

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

24th September **TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

9.30am MASS - Ann Silcock INT

11.30am MASS - People of Parish

6.30pm MASS - Stephanie Sadio & Family INT

Monday 25th September

9.00am MASS - Martha Tan RIP

Tuesday 26th September

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 27th September

9.00am MASS - Yolande & Salvatore Duranti RIP

Thursday 28th September

9.00am MASS - Margaret Jean Acton RIP

Friday 29th September FEAST OF SS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

9:00am MASS - Errol Patrick Robert Ward RIP

Saturday 30th September

NO MORNING MASS or CONFESSIONS

10.00 a.m. Baptism of Serena Fernandez-Faux

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Freya Elizabeth Pestell

12 noon Mass for retired nurses of Whipps Cross Hospital

5.30–6.00 p.m. Confessions

6.30pm VIGIL MASS - Noel Anderson RIP

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

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Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 24th September 2023



GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER IMAGE: *The Parable of the Vineyard* illumination in the Codex Aureus of Echternach, 1030–1050. “Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard...’”

Dear Friends

My heartfelt thanks to everyone for a wonderful Farewell Mass and reception last Sunday. I was deeply touched by the kind words, expressions of thanks and good wishes for the future I received, as well as your generous cards, messages and gifts. Thank you for such a prayerful celebration of Mass - the music was wonderful as well as the food and conversations in the hall afterwards. Once again, thank you to everyone who worked hard to make it a special evening and also to everyone who came and prayed together.

I truly wish you all the very best for a faith-filled and joyful future and as I said on Sunday, thank you for the ministry you have all given to me over the last three years.

With my prayers, Father Adrian

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 3rd 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.

USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS

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- i) How did you and your child(ren) find the preparation?
- ii) Would you consider assisting with the future preparation of our parish children?

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

DIOCESAN NEWS

CATECHIST TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY, SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER The BCYS will host our Annual Catechist Training and Resources Day once again this November at Sacred Heart of Mary School in Upminster. With a number of incredible workshops, input, networking and welcoming back the fantastic David Wells as keynote speaker, this is a day not to miss if you are a Confirmation Catechist, First Holy Communion Catechist, Children's Liturgy or Youth leader in the Diocese of Brentwood. Visit www.bcys.net/events/catechistday23/ for details on how to book your place.

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. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book!

VACANCES AT TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Teacher of Geography, full time Nov 23 or January 2024
TiC Music, Part time, January 2024

For further information, please visit <https://www.tchs.org.uk/>

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 If you are a taxpayer, please Gift Aid your offering.



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.

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 the community and for God. 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

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.

THE INDUCTION OF FR MARTIN AS PARISH PRIEST will take place at the 6.30 p.m. evening Mass on Sunday 15th 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.

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.

THE SHEILA LOVELL CLUB meet every Wednesday from 1.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

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.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP meet every Tuesday at 7.30pm in the Booker Room of the Pastoral Centre. New members will be most welcome.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place on Friday days 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.

SVP SUMMER RAFFLE 2023 The SVP Conference at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead would like to thank you for your ongoing support in purchasing 209 books of raffle tickets which goes towards helping the needy. Your support and generosity is very much appreciated. Don O'Driscoll - President

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.

HAS YOUR CHILD RECEIVED THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION IN THE LAST COUPLE OF YEARS? The parish community is indebted to those catechists who have given so generously of their gifts, time and the witness of their own faith to prepare our children for their First Holy Communion and a lifelong relationship with Christ who is truly present to us in Holy Communion.

In order to discern what that preparation might look like in the future, Fr Martin would like to hear the views of parents and, indeed, their children. He has two simple questions in mind: