

## WEEKDAY / SUNDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - Oliver Tallon RIP
20th March	9.30am	MASS - Andy Flannery RIP
	11.30am	MASS - Daniella Lucjan Piotrowscy RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - John Dimoni RIP

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

### FERIA

MONDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
21st March	9.00am	Bishop Victor Guazzelli RIP

### FERIA

TUESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
22nd March	9.00am	Ross Hunter RIP

### FERIA

WEDNESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
23rd March	9.00am	MASS - Rhys Lamb RIP

### FERIA

THURSDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
24th March	9.00am	MASS - Olive Quigley RIP

### FERIA

FRIDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
25th March	9.00am	MASS - Mary Funchal RIP
	1.30pm	FUNERAL MASS - Isaac Abrahams RIP
	8.00pm	Stations of the Cross

### FERIA

SATURDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
26th March	9.00am	MASS - Michael McCarthy RIP
	9.30-10.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	MASS - John Nadwamy RIP

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - People of Parish
27th March	9.30am	Nonie McNally RIP
	11.30am	MASS - David Low RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - Teri Donovan RIP

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# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

## Third Sunday of Lent

### 20<sup>th</sup> March 2022



*"Jesus was led by the Spirit through the wilderness and was tempted there."*

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## FR ADRIAN WRITES

We are already a few weeks into Lent this year and we might be feeling we are doing rather well with whichever ways we have decided to keep the season, or perhaps things have not quite gone as well as we hoped: that bar of chocolate we had hidden away had called to us from the back of the kitchen cupboard and the temptation was too much, or the extra prayers we had promised to do were abandoned the day after Ash Wednesday.

Whatever has happened to us so far in lent, we shouldn't feel proud or guilty - both reactions are quite wrong. That is because the idea of lent is that we draw closer to God, that we realise how much we need him in our lives and that we grow in union with him. When we fail though human weakness, it only makes us realise how much we need God; when things have gone well we realise how helpful God has been to us. We never achieve anything on our own, but only through his grace, his kindness. Saint Benedict assumed that all of his monks were undertaking a kind of Lent all of the time. He writes in his monastic rule:

'The life of a monk ought to be a continuous Lent.'

He quickly writes, however, that there were not many monks capable of this:

'Since few, however, have the strength for this, we urge the entire community during these days of Lent to keep its manner of life most pure and to wash away in this holy season the negligences of other times.'

It should surely be the same for us, we shouldn't have to wait for just one season a year to pray, fast and give to others. But lent does give us the opportunity to focus a little more on our spiritual lives, to devote more time to prayer, to give something up in order to allow God in and to give to others - to make up for when we haven't been able to live our Christian lives as well as we should.

The world is a complex place at the moment. We have had the difficulty of a global health crisis and now there is war and conflict on a scale that we had probably not dreamed could happen until a few weeks ago. Perhaps we need to be gentle with ourselves, but to offer everything in this Lent for those in difficult circumstances. Our prayers can be for those in the Ukraine and if we manage to save some money through fasting from something then it could be sent as relief. Lent, as much as it is about looking inwards to our spiritual life, is also about looking outwards to the God of love and mercy and to others in need and crisis.

### PARISH FINANCES - PAYMENT METHOD

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

[www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=wansstead](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=wansstead) 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>)



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK / DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	11.00am School Mass in Church 8.00pm RCIA (Hall)
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	11.00am-12noon Meditation Group (Hall) 4.15pm-6.15pm Drama (Hall) 4.00pm-6.30pm Tutor Groups 8.00pm First Holy Communion parents
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	7.00pm-9.00pm Pilates (Hall)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	3.00pm-7.00pm Perform (Hall)
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	3.00pm-6.00pm Perform (Hall) 8.00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am First Holy Communion Session (Hall) 8.00am-4.30pm Stamp Fair
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday

## **DIOCESAN NEWS/VACANCIES**

*Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Wanstead is looking to appoint a friendly, experienced receptionist/admin assistant for a part time role (term time only, 4 hours per day, 5 days a week). The successful candidate will have good oral and written communication skills, strong organisational skills and the ability to prioritise tasks and meet deadlines. We are looking for someone who can display a professional attitude ensuring confidentiality at all times. Good IT skills are important alongside excellent numeracy and literacy skills. Further details and application pack at [admin@ourladyoflourdes.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:admin@ourladyoflourdes.redbridge.sch.uk)*

**Wanted: House helper** - NGO job/Charity job – Foster care/elderly care Refugee Work. For more details, please phone + 39 3201640 640

**Trinity Catholic High School** - Exam Invigilator. Seasonal work. May 2022 start. £11.50 per hour. Please visit the school's website for more details [www.tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment/](http://www.tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment/)

**YOUNG PEOPLE - Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23:** If you will be 18+ in September, and are looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, deepening team working and practical skills in a context of youth leadership, and developing your faith, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be perfect for you. For more information please contact Joseph Beattie, by emailing [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or calling 01277 373959. There is an open afternoon from 2-4pm on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April; for more information and to register, go to [www.bcys.net/events/whopenday/](http://www.bcys.net/events/whopenday/)

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – NURSERY OPEN MORNINGS** - Come and visit our wonderful Little Acorns Nursery on the following dates **between 9.30am and 10.30am** (children welcome):

**Friday 18 March ~ Friday 22 April**

We have full time, morning only or afternoon only options, subject to availability Application deadline for September 2022 intake, Friday 29 April. For further information and to book a place on one of our open mornings please email [admissions@ourladyoflourdes.redbridge.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@ourladyoflourdes.redbridge.sch.uk) or visit our website [www.ourladyoflourdesrcprimary.org](http://www.ourladyoflourdesrcprimary.org)

## **For Lent 1966**

It is my Lent to break my Lent,  
To eat when I would fast,  
To know when slender strength is spent,  
Take shelter from the blast

When I would run with wind and rain,  
To sleep when I would watch.  
It is my Lent to smile at pain  
But not ignore its touch.

It is my Lent to listen well  
When I would be alone,  
To talk when I would rather dwell  
Who call on me, to try to see  
That what is truly meant  
Is not my choice. If Christ's I'd be  
It's thus I'll keep my Lent

**LENT READINGS:** The Scripture readings for Lent are particularly rich and a major source of help in living a good Lent. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest, Scripture scholar, and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared commentaries on all the readings in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass throughout Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday. The full text of the biblical readings and commentary are accessible from the home page of [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

## **RECOLLECTION DAYS FOR READERS/EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS:**

These two important ministries in the Church require training from time to time. We have arranged for two separate sessions, on two Saturday mornings, from 10.30am-12.30pm to facilitate this. Father Adrian will lead the sessions. The date for Readers is 12<sup>th</sup> March, for Ministers 2<sup>nd</sup> April. It is important you attend please in order to keep focused on your ministry. Attendees will also be able to collect their Gift Aid envelopes for 22-23. Please let us know whether you can or cannot attend.

**Isaac Abrahams – Funeral Mass on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm.**  
Our sympathy and prayers to the family and friends. May he 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, Gemma Fishman, Rosemary O'Connor, Julia Shearman, Grace Harding, Charlie O'Donnell *{If you wish to include the name of someone for prayers, please contact the parish office}.*

<b>THIS WEEK'S LENT SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL PROGRAMME</b>	
<b>Monday-Saturday</b>	<b>8.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
	<b>8.40am Morning Prayer</b>
	<b>9.00am Mass</b>
	<b>9.30am Rosary after Mass</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Fr Adrian's talk deferred</b>
	<b>8.00pm First Holy Communion Parents</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Reception Class from OLOL School in Church</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8.00pm Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9.30-10.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10am and 5.30pm Confession</b>

## **40 HOURS ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**

During Lent we will have 40 hours of continuous prayer and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5pm on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April to 10am on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April. This is an ancient Catholic devotion providing an opportunity to pray and reflect in silence. The exposed Blessed Sacrament can never be left alone – at least two people should always be present. A list for names is available. I strongly encourage everyone to use this opportunity for prayer. It is a great blessing for our parish – use the time wisely and well!

**PARISH CAFOD WALK – 2pm Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March** Join with hundreds of other people walking in England and Wales in support of children and families whose lives are at risk through malnutrition, suffering and conflict. We especially think of the people of Ukraine. This 6 kilometre organised walk will start and finish at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, visiting a number of historical sites and our neighbouring Catholic Church, St John Baptist. Please see contact information and details of the route on CAFOD noticeboard in Church foyer and if you would like to take part, put your name and details on the list or **contact 07507 161888**



**On Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March the Vigil of the Annunciation.** Please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well.

[www.GoodCounseNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounseNetwork.com) This will also be the day before the Holy Father consecrates Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so please pray for this as well.

## VOCATIONS

The next “**Enquirers' Evening**” for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 5 April at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Mgr Kevin Hale. For further information, please contact:- Fr Mark Swires [vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**THE 100 CLUB** The 100 Club has been a great source of financial help to the parish for many years. It was managed by Grace Harding who did an excellent job. Now Grace is unwell and has to step down. It is difficult to find a replacement. After due consideration it has been decided to close it down. This month's draw will be the last. Thanks to all who supported it. Those who pay their subscription by direct debit can cancel or leave the money to come into parish. **100 Club winners** for this month are Carmel and Des Dinan, Maureen Brazier, Patrick Molloy – congratulations and enjoy your winnings!

**\*POSTPONED – FURTHER DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED \***  
**TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA**

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY AND UKRAINE APPEAL** Thank you for parishioners who responded to the appeal Sunday last. As always, you have been generous and the amount collected to date was £878 for the Family Fast Day and £4,041 for the Ukraine appeal. There is still time to contribute. Donations in a marked envelope or a CAFOD Fast envelope can be put in the collection baskets at any mass or made directly to the parish bank account.

**GIFT AID** When you donate to the Church through Gift Aid, we can reclaim 25p in every £1 donated so for all collections, donations, masses etc please Gift Aid your donation

## **BAPTISM PREPARATION**

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:

May 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

July 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

September 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>

November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>

## **SAVING UP FOR SOMETHING SPECIAL? MAYBE YOU'D LIKE A LITTLE EXTRA CASH?**

**DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING TO SELL?** There will be a series of table top sales in the Parish Centre in April. Hire a table and sell your own stuff.

**Thu 21 & 28 April 7pm**

**Fri 22 & 29 April 7pm**

**Sat 23 & 30 April 1pm & 7pm**

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL - All money raised from the table hire will go towards our beautiful new statues that were recently blessed by Bishop Alan. To find out more please contact Fiona Christison on 07812 766082 or at [thechristisonfamily@gmail.com](mailto:thechristisonfamily@gmail.com)