

WEEKDAY / SUNDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

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| SUNDAY 8 th May | 8.00am | MASS - Ints Paul and Lindy Smith |
| | 9.30am | MASS - Mervyn Shipsey RIP |
| | 11.30am | MASS - Rita Anderson RIP |
| | 6.30pm | MASS - Simon Smith RIP |

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| MONDAY 9 th May | 8.30am | Morning Prayer and Adoration |
| | 9.00am | MASS - Holy Souls |

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| TUESDAY 10 th May | 8.30am | Morning Prayer and Adoration |
| | 9.00am | MASS - Private Int (M) |

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| WEDNESDAY 11 th May | 8.30am | Morning Prayer and Adoration |
| | 9.00am | MASS - John Sammon RIP |

ST JOHN HOUGHTON

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| THURSDAY 12 th May | 8.30am | Morning Prayer and Adoration |
| | 9.00am | MASS - Lucy Woods RIP |

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| FRIDAY 13 th May | 8.30am | Morning Prayer and Adoration |
| | 9.00am | MASS - Victor Gubbins |

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| SATURDAY 14 th May | 8.30am | Morning Prayer and Adoration |
| | 9.00am | Service of the Word with Holy Communion (NO MORNING MASS) |
| | 6.30pm | MASS - People of Parish |

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)

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| SUNDAY 15 th May | 8.00am | MASS - Eileen Warren RIP |
| | 9.30am | MASS - Int Sisters of Mercy (Institute) |
| | 11.30am | MASS - Paul Quinn RIP |
| | 6.30pm | MASS - Quinn family (deceased) |

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday 8TH May 2022



"I give eternal life to the sheep that belong to me"

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Dear Parishioners,

God comes to Women too by Heather Farrell

Have you ever noticed how, in the scriptures, men are always going up into the mountains to commune with God? Yet, in the scriptures, we hardly ever hear of women going to the mountains and we know why – right? Because the women were too busy keeping life going, they couldn't abandon babies, meals, homes, fires, gardens and a thousand responsibilities to make the climb into the mountains!

I was complaining about this to a friend the other day, saying that even as a modern woman, I feel like I'm never "free" enough from my responsibilities, never in a quiet enough or holy enough spot to have the type of communion I want with God.

Her response floored me, "that is why God comes to women. Men have to climb the mountain to meet God, but God comes to women where ever they are."

I have been pondering on her words for weeks and have searched my scriptures to see that what she said is true. God does indeed come to women where they are, when they are doing their ordinary, everyday work.

He meets them at the wells where they draw water for their families, in their homes, in their kitchens, in their gardens.

He comes to them as they sit beside sickbeds, as they give birth, care for the elderly and perform necessary mourning and burial rites.

Even the women at the empty tomb, who were the first to witness Christ's resurrection, were only there because they were doing the womanly chore of properly preparing Christ's body for burial. In this seemingly mundane and ordinary task, these women found themselves face to face with divinity.

So if – like me – you ever start to bemoan the fact that you don't have as much time to spend in the mountains with God as you would like. Remember, God comes to women. He knows where we are and the burdens we carry.

He sees us and if we open our eyes and our hearts, we will see Him, even in the most ordinary places and in the most ordinary things.

God Bless you and yours this week.

Fr Pat

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL – WOODFORD GREEN

We are recruiting for the following vacancy:-

- HR Manager, Full Time, Permanent – September 2022 start

Please visit the school's website for more details. www.tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment/

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL- CHINGFORD - JOB VACANCIES

- **Special Needs Assistant (SNA)**
- **Experienced KS1/KS2 Class Teacher**
- **Adhoc Cleaner**
- **Urgently Needed – Adhoc Midday Assistant**

For further information & application forms visit <http://www.stmaryschingford.com> or please contact Miss Watson, School Office on 0208 529 4723

Family Co-ordinator - Parish of the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay

For an informal chat with the Parish Priest and a copy of the Job Description please email office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk Closing date: Friday 27th May 2022

Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 23rd May 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey and Fr. National Museum. Single supp £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bishop Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 – 29th July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now on-line at: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood. For further information, please phone Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

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>

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.

EXCITING NEWS FROM OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL

Last month, Our Lady of Lourdes School had their Religious Education inspection, (known as the Section 48 Religious Inspection) and they received the wonderful news that they were judged as Outstanding.

The parish shares in their joy as well as congratulating the pupils and staff for all of their hard work and commitment to being a school dedicated to delivering a high quality of Religious Education and filled with Catholic ethos and values.

Well done!

| WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK / DATES FOR THE DIARY | |
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| Monday 9 th May | 1.30pm-3.30pm NHS Retirement Group (Hall) |
| Tuesday 10 th May | 11.00am-12noon Meditation Group (Hall) 4.00pm-6.30pm Tutor Groups |
| Wednesday 11 th May | Teas after 9.00am Mass 7.00pm-9.00pm Pilates (Hall) |
| Thursday 12 th May | 3.00pm-7.00pm Perform (Hall) 4.00pm-6.00pm Tutor Groups |
| Friday 13 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

DBS CERTIFICATE RENEWALS We are in the process of renewing the DBS's for all those who are Eucharistic ministers who visit people in their own homes. You will be receiving an email shortly about this. If you do not wish to carry on with this ministry, can you please notify Kate Shine or Kitty O'Driscoll.

DIOCESAN NEWS/VACANCIES

CONGRATULATIONS to Sophie Kane and Georgie Wright who were married here last Sunday.



WELCOME - We welcome into the family of God, through baptism, Leo Jacob Collins-Jefferys and Izabella Kulikowski Janicova who were baptised in the Church last week.



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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS - Mercedes & Tony Nunes have taken over from Kai van Beers in the administration of the Eucharistic Ministers rota and they have a new dedicated email address. If you are a minister and haven't received any emails from lol.eucharisticministry@gmail.com then please check your spam folders and/or send an email to the address which will add it to your email contacts.



First Holy Communion

This year, our children will receive First Holy communion during the parish masses over several weekends. Please pray for them and their families. The following children are receiving First Holy Communion this weekend

Saturday 7th May 2022

9.00am- Kelechi Duruaku, Lydia Rothwell, Charlotte Miller, Ellen McHugh,
Roisin Moreland, Meabh Rose, Eliana Kissi
6:30pm- Liam Sandy-McNamara, Sophia Pong, Alexandra Bradburn

Sunday 8th May 2022

9:30am- Milan Malik, Fintan Foley, Leo Marks, Benjamin Walton, Eva Heathwood,
Kitty Roohan, Frances Appiah-Brewu
11:30am- Noah Lanfranchi, James Bracken, Leo Taylor, Clara Campbell,
Ethan Rushworth, George Dellow, Ella Fitzgibbon

THE PASSAGE, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme until 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May. Every £1 donated online before 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22>
For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856

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}.*

THIS SUNDAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY when we are invited by the Church to pray in a particular way for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for Vocations and for those who are training for the priesthood.

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>

EASTER READINGS At Easter, we read from the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared faith talks on 'The Acts of the Apostles' and 'Paul in Acts', for your use through the Easter season. To access these free audio recordings please go to the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org and scroll down to 'Acts in Easter'.

THE 100 CLUB

As this club is no longer in operation, those who pay their subscription by direct debit can cancel or leave the money to come into parish.



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