the first Eucharistic Procession. Our Lord, carried a distance, not in the usual container we use now at a procession (a monstrance) but rather within the human container of Our Lady - the Blessed Virgin Mary. Without knowing, so many people would have seen them pass by and gazed upon the Lord hidden within her womb. They wouldn't have understood, he would have been hidden within his mother's womb, but when we carry the Eucharist in a procession around the streets, how many people recognise him then? Yet his light still shines on them as he would have shone on the many people the Holy Family passed on the way to Bethlehem, the name of the town itself meaning 'house of bread.'

Earlier during the first advent, when Our Lady visited her cousin Elizabeth, was this not an early time of Adoration? Elizabeth adoring the Lord in Our Lady's womb. Even the child, John the Baptist, leapt inside her in love and adoration being in the presence of Christ in his first tabernacle – his mother.

We may not often think about Our Lady directly concerned with Holy Communion, yet, as a member of the early Church, someone who seems to have accompanied the early disciples, someone who was there in the upper room at Pentecost, she surely must have received her son in Holy Communion, perhaps even many times until her assumption. Tradition holds that she died at the age of 72, so that is around thirty years after Our Lord's ascension that she remained with the Church of believers. The Acts of the Apostles tells us that the Church would come together once a week for the 'breaking of the bread' and we can imagine Our Lady being there. Jesus tells his disciples at the Last Supper to do this receive Communion in his memory, a command to which she must have been obedient.

As she received Jesus at Communion later in her life, did her mind go back to that moment when the angel visited her? When she first carried the Saviour of the world in her and at Communion carried again within her? Was she reminded of her pregnancy, nine months of having the Christ child within her and now again she carries him in the Eucharist? As she received him in the form of bread and wine, his real flesh and blood, did she remember his flesh and blood within her whilst she carried him in her womb?

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!

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

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.

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).

Computer Science Teacher – Full time Permanent

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.

In a sense, after we receive Communion, we also carry the Lord within us, whether we are female or male. We imitate Our Lady at that time, we bear him into the world, until he will emerge at the end of time, rather than at Christmas.

What a responsibility, because as we carry him within us as we go about our daily tasks, we do something similar to Our Lady. She nourished him within her womb with the food and drink she consumed, we nourish the presence of Christ within us, we help him to grow within us, by our prayer and acts of charity. And just as Our Lady's pregnancy would have become more visible, so Christ within us should become more visible to others.

With every blessing for the remainder of advent

*God bless,
Father Adrian*

EXPECTANT MOTHERS

This 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.

WELCOME

We welcome into the family of God through Baptism **CORALIE ANNE SEDDIKI JOHNSTON** and **ORIANNE GRACE SEDDIKI JOHNSTON** who were Baptised recently.



CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

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

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.

NEWSLETTER

This week's newsletter will be the last until 8/9th January 2022. Please keep it for reference purposes.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE 2021 FROM FATHER PAT

This year has been a rather strange one – full of uncertainty and, as it comes to a close, things are still uneasy and uncertain. I encourage you to obey the law and guidance and to do the right thing to help save lives and help the overburdened NHS. Some have reservations about the vaccine. Following the science, it seems to be a good thing and I ask you to seriously consider having it if you have not done so already. During this time, which can be lonely, keep an eye out for neighbours who may need help. Remember the poor and needy in this last weekend before the feast of the Mystery of the Incarnation. Shortly after Christmas I shall celebrate 22 years here. It's been an exciting journey and still a great joy to be part of this vibrant community. Even though you will know I am slowing down I am comforted by words of Samuel Beckett "the best years may be gone but I wouldn't want them back not with the fire in me now."

Father Adrian is a blessing to the community. He works hard and goes about the work of the gospel quietly and with commitment. I thank him and ask all to pray for us both. I ask God to bless you and your loved ones, now and in the year ahead. May Christmas be a time of peace in your hearts and homes and my 2022 be health and full of happiness.

PAUL MILLEN - PARISH MASTER OF CEREMONIES

After 20 years of service as Parish MC, Paul has now stepped down from that role. He deserves a huge thank you for his dedication and commitment to the work of training altar servers and conducting various services at Christmas, Easter and other significant times in the church down the years. Paul was always dependable and well prepared. We also thank his wife Teresa, without whose support, he would not have been able to do the work. Paul – enjoy your retirement and Thank You.

LOLO SCHOOL

Our thanks and appreciation to our head teacher Mrs. Ruth Boon, her staff and pupils and Mr. Tony McCarthy, Chair of Governors. They have all worked so hard this term to ensure the safety and continuing curriculum for our children.

PARISH VOLUNTEERS

Thank to our sacristans, cleaners and stewards who work hard to keep the church safe. They give so generously of their time particularly during recent times.

CHOIR

We thank Jeanne who has really worked hard at keeping our choir going since the retirement of Roderick and well done to the choir for their wonderful performance at our concert on Wednesday evening. The concert was dedicated to Roderick and they did him proud.

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 6th and 20th

March 3rd and 10th

May 5th and 12th

July 7th and 21st

September 8th and 15th

November 3rd and 17th

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.

Rest In Peace

Egbert (Jim) Jemmot ~ Funeral Mass Tuesday 4th January at 11am.
Our sympathy and prayers to the families. May they rest in peace.

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}*

CATHOLIC VOICE

During the Pandemic Catholic newspapers ceased publication. Recently a new paper, Catholic Voice, has been published. Free copies in foyer.

100 CLUB WINNERS DECEMBER 2021

1ST PRIZE £100 JOAN FORD, 2ND PRIZE £50 TOM REIDY, 3RD PRIZE £50 MARY & MICHAEL REYNOLDS
CONGRATULATIONS!

MISSIO RED BOXES / 2022 CALENDAR

Missio would like to thank all our Red Box supporters this year. Through the pandemic, your support has been a lifeline for missionary Priests and Sisters, enabling them to come to the aid of our global family in some of the most troubled parts of our world. Please return any Red Boxes ready to be counted, there are more at the back of the church, if any more families would like to have one. These boxes are in over 200,000 homes across the UK and together have collected millions of pounds for the missionary Church, every penny counts! The Missio 2022 Calendar is available in the foyer, please do take one.

YOUTH 2000

Why not try something NEW this New Year? Join Youth 2000 at Trinity Catholic High School in Woodford Green. NEW will be a weekend filled with fun, friendship, inspiring talks and, of course, lots of praise as we welcome in 2022. The retreat will run from Friday 31st December - Sunday 2nd January 2022. To you're your space head to www.youth2000.org/new

St John's RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting for a Finance Officer - term time only and an Assistant Caretaker - full time Previous experience for both roles is essential

For further information please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk stating the role you are interested in. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

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. 07981878034 theresaosullivan2002@yahoo.co.uk

IT TAKES A SPECIAL PERSON TO CARE FOR A SPECIAL PERSON

Gloria Samuel, Service Manager for Fostering and Children with Disabilities Services in Redbridge Council, previously fostered for 20 years. Many of the children she cared for had physical and learning disabilities. Now retired from fostering, Gloria states "I don't think potential foster carers realise just how much training and support is available when looking after children who happen to be disabled or have additional needs. There are many different care packages offered to support the child and foster carers fully and the training involved is outstanding". If you are considering fostering and would like to know more, call us on 020 8708 6068 or email fostering@redbridge.gov.uk or. We can't wait to hear from you!

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Christmas Day 2021



"Today a Saviour has been born to you."

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ST. JOHN

[Please note change of Mass times this week]

MONDAY		No Morning Prayer
27 th December	10.30am	MASS - Jim Wall RIP

THE HOLY INNOCENTS

TUESDAY		No Morning Prayer
28 th December	10.30am	MASS - Dan Mulligan RIP

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY

WEDNESDAY		No Morning Prayer
29 th December	10.30am	MASS - James Howard RIP

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

THURSDAY		No Morning Prayer
30 th December	10.30am	MASS - Davis/Docherty Families RIP

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS

FRIDAY		No Morning Prayer
31 st December	10.30am	MASS - Living & Deceased members of Angus & Geraldine O'Carroll family

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

SATURDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
1 st January	9.00am	MASS - Deceased Members of the Stackard family
		NO MORNING PRAYER
	6.30pm	MASS - People of the Parish

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY

SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - Alexandra Markowska RIP
2 nd January	9.30am	MASS - Thanksgiving (Private)
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4 th January	9.00am	MASS - Eamon McMahon RIP
	11.00am	FUNERAL MASS - Jim Jemmot

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5 th January	9.00am	MASS - Deceased Members of the Lock family

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THURSDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
6 th January	9.00am	MASS - Graham Mace RIP

FERIA OF CHRISTMASTIDE

FRIDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
7 th January	9.00am	MASS - Patrick O'Donnell

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SATURDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
8 th January	9.00am	MASS - Mary O'Donnell
	9.30-1030am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	MASS - Padraig Concannan RIP

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - Lourdes Nuila
9 th January	9.30am	MASS - Ints Rosemary O'Connell
	11.30am	MASS - Francis Anne Michael & David Nolan RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - Holy Souls

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