

WEEKDAY / SUNDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

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

FERIA		
MONDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
4 th April	9.00am	Kenny Lloyd RIP (Month's Mind)

FERIA		
TUESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
5 th April	9.00am	Grace Dias RIP

FERIA		
WEDNESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
6 th April	9.00am	MASS Intentions - (M)

FERIA		
THURSDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
7 th April	9.00am	MASS - Holy Souls

FERIA		
FRIDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
8 th April	9.00am	Anna and John McGinley RIP
	8.00pm	Stations of the Cross

FERIA		
SATURDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
9 th April	9.00am	MASS - Intentions - Odette Kengne
	9.30-10.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6.30pm	MASS - People of Parish

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (C)		
SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - Intentions - Martin Hinley
10 th April	9.30am	MASS - Jerry McGinn RIP & Frances O'Brien RIP
	11.30am	MASS - Christina and Richard Fiddis RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - Intentions - John & Bernadette Scanlon
		Golden Wedding Anniversary

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 3rd April 2022



"If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her."

PARISH TELEPHONE NUMBER – 020 8989 2074

E-mail: wanstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Website: www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com

Facebook page: www.facebook.com/OLOLE11

Pastoral Team - Reverend Patrick J. Sammon, Adrian Lowe
 Pastoral Assistants - Carmel Docherty, Frank Adesegha.
 Eileen Crotty - Parish Secretary
 Chair of Parish Council - Fiona Christison
 OLOL Site Manager - Bernie Dando
 Pastoral Centre Caretaker - Camille Mouquet
 Catechetical Co-ordinator - Michaela Mouquet
 Headteacher OLOL School - Ruth Boon

Listening to religious music in the concert hall is something that has become normal for us, and indeed, many great masterpieces of religious music were written for an evening concert rather than a morning church service. The classic example is Handel's Messiah which was first performed at the New Music Hall in Dublin.

Performances of sacred music abound as we approach the end of Lent and Easter - we can usually find Bach's 'Saint Matthew Passion' being sung somewhere! This year, however, I have noticed that Elgar's Dream of Gerontius seems to be featuring more than usual and this prompted me to read the poem that Elgar set to music, the beautiful words are by Saint John Henry Newman. Gerontius is the main character who dies at the beginning of the poem:

*JESU, Maria - I am near to death and Thou art calling me;
I know it now, not by the token of this faltering breath,
This chill at heart, this dampness on my brow,
(Jesu, have mercy! Mary, pray for me!)
'Tis this new feeling, never felt before,
(Be with me, Lord, in my extremity!)*

Well that opening of the poem doesn't sound too cheerful! It is, however, an exploration of the soul after death, through, purgatory and into paradise and to God. Newman wrote it in 1865 and expresses the desire for healing through being cleansed by God. In fact, the soul of Gerontius chooses purgatory, seeing it as needed rather than diminishing the perfection of heaven by going there before he is ready:

*His will be done!
I am not worthy e'er to see again
The face of the day; far less His countenance,
Who is the very sun, Natheless in life,
When I looked forward to my purgatory,
It ever was my solace to believe,
That, ere I plunged amid the avenging flame,
I had one sight of Him to strengthen me.*

Perhaps, as we think of Our Lord's crucifixion in the coming weeks, we also think about the mystery of dying and death and that a happy ending awaits us as it does Gerontius in the poem. There are some passages in the poetry that we will all probably recognise - the hymns 'Praise to the Holiest' and 'Firmly I believe and Truly' are both from 'The Dream of Gerontius.'

I have to admit, I have never heard Elgar's musical setting of Gerontius, but have remedied this by arranging to go and hear it this year! A final quotation from Newman's poem for the next few weeks of Lent:

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>

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.

THANK YOU - SPUC thank our parish for £694.70 collected at the White Flower Appeal in January. The generous response to the White Flower Appeal from parishes enables SPUC in its work to protect unborn children. Thank you for your generosity.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK / DATES FOR THE DIARY	
Monday 4 th April	1.30pm-3.30pm(Hall)
Tuesday 5 th April	11.00am-12noon Meditation Group (Hall)
	4.00pm-6.30pm Tutor Groups
Wednesday 6 th April	7.00pm-9.00pm Pilates (Hall)
Thursday 7 th April	3.00pm-7.00pm Perform (Hall)
Friday 8 th April	3.00pm-6.00pm Perform (Hall)
	8.00pm Stations of the Cross (Church)
Saturday 9 th April	--
Sunday 10 th 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

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

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/

THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD – A CATHOLIC ACADEMY FOR GIRLS

are recruiting for Headteacher – Start: September 2022 or January 2023
Closing Date: 23:59 Sunday 24th April 2022

For further information please visit: uai.org.uk/about/vacancies

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

WEDNESDAY TEAS

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

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
1st Prize £100 John Lewis Gift Voucher **2nd Prize £75 John Lewis Gift Voucher**
3rd Prize Easter Hamper... Plus many more prizes. The draw will take place on 17th April at 11.00 a.m. in the Parish Centre.

*O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
A second Adam to the fight
And to the rescue came.*

Take care everyone and look forward to the joy of Easter.

God Bless.
Father Adrian

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

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE - Due to Covid, we were unable to have this important parish service, in preparation for Easter, for two years. It is now possible to have the service and it will be celebrated on **Monday 11th April at 8pm**. It will follow the usual format, scripture reading, reflection, examination of conscience, sacramental absolution. I encourage parishioners to avail of this wonderful opportunity to be reconciled to God and each other. “Come back to me with all your heart, come home to Christ for Easter.” There will be five priests available for the sacrament.

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 am 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.

WALK OF WITNESS FRIDAY 15TH APRIL 2022 –

The inter-church Walk of Witness will take place on Good Friday, 15th April, starting at 10.30am at the Methodist Church, Hermon Hill and finishing at Our Lady of Lourdes, with a short service. Do come along – children welcome. If you can help to carry one of the crosses, contact Andrew Burns 07958 404501, who is coordinating.

We have again been asked to provide stewards for the Annual Churches together Walk of Witness on Good Friday. We need some extra members of the community to assist ensuring the walk arrives safely. Therefore if anyone can offer to help can they please contact Andrew directly on superref63@gmail.com

PALM SUNDAY - Next Sunday is Palm Sunday or Passion Sunday. Palms will be blessed at all Masses. The 11:30 mass will start in the Convent grounds and we will process to the Church. Please gather in the Convent grounds – not the Church. (Weather permitting).

LENT TALK - TUESDAY 5 APRIL AT 8PM IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE

- The final Lent talk will be at 8pm this coming Tuesday in the pastoral centre – 5th April. We will be looking at fasting and almsgiving in this talk but there will be refreshments available at the end!

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.

WELCOME - *We welcome into the family of God, through baptism, Amara Grace David who was baptised in the Church last week.*

CONGRATULATIONS - *Our congratulations and best wishes to John and Bernadette Scanlon from our community to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of their wedding - Well done!*

RIP

The death occurred of Gillian Poulain on Monday 28th March and we send our sympathy to her husband Paul and their children. Gill will be remembered by many parishioners for the many years she spent running Our Lady of Lourdes Playgroup. May she Rest in Peace

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Madge Woolnough, mother of Fr Jeff Woolnough, Parish Priest of Eastwood. Her funeral Mass will take place here on Wednesday 13th April at 9.30am. May she 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, Edward Burns *{If you wish to include the name of someone for prayers, please contact the parish office}.*

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 5th and 12th

July 7th and 21st

September 8th and 15th

November 3rd and 17th

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	8.00pm Lent Faith Talk ~ Father Adrian
Wednesday	--
Friday	8.00pm Stations of the Cross
Saturday	9.30-10.30am Adoration of Blessed Sacrament
Saturday	10am and 5.30pm Confession

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

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 or visit our website www.ourladyoflourdesrcprimary.org

BOOK – HIGHLY RECOMMENDED – “The Why and the How of being a Catholic Today.” By Raymond Friel (Redemptorist Publications). The author writes:

“This book is aimed primarily at a lot of people I know in the Church, whose formation in the faith may have stopped around the age of fourteen, roughly the time they were confirmed. This book is for anyone who is a baptised member of the Church who who'd like to pick up where they left off all those years ago. The people I have in mind may well go to Mass, or maybe not. They may not read much sacred scripture, they may have some notion of what prayer is but don't practice it all that often. They want to live a good life but are sometimes confused about what that looks like.

This book won't answer all the questions about how to live in this world as a Catholic disciple of Jesus Christ, but will, I hope, offer some guiding principles, not least the why and the how.”