

## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**3rd December - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - John Duncan Francis Leyland RIP  
9.30 a.m. MASS - Padraig Garvey RIP  
his wife Mary and family INT  
11.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish  
6.30 p.m. MASS - Mimi Bacon INT

**Monday 4th December**

9.00 a.m. MASS - Dec'd members of the Stackerd Family

**Tuesday 5th December**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Wednesday 6th December**

9.00 a.m. - John Duncan Francis Leyland RIP

**Thursday 7th December St Ambrose**

9.00 a.m. Mass - Tony Edwards INT

**Friday 8th December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF  
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

9.00 a.m. Mass - Sr Mary Amicia Eyston RIP

**Saturday 9th December**

**NO MORNING MASS**

10.00 a.m. -11.00a.m. Confessions  
6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - Marie Francis RIP

**10th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

9.30 a.m. MASS - Edgar de Sousa RIP  
11.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish  
6.30 p.m. MASS - Edward and Sarah Benson RIP

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**First Sunday of Advent Year B  
3rd December 2023**



## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

**YOUTH SUNDAY** Many thanks to Augusta- Mary Joseph, Nicole Ogunlaja and Wilf Tooth for reminding us last Sunday of the value of young people in our parish family and promoting the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Society (BCYS). They were excellent ambassadors for our young people and thanks to your generosity the parish raised £876.91 to support the BCYS.

**CAFOD STALL - CHRISTMAS FAIR** A big thanks to all who visited the CAFOD stall at the Christmas Fair and gave so generously, a total of £300 was raised for CAFOD. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the following companies for their wonderful Fairtrade donations: Waitrose South Woodford, Co Op Wanstead, Steenbergs - Fairtrade Spices and Equal Exchange UK. Many congratulations to the lucky winner of our Fairtrade Hamper!

### ADVENT AND PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

The coming weeks are busy with gift buying, eating drinking. These very human ways of celebrating Christmas remind us that in Jesus, God took human flesh and that he really did come into the reality of our human lives. But Advent is not only an opportunity to celebrate Christ's birth but also to prepare ourselves for when he will come again. St Cyril of Jerusalem reminds us of this double meaning of Advent:

*We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of divine kingdom.*

*At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels.*

## USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS

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**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.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** meet from 2.00 p.m.–3.30 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month in the Pastoral Centre. 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.

**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.

**CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL** Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis 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.

**CAFOD NATIVITY FUN RUN - DEC 9<sup>TH</sup>** Join CAFOD's Nativity Fun Run on Saturday 9 December at 11am at Clapham Common. Dress up, get festive and come along to this 2.5k or 5k route with a difference. It's more than exercise! As you go you'll enjoy activities, music and refreshments. For more information see <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/sponsored-challenge-events/run-for-cafod/nativity-fun-run>

Below are some suggestions that might focus our spiritual preparation for this great and joyful Feast.

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will take place from 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 14th December. An opportunity to meet the Lord who offers us the forgiveness, peace and healing that alone has the power to renew and restore our lives. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions.

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

**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.

**CAFOD WORLD GIFTS** Would you like to help someone to learn to read or help provide clean drinking water for a community? Would you like to make a difference to the lives of the poorest? Pick up a catalogue from the Church entrance.

**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.

**BIG CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEAN** - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023 We are looking for volunteers to help clean the Church for Christmas. Please come at 9.30 a.m. after morning Mass. All volunteers welcome. Please do help if you can. Any queries, please contact Joan Farrelly on 020 8530 6793

**CHRISTMAS GRAND DRAW** You could win a £200 John Lewis Voucher, Fortnum and Mason Hamper, Amazon Fire Tablet, restaurant voucher, and many other wonderful prizes. Tickets are £2.00 each and will be available after Mass to purchase. The draw will take place on 17th December.

**SVP AND WEDNESDAY CLUB JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY.** The SVP and the Wednesday Club are having a combined Christmas Party on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023. A special Mass with anointing of the sick will be celebrated by Fr Martin at 1.00 p.m. followed by a party and entertainment in the parish hall. All are welcome. If you require transport, please contact Don O'Driscoll on 07923 608074.

### **Christmas Masses 2023**

*Saturday 23 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*

**BUON COMPLEANNO, HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to Rosina Forestiero who celebrates her one hundred and second birthday this coming week and becomes one of our oldest parishioner. The parish community thank God for her life and the continuing witness of her faith.

**HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2025** Pope Francis has recently declared that the motto for this Jubilee year is "Pilgrims of Hope". Would you like to be one of those pilgrims? At this stage, we are just trying to gauge any interest and we are suggesting the following dates as possibilities: 19 - 23 May 2025 or 26 - 30 May 2025 (which is a half term). If you might be interested in both or one of the dates, please sign up on sheets in the church entrances *before* 17th December.

**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.

**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 CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP DISABILITY NETWORK** A Family Mass will be take place on Sunday 10th December at 3.30 p.m. at St Anne Line Church, 7 Grove Crescent, South Woodford E18 2JR. There will be refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome and we really hope to see as many of you there as possible.

**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.

**WEDNESDAY TEAS** - Come and join us for tea and biscuits every Wednesday after the 9.00 a.m. Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

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