

WEEKDAY / SUNDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - People of Parish
22 nd May	9.30am	MASS - Ints Erin Hindley
	11.30am	MASS - Mr & Mrs C Gomez & Mr & Mrs E de Silva RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - Carmel Benson RIP

FERIA

MONDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
23 rd May	9.00am	MASS - Holy Souls

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TUESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
24 th May	9.00am	MASS - Private Ints (M)

ST BEDE THE VENERABLE

WEDNESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
25 th May	9.00am	MASS - Anne & George Sandison RIP

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

THURSDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
26 th May	9.00am	MASS - Auguste Chindji Kouleu RIP
	8.00pm	Parish Community

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

FRIDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
27 th May	9.00am	MASS - Barbara Galvin RIP

FERIA

SATURDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
28 th May	9.00am	MASS - Guiseppe Forestiero RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - Daniel Daly RIP

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

SUNDAY	8.00am	MASS - People of Parish
29 th May	9.30am	MASS - Ruzica Maria & Lionel Henry Doggett RIP
	11.30am	MASS - Deceased Parishioners
	6.30pm	MASS - Marion Corder RIP

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Sunday 22nd May 2022



The Holy Spirit will remind you of all I have said to you.

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Pastoral Centre Caretaker - Camille Mouquet
Catechetical Co-ordinator - Michaela Mouquet
Headteacher OLOL School - Ruth Boon

Dear Parishioners,

On Thursday of this week, we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus. It is a Holy Day of Obligation when Catholics are obliged to attend Mass. As we celebrate this feast, we are reminded that Jesus is preparing His disciples for His departure and return to Heaven. He is leaving them, but not leaving them alone, in fact, He is going to be with them in a very personal and intimate way for ever. He promised to send the Holy Spirit to renew and strengthen them for the work of the Gospel.

The Ascension of Jesus was an important growth point for the disciples. Jesus would be with them in a different way from now on. Painful though it was, it was necessary for them to let go of his physical presence and adjust to the new reality. Perhaps you have known similar transition points in your own life.

Jesus invited the disciples to be witnesses to the good news they had learned. The way we live, speak and relate to others speaks of what we have learned about life. We all are witnesses. How have you been a witness to the goodness of life?

In particular, Jesus invited them to be witnesses to the good news of forgiveness. Recall people who have been witnesses to you of forgiveness and reconciliation. What effect did they have on your life? Have you been able to be a witness to the good news of forgiveness in your life?

Stay in the city until... Jesus instructs the disciples to wait patiently for the moment of grace. What has been your experience of waiting for a moment of grace? What are the moments of grace that you particularly recall (a friendship, a new opportunity, birth of a baby, etc)?

God bless you and yours this week.

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 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 23 rd May	-
Tuesday 24 th May	11.00am-12noon Meditation Group (Hall) 4.00pm-6.30pm Tutor Groups
Wednesday 25 th May	Teas after 9.00am Mass 7.00pm-9.00pm Pilates (Hall)
Thursday 26 th May	3.00pm-7.00pm Perform (Hall) 4.00pm-6.00pm Tutor Groups
Friday 27 th May	3.00pm-6.00pm Perform (Hall)

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:

July 7th and 21st
September 8th and 15th November 3rd and 17th

LATE VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD A vocation discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 will take place at St Beuno's in North Wales from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September 2022. The direct link for further details and booking: Discernment Weekend <https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2>



CAFOD'S NEW CAMPAIGN: FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM

Over 800 million people go hungry each day. Yet the world produces over 4 billion tonnes of food and we only need 3.7 billion tonnes to feed everyone, a third is wasted. Clearly the current global food system is not working, but as Pope Francis said, "Each of us has a role to play in transforming food systems for the benefit of people and the planet." Let's respond to his call! A few giant corporations put profits before people, and millions of small farmers who grow our food are kept in poverty. This system is bad for the climate too.

Together we can play our part in re-thinking it, and challenging the imbalance of power so that it works for everyone. Alternatives already exist and communities who work with CAFOD are leading the way, growing food in ways that are good for people and the planet. **Will you email Liz Truss today?** The UK government must implement its COP26 commitments and support agricultural systems that tackle the climate crisis and put local communities first. Use the ready made online form at <https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Fix-the-food-system> to send your email.



Where: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre

When: Saturday 18th June 2022

Time: Doors open 7.45 pm, for a prompt start at 8pm

Cost: £8 per person (bring your own drink and food)

Booking: Drop money into the Parish Office by **Thursday 9th June** in an envelope clearly marked: *FAO Social Committee*. Include the following details:

*** Your Name, Phone Number, Email Address, Number of people ***

*Don't feel you have to book a whole table as we have a number of tables reserved to seat smaller groups/individuals so that you can share the fun and pool your knowledge. If you are booking a table, the ideal size is 6 people (min of 4 and a **max of 8**). Early booking is recommended as this is always a popular night, so to avoid disappointment, ensure you buy your tickets early. Any questions please contact us at events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com*

Please feel free to bring drinks, nibbles and glasses with you - We will be serving tea/coffee and cakes in the interval, plus a chance to participate in the raffle (cash required!). All proceeds going towards the upkeep of the Parish Centre

DIOCESAN NEWS/VACANCIES

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Thursday 26th is Ascension Thursday and a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at 9am and 8pm

RETURNING TO SUNDAY MASS

The Bishops of England and Wales have issued a letter of invitation to Catholics to return to Sunday Mass after Covid – **"This is the bread come down from Heaven"** (**John 6:58**) "Virtual Viewing" of Mass online does not fulfil the Sunday Obligation. It may be a source of spiritual comfort for those who cannot attend mass in person, e.g sick. "Looking forward to the forthcoming Feast of Pentecost, we now invite all Catholics who have not yet done so to return to attending Mass in person." May I encourage all to return to Sunday Mass as we worship together as a community. **(Copies of the Bishops' letter in Foyer)**

8AM SUNDAY MASS

Please note, from Sunday 5th June, the 8am mass will cease. Sunday masses will be at the following times: Saturday 6.30pm, Sunday 9.30pm 11.30am and 6.30pm

WANTED

Now that we are beginning to emerge from Covid and the restrictions it imposed, we are looking to build up our parish community once again. We need readers, Ministers of Communion, Catechists, Altar Servers, Church Cleaners, Youth Club Helpers, SVP Helpers. If you can help out in any way, speak to one of the priests. The Church has always depended on the goodwill and help of who give up their time and talents. Anything done for your parish and Church is certainly the work of the Gospel. So if you can help and give some time to the Church, do get in touch.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

We usually begin our training of new altar servers after they receive First Holy Communion. Those boys and girls who received First Holy Communion for the first time are welcome to start the training. Please speak to Fr Pat, Fr Adrian, Catherine Burns or Frank Adesaga about this.

CONGRATUALIONS

Our congratulations and good wishes to Fr Andrew Headon, PP Ilford, who has been appointed as a member of the Cathedral Chapter of Canons. He spent some time here as assistant priest.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr Annunciata RIP from the Mercy Convent. Her body will be received into the Church at 5pm on Monday 6th June and the funeral mass will be at 11am on Tuesday 7th June. Our sympathy and prayers to the Mercy community.

Gerry Clarke - father of Nicky Coughlan from our community. Our sympathy and prayers to the family.

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, Gerald Clarke, Len Spiller, Nenad Ivanovic (known as Len) Sister Marian, Camille Mouquet, Patricia (Pat) Hallahan *{If you wish to include the name of someone for prayers, please contact the parish office}.*

RIP ANNIVERSARIES

Henry Gerrish, Jessie Lamb, Mary Brereton, Clement Horton, Eileen Warren, Angela Mary Tapper, Brian Evans, Lily Mahon, Tim Noonan, Maire Therese Cable, Gary Daniel Lestrade, Christopher Redmond, Charles Hardy, Alice Stammers, Adelina Binks, Brendan Leslie, Winifred Finnimore, Mary Kirvan, Edward Zamett, Madge Fowler, Jose Maria D'Souza, Olive May Stout, Diana Grante Somers, Frank Charles Simpkins, Muriel Lyne, Alfred Kenney, Kit Topliss, Yolanda Duranti, Peter O'Donovan-Iland, baby Callum James Kelly, Edith Jeanette Beamish, Catherine Salmon, Leon Knitter, Doreen Gannon, Michael Anthony, John Patrick Leary, Alfaruq Mugenyiasoka, Philomena Darroux

THANK YOU

Dear parents & children on the 1st Holy Communion programmes, thank you for your kind generosity. We all felt it was an honour and a privilege to support your children on their journey to the sacrament of 1st Holy Communion. We look forward to celebrating the Eucharist with you all every week for many years to come.

God bless you

1st Holy Communion catechists

FR DODD

Father Dodd is celebrating his 60th Anniversary of priesthood. Mass in St Peter and Paul, Ilford on Friday 10th June at 12 noon.

PREVENTION OF COVID 19 - The virus is still being transmitted in community.

- Everyone attending Mass or services in Church is urged to wear a mask covering nose and mouth at all times.
- Use the hand sanitisers on entry to the Church.
- Anybody with any Covid, flu-like or cold-like symptoms, cough, sneezing, runny nose, sore throat, temperature, lack of smell etc., should **not** attend Church.

Thank you for continuing to wear masks in congregated settings to help protect those of us who are vulnerable due to age, illness or compromised immune systems.

THE SHEILA LOVELL CLUB

Reopening on Wednesday 8th June at 1.30-3pm. We look forward to seeing old and new members for a welcome cup of tea and a chat. If anyone has any spare time to help out, we would be very grateful. Please ring Carmel on 0208 534 0905



WEDNESDAY TEAS - Come and join us for tea and biscuits every Wednesday after the 9am Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – JOB VACANCIES

- Teacher of Physics, Full Time, Permanent – Sept 22
- Teacher Media & Computing, Full Time, Permanent - Sept 22
- Teacher of Art, 0.4FTE, Part Time, Permanent - Sept 22
- Teacher of English, Full time, Permanent - Sept 22
- Teacher of Maths, Full time, Permanent - Sept 22
- Teacher of English, 0.8FTE Part time, Permanent - Sept 22
- Teacher of Geography, Full time, Permanent - Sept 22

Please visit the school's website for more details

DIOCESAN COLLECTION FOR VOCATIONS

We should have taken a collection last Sunday for vocations. It will be taken today. Please be generous as we support our students to the priesthood who are in training. We have one Ordination this year.

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. If you have any queries or have not received your 22-23 set or you would like an annual statement for 21 - 22, please contact Bob on wansteadchurch@gmail.com