

## WEEKDAY / SUNDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

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

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

### FERIA

MONDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
28th March	9.00am	Bob Peet RIP
	10.30am	Lourdes Pilgrimage Mass

### FERIA

TUESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
29th March	9.00am	Susan Jones RIP
	11.00 am	Sister Charles OSU RIP

### FERIA

WEDNESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
30th March	9.00am	MASS Intentions Kochappah

### FERIA

THURSDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
31st March	9.00am	MASS - Jude Orunsaye Snr

### FERIA

FRIDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
1st April	9.00am	MASS - Marie Francis RIP
	8.00pm	Stations of the Cross

### FERIA

SATURDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
2nd April	9.00am	MASS - Gillian Grudge RIP
	9.30-10.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	MASS - People of Parish

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - Liberato Zecca RIP
3rd April	9.30am	MASS - Auguste Feukam Chindji RIP
	11.30am	MASS - William Lane RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - Nancy O'Hagan RIP

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# OUR LADY OF LOURDES

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

27<sup>th</sup> March 2022



*"Your brother here was dead and has come to life."*

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Dear Parishioner,

This Sunday, the fourth of Lent, is known as Latere Sunday or Sunday of Joy. As we come nearer to the Feast of the Resurrection, we are full of joy as we contemplate the significance and meaning of this wonderful event. “The Resurrection is not an appendage to our Christian Faith it is our Christian faith.”

All we believe and do is centred on the Resurrection. The late Saint Pope John Paul II put it aptly when he wrote “We are the Easter people and Alleluia is our song.” So, I encourage all by continuing to observe the traditional Lenten devotions and prayers to prepare spiritually for Easter. Do not miss its meaning and relevance in your life as a Catholic.

We are well down on our pre pandemic mass attendance figures. It is sad that many have exited the church including senior citizens and young families. Perhaps this Easter you would consider returning to the practice of your faith. Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday obligation.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will have read of the departure of the Sisters of Mercy to pastures new. Over 100 years ago, five valiant sisters from Bermondsey stepped out in faith and started the Convent here. What followed has been colossal, in education and ministry. Over 100 years later today’s sisters are again asked to step out in faith, trust and hope only God himself knows where this new venture will lead and what will be achieved. The forthcoming synod will be instrumental in shaping the church of the future – The Synodal Pathway.

Finally “more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of” wrote the poet Tennyson. Our 40 hours of continuous prayer and adoration from 5pm Thursday to 10am Saturday is a grace-filled time for the parish – do avail of the opportunity to come away to a quiet place and rest a while.

The gospel today reminds us that Lent is a time for growing in appreciation of the fact that every person has a place in the Heart of God. The Gospel story is a new life story and we can all see shades of all these characters in ourselves especially the two sons and the father. But the Gospel tells us what coming home to God is really like. That is the message of Lent.

*God Bless you and yours,  
Fr. Pat*

### PARISH FINANCES - PAYMENT METHOD

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

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



**THANK YOU** – recent collections the Missionary Society of Saint Columban that you for the generous response to the recent appeal for the Missions. It totalled £1,488.65. The total amount collected for the **Ukraine Appeal** was £4290.30 and the amount collected for **CAFOD** to date is approximately £900 (envelopes still coming in). Thank you to parishioners for your generosity to the Missions. I am sure God will bless you. 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.

### **RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN**

**Recollection for women at St Augustine's, Barkingside on Saturday April 2nd 1:30 - 3:00 pm. All welcome.**

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK / DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	8.00pm RCIA (Hall)
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am-12noon Meditation Group (Hall)
	4.15pm-6.15pm Drama (Hall)
	4.00pm-6.30pm Tutor Groups
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	7.00pm-9.00pm Pilates (Hall)
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	3.00pm-7.00pm Perform (Hall)
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	3.00pm-6.00pm Perform (Hall)
	8.00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	--
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	--

## **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)*

**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/)

### **TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – WOODFORD GREEN**

We are recruiting for the following vacancies:

Teacher of Theology & Philosophy, Sept 2022 start, MPS - UPS Outer London Pay, Full time Assistant Headteacher & Director of Theology & Philosophy, September 2022 start, Leadership Pay Scale L11 - L15

Science Technician, 36 hours, 43.2 weeks per year, April start

Exam Invigilator, Seasonal work, May 2022 start, £11.50 per hour

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. [www.tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment/](http://www.tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment/)

### **VOCATION TO PRIESTHOOD**

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)

**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)

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

In preparation for Easter, we are giving parishioners an opportunity for personal prayer/adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – a traditional Catholic devotion. It provides the chance to "come away" to a quiet place and rest awhile. I'm inviting all parishioners, young and old, to avail of this opportunity. Put your name on the list in the Church Foyer. Pray for your family, your marriage, children.

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

**Morning of recollection** – Ministers of Communion – All ministers of Communion have been invited to a prayer of recollection on Saturday next 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 10.am. It will be conducted by Fr Adrian. It is very important that Ministers attend this and thank you in advance for doing so. Attendees will also be able to collect their Gift Aid envelopes for 22-23. Please let us know whether you can or cannot attend

**SISTERS OF MERCY** - The Sisters of Mercy founded a convent in Wanstead on 8<sup>th</sup> December 1917. The first community consisted of Mother Catherine Fitzgerald, Sister Anthony, Sister Xavier, Sister De Sales and Sister Vincent. They were the pioneers and established the Convent, and St Joseph's School and taught in the area for many years. Sadly, the time has now come for the Sisters to leave Wanstead. The Convent and St Joseph's School will be sold and the Sisters will leave to live in Brentwood within 18 months. They are a wonderful Christ like presence in the parish, still committed in different ways to pastoral work. It is a sign of the times that there are fewer vocations and suitable arrangements have to be made for aging Sisters. I thank them for their work on behalf of the whole community and wish them well.

### **EASTER RAFFLE**

Please support our Easter raffle as all funds raised goes toward the running cost of the Pastoral Centre. Tickets are on sale after mass in the Porch. We have fantastic prices

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize £100 John Lewis Gift Voucher**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize £75 John Lewis Gift Voucher**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Easter Hamper** .....Plus many more prizes.

The draw will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> April at 11.00 a.m. in the Parish Centre.

### **WEDNESDAY TEAS**

**COME AND JOIN US** for tea and biscuits every Wednesday after the 9am Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

### **PILGRIMAGE MASS**

There will be a Mass on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> at 10.30am with Fr Andrew to start our pilgrimage to Lourdes, of course all welcome. If anyone has petitions please bring them and we can take them with us to the grotto in Lourdes.

**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

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## CONGRATULATIONS

*Congratulations and good wishes to Sarah Feeney and Jason Brown who were married here yesterday.*



## RIP

Our sympathy and prayers to Sister Helen Furness from the Mercy Convent on the death of her brother-in-law Bob Peet RIP

## 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>8.00pm Lent Faith Talk ~ Father Adrian (5<sup>th</sup> April)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>--</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>

## BAPTISM PREPARATION

The Baptism Preparation 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)

## **CAFOD Family Fast Day and Ukraine Appeal - Thank You**

Thank you to all those who donated so generously to the Family Fast Day (£878) and Ukraine Appeal (£4041) last weekend. 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.

## **Parish CAFOD Walk Against Hunger - 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 notice board in church foyer and if you would like to take part, put your name and details on the list or contact 07507161888

## **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL – NURSERY**

**OPEN MORNINGS -** Come and visit our wonderful Little Acorns Nursery on the **Friday 22 April between 9.30am and 10.30am** (children welcome):

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)

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