

## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**1st October TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.30am MASS - Fiona Kennedy RIP

11.30am MASS - People of Parish

6.30pm MASS - Christopher Silcock INT

**Monday 2nd October—THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS**

9.00am MASS - Jozefa Nowak RIP

**Tuesday 3rd October**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Wednesday 4th October—St Francis of Assisi**

9.00am MASS - Hazel Castelino RIP

**Thursday 5th October**

9.00am MASS - Alison Mayhew INT

**Friday 6th September**

9:00am MASS - Sr M. Roasarii RIP

**Saturday 7th October**

**NO MORNING MASS**

10.00 -10.30am Confessions

10.45am Baptism of Archie Aari Victor

5.30—6.00 p.m. Confessions

6.30pm VIGIL MASS - Alvenammah Santhiapillai RIP

**8th October TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.30am MASS - Josephine Stackerd RIP

11.30am MASS - People of Parish

6.30pm MASS - Rhys Lamb RIP

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**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday 1st October 2023**



## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

**COVER IMAGE:** *The Parable of the Father and the two Sons in the vineyard* by the Argentinian artist, Jorge Cocco Santángelo, who designed the UK Christmas stamps in 2021.

**HELPING OUR ELDERLY GET TO SUNDAY MASS** The Saint Vincent de Paul Society members (SVP) have a special care for the poor and the vulnerable in our parish community. They are looking for volunteers who might help collect and return home by car those more elderly parishioners who have a real desire to participate in the celebration of Mass but don't have any means of transport themselves. Might you be able to help? For more information please contact Don O'Driscoll on 07923 608074 or donal.odriscoll@btinternet.com

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC** Have you ever considered becoming a Catholic? Do you want to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Have you been baptised but never confirmed and wish to strengthen your faith with the gifts of the Holy Spirit? If so, why not come along to the Pastoral Centre on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 7.30pm to find out more and have a chat with our formation team.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day** is on **Friday 6 October**. Dr Nasha's mobile medical clinic gets life-saving help to where it's needed most, fast - so when her team arrived in Meera's village after it had been destroyed by flooding, she rushed to the clinic to get her children the treatment they needed.

In preparation for the Fast Day Cafod envelopes are available in the entrances to the Church and you can also give online at [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk) If you are a taxpayer, please Gift Aid your offering.



## USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS

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**To register as a new parishioner - Tricia Webb**  
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**Headteacher LOL School - Ruth Boon**  
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## PARISH FINANCES - PAYMENT METHOD

Contributions to the parish can be made online via the Diocesan website at: [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=wanstead](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=wanstead) or by scanning the QR code shown here with your smartphone and selecting “General Offertory”



## SUPPORT THE PARISH

Please Gift Aid donations. Any queries, please contact Bob Fox at: [wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org](mailto:wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org)

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**BCYS YOUTH MASS** takes place on the first Thursday of every month at Brentwood Cathedral, beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, an hour of input, workshops, youth led prayer and formation from different organisations each month and Youth Mass celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome, please bring instruments and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book!

**LOVE THE STRANGER - THE CATHOLIC POSITION ON THE REFUGEE CRISIS:** On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> October at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal Priest there will be a study day beginning at 11 am. Liam Allmark, the Head of Communications, Fundraising and Advocacy at the Jesuit Refugee Service, will present the document ‘Love the Stranger: a Catholic Response to Migrants and Refugees’. This will be an opportunity to explore our Catholic response. This study day is also available online by going to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

## VACANCY AT LOYOLA PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Marketing & Office Administrator, part time. For further information, please either contact Mrs Rosario at the school on 020 8504 7372, email [finance@loyola.essex.sch.uk](mailto:finance@loyola.essex.sch.uk) or see the TES jobs website. Closing date 15/10/23.

**CHURCH CLEANING** A clean, tidy and well cared for Church speaks of a community that recognises that it is a sacred space, the House of God. Therefore, those who clean our Church do a very important service for God and the community. But to ensure this, volunteers are urgently needed to assist with Church cleaning on Mondays from 9.30-10.30am. If we get enough people, we can make a rota.

Please contact Joan Farrelly on 020 8530 6793

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS? ARE YOU THE PARENT OF A YOUNG PERSON WHO HAS RECEIVED THIS SACRAMENT?** We thank those catechists who have given so generously of their own faith, gifts, and time to prepare our young men and women to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit that will strengthen them as adult disciples of Christ.

In order to discern what that formation might look like in the future, Fr Martin would like to hear the views of these young people and/or their parents. He has two simple questions in mind:

- i) How did you find the preparation?
- ii) Would you consider assisting with the future formation of our young men and women?

Even if you can only respond with a couple of sentences this will help inform Fr Martin’s thinking. Please email [wanstead@brcdt.org](mailto:wanstead@brcdt.org) or if you would prefer to meet Fr Martin in person, please contact the office.

**A CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE** is required by those parents who are making applications to Catholic schools this year. If you are a practising Catholic (that is, coming to Sunday Mass here at Our Lady of Lourdes) and you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice, Fr Martin will be giving out Certificates at the following times:

i) **Catholic Secondary School Applications:** Wednesday 11th October 4.00 - 7.00 p.m. at Clergy House.

ii) **Catholic Primary School Applications:** Wednesday 8th November 4.00 - 7.00 p.m. at Clergy House.

**PLEASE NOTE** that Fr Martin will *not* give out Certificates at any other time, so please make sure that you collect the Certificate on the relevant date above.

**THE INDUCTION OF FR MARTIN AS PARISH PRIEST** will take place at the 6.30 p.m. evening Mass on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October. Fr Andrew Headon, in his role as the Dean of Redbridge, has kindly agreed to preside at the Induction. All are welcome to come to the Induction and to pray for Fr Martin.

The Ceremony of Induction is an occasion when a new Parish Priest is formally presented to the people of the parish. This serves as a reminder to the new parish priest and the people that together they are to be witnesses of the good news of God's grace and thus play their part in the evangelising mission of the Church.

**THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are holding a Rosary every Tuesday during the month of October. Members will start at 7pm each Tuesday and all are welcome to join us. Each week we will dedicate the Rosary for special intentions, this week is for Vocations to the Priesthood.

**ARE YOU A GRAPHIC DESIGNER OR WORK IN DESIGN?** Can you find your way around a website backend? Are you creative and technically confident? If so, Fr Martin would like to pick your brains and would be most grateful if you might make yourself known to him in person or by email.

**MEDITATION** the group meet every Tuesday at 10.50am in the Pastoral Centre. Any new members will be most welcome to come and will be greeted warmly. So see you all then.

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

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** takes place on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Friday evenings from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. All are welcome to come and pray and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord.

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** marks the beginning of a child's relationship with Christ. This is also an opportunity for parents to thank God for the gift of their child and to strengthen or rekindle their own relationship with Christ by the practice of their faith, that is, by coming into Christ's presence at the celebration of Sunday Mass.

It is essential that at least, one parent, is a baptised Catholic and practising their Faith or, at least, has a renewed openness to Christ and the practice of their Faith. The family of the child must be also be resident in the parish; the community where they and their child(ren) will grow in love of Christ.

If you wish to have your child baptised there are three simple steps:

i) Please phone the parish office and register for the next two formation sessions. You will be asked to confirm that, at least, one parent is a Catholic and that you are living in the parish.

ii) Parents must attend both formation sessions. The next session will be held on 2nd and 9th November starting promptly at 8 p.m. Please note that this formation is for the parents of babies, including those babies not yet born. If your child is 7 or over, they will have to be prepared in an alternative age appropriate way.

iii) Having considered whether you are willing to take on the responsibility of being "the first and best teachers of your children in the practice of the faith", please contact the parish office to arrange a date for your child's baptism.