

WEEKDAY / SUNDAY MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY	9.30am	MASS - Patrick Donohue & Donohue Family Decd.
17 th July	11.30am	MASS - Fr Jim Poland RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - People of Parish

FERIA

MONDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
18 th July	9.00am	MASS - YOLANDA & SALVATORE DURANTI RIP

FERIA

TUESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
19 th July	9.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
	1.00pm	FUNERAL MASS - Breda Dean RIP

FERIA

WEDNESDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
20 th July	9.00am	MASS - Tim Reeves RIP

FERIA

THURSDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
21 st July	9.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion

ST MARY MAGDALENE

FRIDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
22 nd July	9.00am	MASS - Clare McCarthy RIP

ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN

SATURDAY	8.30am	Morning Prayer and Adoration
23 rd July	9.00am	Service of the Word with Holy Communion
	6.30pm	MASS - Ints Moira and Raymond Hamill

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY)

SUNDAY	9.30am	MASS - Willie Burns RIP
24 th July	11.30am	MASS - William Keogh RIP
	6.30pm	MASS - Jane Vella RIP

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 17th July 2022



“Martha welcomed Jesus into her house.
Mary has chosen the better part.”

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Father Adrian Writes

Proust Part Two

I wrote in the newsletter, a few weeks ago, about Marcel Proust's great novel, 'In Search of Lost Time.' It is an epic 3200 pages (depending on the edition you buy) and spanning over six or seven volumes, again depending on the edition. I mentioned how Proust's can often take several pages to describe a sofa or biting into a cake! Several people have asked me if I have actually read it and I have to admit that around twenty years ago, I bought a new edition in six volumes. I added up all of the pages and worked out that if I read 52.5 pages a day, I would complete the whole novel in three months!

I then set about getting through my quota of reading each day, skim reading through Proust's meticulous, descriptive passages and purple prose and flying through pages to get to my goal and finally being able to say that, yes, I have read Proust. Needless to say, after two and a half volumes, I gave up. My volumes of 'In Search of Lost time, were assigned back to my bookshelves first, and then a charity shop after a much-needed declutter of my flat.

It is only recently that I have been thinking about reading Proust again and researching the best way of doing it. Most advice suggests savouring the sentences and words, spending time with them and not reading much more than ten pages a day. Proust was very unwell and dying when he wrote the novel, writing in bed through the night in his apartment in Paris which he lined with cork to try to keep the noise of his neighbours out. How had I managed to do such a dis-service to a work written under such difficult conditions by skimming through it like the minutes of a boring meeting?

It struck me that we should read scripture in the same, gentle, considered way, gently contemplating and savouring every word and line rather than hurrying through it. Most psalms can be prayed in under a minute, but we should take time to ponder its meaning and chew it over, so its meaning speaks to our heart. If we spend five or ten minutes with the Sunday gospel, rather than a minute, we will get much more from it – it will nourish us and we will remember its message as we carry it out into our week.

The lesson we can learn from scripture and Proust is to take our time and not rush – there is no pressure to finish a chapter of either, and we will hear what God wants to say to us.

God bless. Fr Adrian.

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 18 th July	4.15pm – 6.00pm Tutor Group
Tuesday 19 th July	11.00am - 12noon Meditation Group (Hall)
	1.00pm – 3.00pm Under Fives (Hall)
	4.15pm - 6.30pm Tutor Groups
	7:30pm – Divine Mercy Prayer Group
Wednesday 20 th July	Teas after 9.00am Mass
	1.30pm – 3.00pm Sheila Lovell Club (Hall)
	7.00pm-9.00pm Pilates (Hall)
Thursday 21 st July	3.00pm – 7.00pm Perform (Hall)
	4.00pm – 5.00pm Tutor Group
	7.30pm – Divine Mercy Prayer Group
Friday 22 nd July	3.00pm – 6.00pm Perform (Hall)
	8.00pm – Life in the Spirit Prayer Group
Saturday 23 rd July	TBC – Catholic Women's League (Hall)
Sunday 24 th July	Children's Liturgy during 9.30am Mass

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:

September 8th and 15th

November 3rd and 17th

SHARING THE CHURCH'S STORY CONFERENCE aims to bring people together for an experience of profound personal renewal and to be equipped for mission. With world-class speakers, including Bishop Robert Barron, panels, and moments of powerful prayer and worship, we are excited for what God will do through this event. The Conference takes place on Saturday 17th September in London, to find out more about this important conference and to book go to www.sharingthechurchsstory.com

Trinity Catholic High School Vacancy

Part time 6th Form Administrator, 20 hours, 4 hours per day, Permanent - Sept 2022 start – please visit the school website for more information.

SVP (NATIONAL SUMMER RAFFLE)

The SVP asks our assistance with their raffle which is a main fundraising event for SVP work. Tickets are £1 each or £5 per book available from the church foyer. Please support this event and if you need any extra tickets contact Don O'Driscoll on 07923 608074



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. Clearly, the current global food system is not working for both people and the planet, 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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place Monday to Saturday at 8:20am and on Fridays from 9:30am to 1pm and from 7pm to 9pm. All are welcome to come and pray and spend some time in the presence of the Lord.

ALTAR SERVERS

Altar servers are an important part of our parish community. Any former servers who would like to resume serving, it would be great to have you back serving again, especially at the start of the summer holidays. If you can arrive 15 minutes before Mass, we will be delighted to welcome you back. Please email ololaltarservers@outlook.com for further information on returning or for anyone interested in training to become a server.

1ST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Any parents who would like their child to be part of the programme preparing children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, should send an email to Michaela Mouquet at michaelaololcc@gmail.com. Please provide the name of your child, their home address, the school they will be attending in September and the year group they will be in. We prepare children from Year 3 upwards. **Please note that the deadline for expressions of interest is Wednesday 20th July 2022 to enable planning.**

CONFIRMATION 2023

Those wishing to be confirmed on Pentecost Sunday 2023 should apply in writing to Fr Pat for permission to join the programme. Those in yr 10 and above are eligible. **Please note that the deadline for expressions of interest for the academic year 2022-2023 is 24th July 2022. This is to enable planning and booking with BCYS to begin.**

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 please contact Bob on wansteadchurch@gmail.com

PRAY FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Robert Britt-Hazard, Steve Britt-Hazard, Justina Paul, Ann Silcock, Bridie Connolly, Glafira D'Souza, Bridie Halligan, Mikey McDonagh, Sandra Samler, Jane O'Halloran, Caroline Sarpong, Thelma, Mr. Lanre Falano, Vivian Bazuaye, Gemma Fishman, Julia Shearman, Grace Harding, Charlie O'Donnell, Edward Burns, Gerald Clarke, Len Spiller, Nenad Ivanovic (known as Len), Sister Marian, Patricia (Pat) Hallahan, Pat Flannery, Tony Loffhagen {If you wish to include the name of someone for prayers, please contact the parish office}

ANNIVERSARIES

Anthony Gorzinski, Leonard Chmielewski, Veronica Eifert, John Myers, Thomas Palmer, Annie Elizabeth Murphy, Neil Peter Toye, Raphael Jonathan Scotland, Danny Doyle, Lydia Mascaranhas, Bernard Rayment, Paula Preston, Petro Beznosiek, Veronica Foley, Clive Frederick Chitty, Mary Wade, John Flanagan, Michael Pillai, Kathleen Gearon, Oonagh Teresa Barrow, Mary Broderick, Jack Bellinger, Eileen Brady, John McCarthy, Kathleen Moya Holmes, Sheila Titley, Rob Brazier, Jack Brennan, Bridgid Murray, Marguerite Abbott, Aidan James Thornton, Ellen Vining, Dr Michael O'Dwyer, Wilfred Loffhagen, Ellen Doyle, John Jackson, Charlotte Moore, Eva Drohomirecka.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of George Margetts. We send our sympathies and prayers to his wife Anne, children Paul and Edel also Lisa and Lloyd and his grandchildren Joseph, Ella, Jensen and Ava.
Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Breda Dean. Requiem Mass 19th July at 1pm and for the repose of the souls of Edward Lindsell who died recently and Yolanda Caroline Mazarelo. May they all Rest in Peace.

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

SUNDAY TEAS will be recommencing every second week in September after the 9.30am Mass. Please contact Stephanie Crowley on 07906 201880 if you could offer to help. Thank you.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 23rd July 6.30pm – Margaret Monahan, Julie Donovan.
Sunday 24th July 9.30am – David Ryan, Helen Tredgett.
11.30am – Valerie Buck, Chris Buck.
6.30pm – Clare Losty, Sr Veronica Ann

READERS

Saturday 23rd July 9.30am – Crispin Acton
6.30pm – Pearl Sebastian, Theresa Harrison.
Sunday 24th July 9.30am – Sr Imelda, Ann Cummins.
11.30am – Sylma Laviniere, Paul Godin.
6.30pm – Mark Lonergan, Flora Pereira.

Please note that in future, the rota will be in the newsletter the week prior to Ministry - check it out. Contact email for Holy Communion Ministers: Tony and Mercedes Nunes: lol.eucharistymistry@gmail.com

ANNUAL ASSUMPTION GARDEN PARTY

Saturday 13th August 3pm – 5pm
Convent of the Assumption 13 the Avenue Wanstead E11 2EE
All are Welcome.

UNDER FIVES GROUP - TUESDAYS 1-3PM

Please come along to the Pastoral Centre with your under age schoolchildren for them to play in a safe environment while parents/carers can enjoy refreshments with other adults. Please contact Michaela if this would be of interest to you as either a user or an organiser/helper. michaelaololcc@gmail.com

DIOCESAN NEWS/VACANCIES

PLASTIC FREE JULY

Running throughout July, the Plastic Free July campaign, led by the Plastic Free Foundation, raises awareness of the toxic impact plastic pollution on our planet. As parishioners, let's join the millions of people taking part, could you choose one challenge below that works for you!

During Plastic Free July, I will:

- Avoid single-use plastic packaging
- Target takeaway items (bags, bottles, straws, cups)
- Go completely 'Plastic Free'

Do it for a day, a week, a month, every little bit counts. Make a simple change this month to help protect God's Creations.

THE 12TH ANNUAL GK CHESTERTON PILGRIMAGE

Takes place this year on the hundredth anniversary of GKC being received into the Catholic Church, Saturday 30th July. Please send any prayer requests to; CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk or text them on 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day can be found on our website, www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk Donations can be made here, <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/gkcwalk22>