

## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**17th December - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Christine & Stewart McCahill

9.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish

11.30 a.m. MASS - Amanda Farrell RIP

6.30 p.m. MASS - Hannah & Joseph McDermott RIP

**Monday 18th December**

9.00 a.m. MASS - Davis & Docherty families living and dead

**Tuesday 19th December**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Wednesday 20th December**

9.00 a.m. - Carmel Dinan INT

**Thursday 21st December**

**NO MORNING MASS**

11.00 a.m. Funeral Mass - Sr Mary (Ita) Theresa O'Riordan RIP

**Friday 22nd December**

9.00 a.m. Mass - William & Bina Higgins RIP

**Saturday 23rd December**

**NO MORNING MASS**

10.00 a.m. - 11.00a.m. Confessions

6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - Lorraine Campling RIP

**Sunday 24th December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

10.00 a.m. MASS - G Ajuzieogu INT

**CHRISTMAS EVE: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

5.00 p.m. MASS - People of Parish

7.00 p.m. MASS - Maura Boland RIP

9.30 p.m. CAROLS

10.00 p.m. MASS - Carmel & Edward Benson RIP

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Third Sunday of Advent Year B

17<sup>th</sup> December 2023



## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

### ADVENT AND PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

#### Christmas Masses 2023

*Saturday 23rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent*

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass

*Sunday 24th December*

10.00 a.m. Mass

#### Christmas Eve Masses

5.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.

Carols at 9.30 p.m.

*Monday 25th December*

#### Christmas Day Masses

9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

#### *No evening Mass*

**CHRISTMAS GRAND DRAW** takes place this Sunday 17th December. Final opportunity to buy tickets (£2) after Mass and win a £200 John Lewis Voucher, Fortnum and Mason Hamper, Amazon Fire Tablet, restaurant voucher, and many other wonderful prizes.

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS** are your gift to the parish priest. For those who are tax payers and might wish to Gift Aid their offering, envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church. If you normally give your Sunday offering by envelope, you may wish to use the envelope in your box.

**CONFESSIONS** There will be no Confessions on a Saturday evening for the time being. Confessions will be on Saturday mornings from 10.00 a.m.–11.00 a.m.

## USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS

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**Finance and Gift Aid Queries - Bob Fox**  
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## DIOCESAN NEWS

**NEWHAM DEANERY DAY OF RECOLLECTION:** ‘The New Year Praying for Peace with Our Lady’ led by Fr Stewart Foster on Saturday 30th December at Our Lady of Compassion Church Upton Park E13 9BF. Mass at 9.15 a.m., talk in the hall, Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction ending at 3.00 p.m. Please bring a packed lunch.

**A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF AND TRUSTEES OF BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY:** We would like to wish everyone across Brentwood Diocese a very happy and blessed Christmas. As we prepare to celebrate our 40th year in 2024, we would like to thank everyone who has supported our work by making a donation at one of the parish crib scenes across the Diocese since the charity was formed. This steadfast support has allowed us to give hope to thousands of children, young people and families by offering them the specialist care they need. Thank you all.

**YOUNG ADULT RETREAT** Saturday 6th January 2024  
full day retreat for those aged 18-27 (having left school) at A  
Walsingham House, Abbotswick. Explore your faith, be inspired to put your faith into action, learn, ask questions and pray, all with other young adults. There is a small cost of just £10 to cover the day, with lunch and refreshments provided. For more information and to apply, please visit [www.bcys.net/events/youngadults](http://www.bcys.net/events/youngadults).

**INTERESTED IN A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD?** Vocations Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on Saturday 23rd December. Contact Fr Mark Swires at [VocProm@brcdt.org](mailto:VocProm@brcdt.org) for more information.

**CHRISTMAS POSTERS** produced by the Knights of St Columba are available to pick up at the entrances to the Church. Please take one home and display it in a window. In this way, play your part in the new evangelization by reminding those around us that the birth of Christ is the origin of our festivities.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS.** Please send religious Christmas cards or e-cards to your family or friends. It’s a gentle reminder that the origin of all our celebrations is the birth of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. Your card might be the only image of Christ that people have in their homes during this Christmas season.

**THANK YOU** to the students from Holy Family School, Walthamstow who joined us for Mass last Monday and then stayed on to help some of our parishioners clean the church in preparation for the great Feast of Christmas. So many people have commented on how helpful and respectful the students were and it was great to see the generations working together. A huge and sincere thank you to everyone who helped with this clean.

**THE FUNERAL MASS** of Rosina Forestiero will take place on Friday 19th January 2024 at 11.00 a.m. May she Rest in Peace and Rise in Glory.

**ADORATION** takes place on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and 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. Please note that there will be **no Adoration** on the morning of Friday 19th January 2024.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Owen and Diana (RIP) Branley on their 60th Diamond Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 30th November, celebrated by Owen and family.

**BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2024** is now available. Price £4.15. All the information you might need about the Diocese of Brentwood in one place. Please put money for the directory through the door of the presbytery.

**THE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP** will next meet on Tuesday 9th January 2024 at 7.30 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. Any new members will be most welcome.

**WEDNESDAY TEAS** will resume on Wednesday 10th January 2024. We look forward to seeing you then.

**THE SHEILA LOVELL CLUB** will re-open on Wednesday 10th January 2024. We look forward to seeing you then.

**THE MEDITATION GROUP** will resume on Tuesday 9th January at 10.50 a.m. in the Pastoral Centre. We are a very established Group now and we extend an invitation to anyone who wishes to come apart from the hectic and fractious world we live in and just let Jesus in as He wants to fill our hearts and minds with his love.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** will next meet on Thursday 25th January 2024 at 2.00 p.m.—3.30 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. The group meets on the last Thursday of the month. Please do come along if you are in need of support.

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

**WINE TASTING EVENING 3<sup>RD</sup> February 2024 8 p.m. to approx. 10 p.m. Ticket price £25.00** Whether you want to learn more about wines or just enjoy the taste, please join us in the hall for an evening of wine tasting.

You will sample 6 wines and 1 fizz and the Theatre of Wine will talk you through the wines and producers which will be accompanied by cheese, meat platters and other nibbles. This would make a great Christmas present and something to look forward to in the New Year.

This is a limited ticket only event and must be bought in advance. You can book your place by emailing [events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com](mailto:events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com) or call Natasha on 07977 863362. Due to numbers, unfortunately tickets will not be sold on the night. I do hope you can join us.

**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.

If you wish to have your child baptised, 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. Parents must attend both formation sessions. The next sessions will be held on *11th and 18th January 2024*, 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.

**TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE** will take place on Wednesday 20th December in the Queen Elizabeth Memorial Hall (lower site) at 7.00 p.m. It will be a true festival of a wide variety of music, all of it most pleasing to the ear. Do come along and join us as we make our journey to Bethlehem.

**THE SVP ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS WILLING TO HELP CHILDREN PUT THEIR FAITH INTO ACTION. COULD THIS BE YOU?** The St Vincent de Paul Society have primary school groups called Mini Vinnies, and volunteers would support teachers or youth leaders wishing to start a group in their school or parish. For more information, please email Sarah at [youngvincentians@svp.org.uk](mailto:youngvincentians@svp.org.uk). You do not have to have previous experience of working with children as all training will be given. Our next initial training day is on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL** Donate to Cafod's appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.