

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

5th November THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Leanne de Silva RIP
9.30 a.m. MASS - Gillian Crudge RIP
11.30 a.m. MASS - Freddie Brewer RIP
6.30 p.m. MASS - People of Parish

Monday 6th November

9.00 a.m. MASS - Joseph Mulcahy RIP

Tuesday 7th November

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 8th November

9.00 a.m. John Francis Hayes RIP
11.00 a.m. FUNERAL MASS - Allen Shiel RIP

Thursday 9th November—DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

9.00 a.m. MASS - Grace Harding RIP

Friday 10th November—St Leo the Great

9:00 a.m. MASS - Marie Francis RIP

Saturday 11th November—St Martin of Tours

NO MORNING MASS

10.00 a.m. -10.30 a.m. Confessions
10.45 a.m. Baptism of Cillian Joseph Richard Perrin Cox
5.30–6.00 p.m. Confessions
6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - Paul Bloomberg RIP

12th November THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: Remembrance Sunday

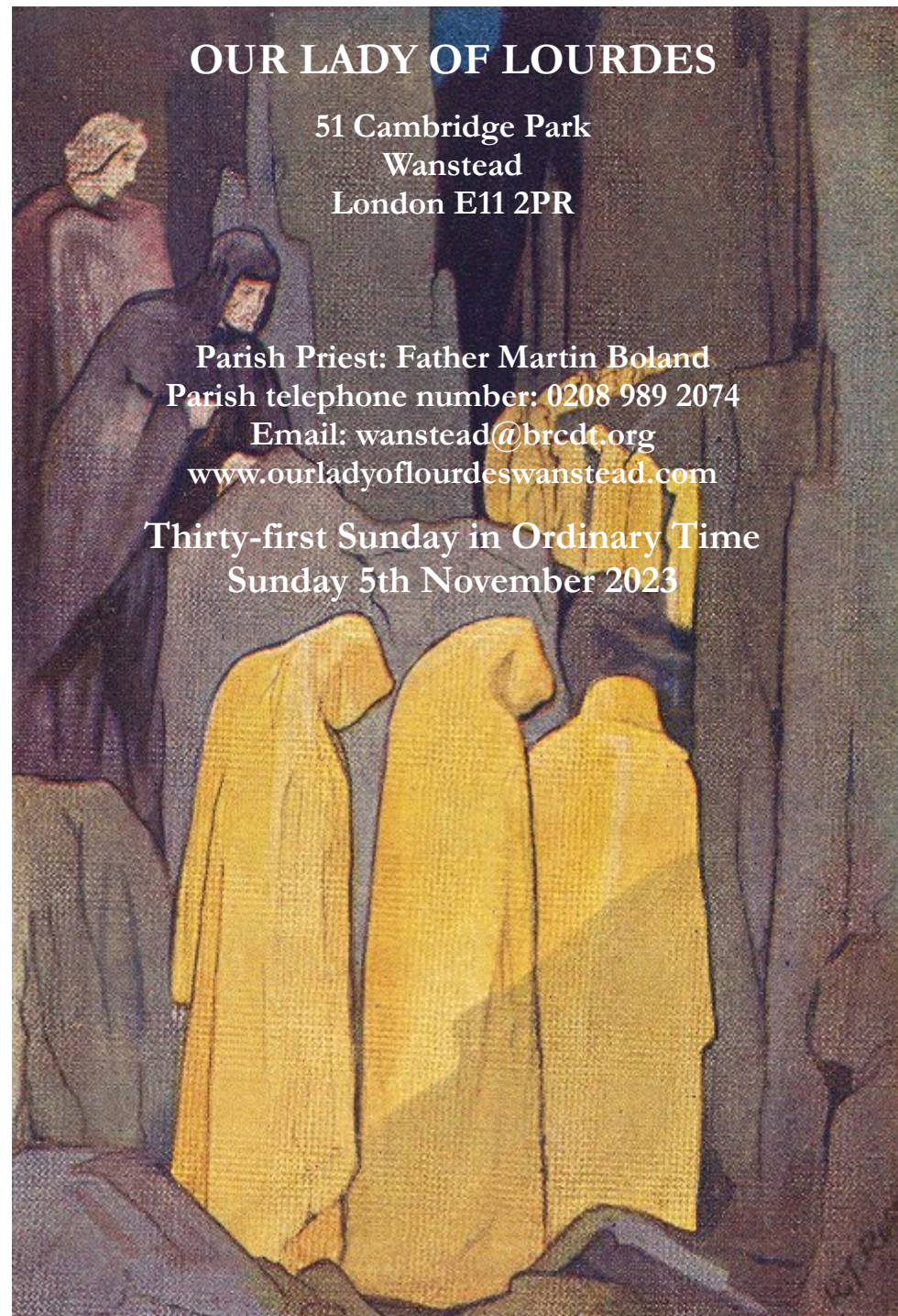
9.30 a.m. MASS - Anna & John McGinley RIP
11.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish
6.30 p.m. MASS - John O'Malley RIP

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 5th November 2023



GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER IMAGE: In Dante's poem *Inferno*, hypocrites are punished by being forced to walk in circles while wearing outwardly ornate gold robes lined with heavy lead, forcing them to bend over and struggle to move. This punishment fits the sin since they glitter on the outside but are so weighed down internally that there is no chance of spiritual progress.

WE REMEMBER OUR DEAD and the communion that we still enjoy with them during this month of November. *If you wish to do so, please bring a framed photo of your loved one and place it on the steps of the altar. At the end of the month, please collect your photo.*

We also pray and offer Masses for the repose of their souls in the eternal life of God.

Why do we offer Mass for the dead? We believe that there exists a living communion between us and our brothers and sisters "who have gone ahead of us marked the sign of faith". Just as we pray for each other and share each other's burdens on earth, we can offer prayers and sacrifices to help the departed souls undergoing purification, and no better prayer can be offered than that of the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

It is a deep and ancient instinct for Catholics to pray and offer Mass for the dead. St. Ambrose (d. 397) preached, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord."

How do you offer a Mass for a deceased person?

i) Please use one of the Mass intention envelopes available at the entrance to the Church.

ii) There is no payment for having a Mass said for a deceased loved one, but you may wish to make an offering. In this way, you participate more intimately in the sacrifice of the Mass offered, by making a sacrifice of your own and you help support₂ and provide for the physical needs of the clergy.

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Raffle Prizes

Would you or your company be happy to donate an item for the Raffle for the Christmas Fayre or for the Grand draw? If so, please contact the Social Committee or speak to Natasha on 07977 863362.

Social Committee Needs Your Support Please Help to make the Christmas Fayre a Success

We are now collecting the following: Wines/Spirits for the Drinks Tombola, unused gifts for our Popular New Gift Stall, Vintage items/Bric a Brac. (Please note: We **cannot** accept electrical items/Children's toys, DVDs or CD's on this occasion).

A brown wicker box will be left in the side entrance to the church and any donations can be left in here. We will also be receiving items on Tuesday 14th November in the Church Hall between 7.00 p.m. and 9.00 p.m. Once again, thank you for all your support to ensure a successful, fun event.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES for the feast of the Immaculate Conception 5th to the 9th December. Please call Siobhan for more information 07932 634589.

DIOCESAN NEWS

MEMORIAL MASS AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK

The Friends of Abbotswick Memorial Mass for those with loved ones remembered within the grounds at Abbotswick and will be held at 3.00 p.m. on Sunday 12th November. If you wish to attend, please email Claire at clairebailey@brcdt.org or phone 01277 373959.

THE BI-ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUIEM MASS at St Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone will be on Monday 13th November at 11.30 a.m.

VACANCY AT THE URSULINE ACADEMY ILFORD

School Administrator Start: ASAP Closing Date: 17/11/23
For further information please visit: [//uai.org.uk/vacancies](http://uai.org.uk/vacancies)

iii) Please hand in your envelope to the office and Eileen, the parish secretary, who will allocate a date and time for the Mass to be said either in the parish or the Mass will be offered by a priest elsewhere. Due to the large number of intentions waiting to be said, Mass intentions can be sent to priests in other parts of this country or abroad who have very few Mass intentions of their own and who have very limited resources. Please indicate on the envelope whether you are happy to have the Mass intention celebrated by a priest outside the parish.

iv) You may want to send a Mass card to the family of the deceased. Mass cards are available to purchase in the Repository after the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass.

A MASS FOR THE DEAD will be celebrated on Thursday 16th November at 7.00 p.m. This is an opportunity for us to lift our deceased loved ones in prayer to the Lord. We humbly entrust them to the mercy of God and pray that He welcomes them into paradise where there will be no sorrow, no weeping, no pain but fullness of peace and joy. Please make a special effort to attend this Requiem Mass.

THE FUNERAL MASS of Allen Shiel will take place on Wednesday 8th November at 11.00 a.m. His body will be received into the Church the night before at 5.00 p.m. May he Rest in Peace and rise in glory.

EXTERNAL ENERGY SAVING LIGHTING around the Church site has been upgraded or replaced during this past week. This has been done to ensure the safety of parishioners, especially as the evenings are now so dark and also to discourage people from gathering in the car park very late at night.

CANON PAT SAMMON'S LIBRARY AND CD COLLECTION

On Saturday and Sunday 11th/12th November, in the Parish Centre after all the Masses, there will be a sale of the remaining books and CDs. £1 per item will be charged and the money raised will be sent to the Brentwood Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund to assist those who wish to go to Lourdes but who might find the cost of the Diocesan Pilgrimage beyond their means. *Please do pop into the Parish Centre after Mass.*

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Please see the enclosed insert which is also available on the church's website. Fr Martin greatly appreciates all those who took the time to speak or write to him about the preparation for this sacrament. Your views greatly helped inform his sense of what formation might be available in the future as we help our children experience a life long relationship with Christ and His Church.

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), Fr Martin will be giving out Certificates for **Catholic Primary School Applications** on 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. In the case of Our Lady of Lourdes Reception Primary School applications, parents can leave their unsigned Certificate of Practice with the school office before **11am on Monday 11th December**. These will be signed and submitted with your application. This has been agreed in order to support all our families.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place on Fridays from 9:30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and Friday evenings from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. All are welcome to come and pray and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA will be completing their Rosary this Tuesday 7th November. Members will start at 7.00 p.m. and all are welcome to join us. This week's special intention is for The Faithfully Departed.

SICK LIST A list of the sick and housebound can be found at the entrance to the Church.

WEDNESDAY TEAS - Please note that there will be no teas and coffee after the 9.00 a.m. Mass this Wednesday 8th November.

THE SHEILA LOVELL CLUB - Please note that there will be no club this Wednesday 8th November. We will see you again the week after.

THE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP meet every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. Any new members will be most welcome.

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

UNDER 5's meet every Tuesday in term time from 1.00 p.m. -3.00 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

Social Committee News and Events

Christmas Fayre 2023

FREE ENTRY

Saturday 18th November 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 pm &

Sunday 19th November 10 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.

Please save the date and let friends and neighbours know as we have some wonderful Local Craft stalls to cater for all your Christmas shopping. Beautiful Sewing Creations, Candlemeleon, Pashminas and scarves, Beautiful Pottery, Wooden Gifts, Handmade Cards, Local Artist, Knitted Items, Local Honey and Candle Rolling, Jewellery, Vintage Stall, Cakes, Tombola, Raffle. New Gift Stall and lots more.

Join us Saturday evening for a glass of prosecco and a warm mince pie or Sunday for breakfast. (sausage in a roll). A great opportunity to meet friends and support local people.

We would be grateful to everyone who can supply bottles for the Drinks Tombola.

Please note: A cake sale will also take place, so if you enjoy baking, please could you bake and bring in between 8.45 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. 19th November 2023.