

WEEKDAY / SUNDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - Thanksgiving Sarah Edwards & Family
6 th March	9.30am	MASS - Marie Linehan RIP
	11.30am	MASS - Kevin Higgins RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - Mary Harrold RIP

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

FERIA

MONDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
7 th March	9.00am	MASS - Angela Jones RIP

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TUESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
8 th March	9.00am	MASS - Joan Johnson RIP (Peace)

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WEDNESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
9 th March	9.00am	MASS - Margaret Toher RIP
	11.00am	FUNERAL MASS David McDonagh RIP

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THURSDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
10 th March	9.00am	MASS - Edith Monahan RIP

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FRIDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
11 th March	9.00am	MASS - Karen Poole RIP
	7.30pm	Stations of the Cross

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SATURDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
12 th March	9.00am	MASS - Philip Medhurst RIP
	9.30-10.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	MASS - Jim Duffy RIP

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - People of Parish
13 th March	9.30am	MASS - John Gallagher RIP
	11.30am	MASS - David Low RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - Edward Benson RIP

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

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

First Sunday of Lent

6th March 2022



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

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Dear Parishioners,

Once again, we have begun the season of Lent. As the ashes were imposed on our foreheads on Ash Wednesday, we were called to turn away from sin and believe in the good news. Lent is the forty day journey towards celebrating the three days of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The three great pillars of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving and traditionally the Catholic Church reminds us of their relevance and we are all called to do our best to practice them in our lives.

Pope Francis has suggested some other practical ways for the Christian to live lent and, with typical perspicacity, he hits the nail on the head.

The following are a great challenge to us all but let's have a go at doing our best. Pope Francis suggests that we:

*Fast from hurting words and say kind words
Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude
Fast from anger and be filled with patience
Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope
Fast from worries and have trust in God
Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity
Fast from pressures and be prayerful
Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy
Fast from selfishness and be compassionate
Fast from grudges and be reconciled
Fast from words; be silent and listen*

I would like to encourage you all to take part in the various spiritual and pastoral prayers and events that are taking place in the parish. Most people try and do something extra for Lent ~ choose something and stick with it for the forty days.

God bless you and yours this week,

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>)

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK / DATES FOR THE DIARY

Monday 7 th March	1.30m-3.30pm NHS Retirement Group (Hall)
	8.00pm RCIA (Hall)
Tuesday 8 th March	11am-12noon Meditation Group (Hall)
	4.15pm-6.15pm Drama (Hall)
	4.30pm-5.30pm English Tuition (Mark Room)
	7pm Zumba (Hall)
	8.00pm Lent Talk (Hall)
Wednesday 9 th March	7pm-9pm Pilates (Hall)
Thursday 10 th March	3.00pm-6.00pm Perform (Hall) Term Time only
	4pm-5pm Maths Tuition (Booker Room)
	7.45pm Baptism Course (Session 1) (Hall)
Friday 11 th March	3.00pm-6.00pm Perform (Hall) Term Time only
	8.00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
Saturday 12 th March	10.30am-12.30pm Day of Recollection
	1.00pm Cafod Walk
Sunday 13 th March	

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 12th March, for Ministers 2nd April. It is important you attend please in order to keep focused on your ministry.

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

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

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 11 March ~ 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 or visit our website www.ourladyoflourdesrcprimary.org

OUR JOURNEY TOGETHER

Pope Francis has called the Catholic Church worldwide to listen to the Holy Spirit talking to the Church in our local areas. Parishes, schools, charities, religious orders and in any way that two or three are gathered, we are invited to share about Our Journey Together. In our diocese, a series of podcasts have been produced to help us on this journey. Please scan the QR code to listen on soundcloud.



THIS WEEK'S LENT SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL PROGRAMME

Monday-Saturday	8.15am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	8.40am Morning Prayer
	9.00am Mass
	9.30am Rosary after Mass
Tuesday	11.00am-12noon Meditation Group
	8.00pm Lent Faith Talk ~ Father Adrian
Wednesday	Reception Class from OLOL School in Church
Friday	8.00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9.30-10.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	10am and 5.30pm Confessions
Saturday	10.30am Morning of Recollection for Ministers of the Word and others – Father Adrian

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 7th April to 10am on Saturday 9th 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!

WELCOME

A warm welcome to Fr. Tom Ryan from the Columban Fathers who is with us in the community this weekend and will speak about the work of the Columban Missionaries and ask for our financial support. Please be as generous as possible.



UKRAINE APPEAL

The retiring collection next Sunday is for the Ukraine. It is under the umbrella of the Cafod Ukraine Appeal. Please make cheques payable to Our Lady of Lourdes Parish NOT Cafod and gift aid donations. The amount collected will be forwarded to Cafod immediately and the gift aid, when collected, will be sent. Thank you for your support. Pope Francis has urged us to keep the Ukrainian people and their suffering in our prayers.

RITE OF ELECTION

The Rite of Election takes place today in the Cathedral where Bishop Alan will meet catechumens and candidates who hopefully will be received into the Church at Easter. There are three candidates from our parish: Sheila Hirachand, Michael Smith and Marie-Odette Leutchom Pemite Kenge. Please keep them in your prayers.



WELCOME

We welcome into the family of God through Baptism *Kitty Margaret Drake and Ailsa Isobel Burton* who were Baptised in the Church last Sunday.

BAPTISM PREPARATION

Anyone wishing to have a child baptised is required to attend two preparation sessions. The dates for these as follows.

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

Rest In Peace

David McDonagh ~ Funeral Mass on Wednesday 9th March at 11.00am.

Ciaran Levis ~ Funeral Mass on Tuesday 15th March at 2.00pm

Lidiana Arnando Pina ~ Funeral 17th March at 2pm St. Patrick's Cemetery

Isaac Abrahams - Funeral Mass on Friday 25th March at 1.30pm.

Our sympathy and prayers to the families and friends. 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, Gemma Fishman, Rosemary O'Connor, Julia Shearman, Grace Harding. {If you wish to include the name of someone for prayers, please contact the parish office}

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 AS ONLY LIMITED TABLES ARE AVAILABLE

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

TRADITIONAL AFTERNOON TEA

An opportunity to treat someone you love or enjoy a special treat yourself with family or friends. Come and enjoy a beautiful traditional English Afternoon Tea in the Parish Centre. Timed for Mothering Sunday, but you definitely don't need to be a mother to enjoy this treat! Say 'thank you' to someone, or take a little time out to celebrate friendship. Whilst you enjoy the scrumptious sandwiches, delightful cakes and tasty scones and cream, over a cup of tea and a glass of fizz, there will be a pianist and live music with Caitlin Downie, who will serenade you with her beautiful voice! Ticket Information (All tickets must be booked and pre-paid)
£15 per person for Traditional Afternoon Tea
£20 per person for Traditional Afternoon Tea with Prosecco
£10 per child/under 18s.
Please contact Natasha 07977863362
email events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com



CAFOD - Lent Family Fast Day - Friday 11th March

This Family Fast Day, we remember that there are many people who need our love and support all around the world. Children experiencing malnutrition like Amie's daughter Lombeh did in Sierra Leone or as we are seeing now in Ukraine, families affected by conflict. Your small act of love can make big things happen. Donations to CAFOD this Lent will reach families around the world, enabling local experts to provide support to families in times of need or conflict. Your Family Fast envelope is enclosed with the newsletter and should be returned with donations next Sunday for collection after masses. Donations can also be made directly to the parish bank account, add 'Fast' as the reference. Bank details: HSBC South Woodford - Account Name: Catholic Church Wanstead Our Lady of Lourdes - Account number: 71018973 / Sort Code: 40-13- 22 - Reference <Fast + giftaid number>.

