

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

25th February - SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Anthony O'Donnell RIP

9.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish

11.30 a.m. MASS - Owen & Diana RIP Branley

6.30 p.m. - Sara and Edward Benson RIP

Monday 26th February

NO MORNING MASS

11.00 a.m. Funeral Mass - Olga Nunes RIP

Tuesday 27th February

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 28th February

9.00 a.m. MASS - Sr Imelda Butler RIP

Thursday 29th February

9.00 a.m. MASS - John & Bridget Breen RIP

Friday 1st March St David

9.00 a.m. MASS - Anne Carroll & family INT

Saturday 2nd March

NO MORNING MASS

10:45 a.m. BAPTISM - Barnaby Caspar Harding

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Confessions

6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - Agnes Reilly RIP

Sunday 3rd March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30 a.m. MASS - Anthony Eustace RIP

11.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish

6.30 p.m. MASS - James & May Smith INT

Brentwood Diocesan Trust - Registered Charity No. 234092



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Second Sunday in Lent

“...and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’”

25th February 2024

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY - Please return your Cafod Lent Fast Day envelope this weekend. Thank you in advance for your generosity that will make such a difference to the poorest in our world. You can also give online www.cafod.org.uk

THE PARISH CHARITY 2024 Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate a charity for the consideration of the Social Committee. All of The charities are doing important and valuable work, but the Social Committee has decided to choose Eden's Trust as this year's charity. Eden's Trust is a local charity that supports bereaved parents and siblings and provides a network of support/survival groups, workshops, education and crisis counselling for those who have suffered the loss of a child. 25% of the profits from all our social events and raffles will now go to this charity (the rest of the profits to the running and upkeep of the Parish Centre). To find out more about the charity go to www.edenstrust.org.uk.

THE LAETARE (REJOICE) WEEKEND 8th March - 10th March will be led by members of the Sion community and will provide an opportunity for us to reflect on where our joy is to be found and how that joy may attract others at the margins of our community or far from our parish family back into the warm embrace of Christ.

Friday 8th March

The weekend will begin with an opportunity to come together for a simple community fish and chip supper 6.00–7.00 p.m. *For catering purposes, if you would like to come to the supper, please sign up on the sheets in the entrances to the Church.*

7.00–8.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the Church

Saturday 9th March—Time for Mission

The day will begin with a working breakfast 9.30–11.00 a.m. as we reflect on the ways that our parish community might deepen its relationship with Christ and play our part in the mission of the Church by reaching beyond our Church doors to the wider community.

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BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN TALKS A series of 4 talks on the recent Synod on Synodality, which took place in Rome last October has been organised for the Holy Lenten season this year. They will be given by those who were participants at the Synod: The Revd Dr Jan Nowotnik (Wednesday 28th February 2024) Director of Mission for the Bishops' Conference; Mr Austen Ivereigh (Wednesday 6th March 2024) Roman Catholic Journalist; Bishop Nicholas Hudson (Wednesday 13th March 2024) Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, appointed delegate at the Synod last October. All the talks will take place at Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR LENT commentary on every Scripture from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park. www.whatgoodnews.org

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP QUIZ NIGHT 2nd March 2024 7.30 p.m. at St Ann Line Parish Hall. Please call Ann Kyndt to book your ticket on 0208 989 9032 or email wwgroup@cfdn.org.uk

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY will be hosting a very special Anniversary Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 1.00 p.m. for service at 1.30 p.m. They are delighted that Bishop Alan, BCCS President, will be attending as guest of honour. Tickets for the event are £34.00 per person and should be purchased before Monday 8th April directly from their event webpage: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/ Once you have purchased your tickets, please advise Julie of any special dietary requirements or seating requests by contacting her by email jabbott@bccs.org.uk or call her on 07912 277413. Guests will be seated at tables of 12.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VACANCIES

- P/T midday supervisor ASAP
- Behaviour support assistant ASAP
- Teacher of English Easter or September 2024

Please visit www.tchs.org.uk for further information.

The Sion Community will provide input and facilitate group conversations. Be part of the conversation. Everybody has something to contribute. All welcome.

In the Parish Centre, 3.00 - 6.00 p.m. refreshments will be available and special activities for our children and their families.

From 3.00—4.00 p.m. that afternoon, the Church will be open and set up with Prayer Stations in the Church where people will be able to pray alone or with someone else.

From 4.00—5.00 p.m. there will be a time to pray and reflect on the Sunday Readings which will be led by the Sion community.

From 5.00—6.00 p.m. there will be a special Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday 10th March Laetare Sunday and Mothering Sunday The Sion community and our parish musicians will lead the music at Masses this weekend. Working with our own children's liturgy leaders, the Sion community will lead the children's liturgy. Refreshments after the 9.30 a.m. Mass. There will also be a special blessing for all mothers in the parish. There is much for us to celebrate as a parish family and to give thanks to God for!

TAKE ON THE BIG CAFOD LENT WALK Walk 200KM in 40 Days to help fight global poverty. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Find out more at www.walk.cafod.org.uk/

THE FUNERAL MASS of Olga Nunes will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Monday 26th February, followed by committal at City of London Crematorium, South Chapel, at 12.30 p.m. Please note that there will be **no morning Mass** on this day. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord.

PLEASE PRAY for the soul of Nelly Del Socorro-Mayes who died recently. Her Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 13th March, followed by committal at City of London Crematorium, South Chapel, at 12.30 p.m. Her body will be brought into Church the evening before at 5.00 p.m. Please note that there

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IF YOU ARE A TAXPAYER, PLEASE GIFT AID YOUR OFFERING

Our Lady of Lourdes is fortunate in that our parishioners have always been very generous and many of you already donate under the Gift Aid and envelope systems. As a result, the pay-back to the parish by HMRC from Gift Aided donations has helped ensure the parish remains solvent. However, the impact of Covid and the changing demographic of the parish have meant that the number of parishioners who do not donate through Gift Aid has increased.

If you haven't entered the Gift Aid scheme but donate by standing order or regularly donate cash at the offertory without using Gift Aid envelopes, we would request that you consider joining the scheme. It is very simple to do, just take and complete one of the Gift Aid forms available at the back of the Church so that we can enroll as many people as possible in time for the new financial year.

For further information or any queries please contact Bob Fox at wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org

EASTER RAFFLE Please support our Easter Raffle. Funds raised will go towards the running cost of the Pastoral Centre and 25% towards a charity which will be announced in the coming weeks. Tickets are £2.00 each and are on sale after Mass in the porch.

1st Prize: £200 Cash

2nd Prize: £ 75 Cash

3rd Prize: Easter Hamper

Plus many more fantastic prizes. Good luck and thank you for your support.

EASTER NEWSLETTER COMPETITION is open to any school children or students at secondary schools. Do you enjoy drawing or painting? Would you like to design the cover for the front of the Easter Newsletter of Our Lady of Lourdes Church?

First prize: £50 Second Prize: £30 and third Prize: £20. All entries will be displayed in the Church on Easter Sunday.

If you are interested, we are looking for colourful, inspiring and imaginative pictures that tell us something about Jesus rising from the dead. Please use a piece of A4 paper using portrait layout.

Please make sure that you put your name, age and a contact email address/telephone number on the back of your picture so that we can contact you if you win a prize. Please note that entries cannot be returned to the artist. **Deadline for entries Sunday 17th March.**

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 7th and 14th March 2024, starting promptly at 8.00 p.m. Please note that this formation is for the parents of babies, including those not yet born.

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

CLUBS/GROUPS IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE

MEDITATION Tuesdays at 10.50 a.m.

UNDER 5's Tuesdays in term time from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

PRAYER GROUP Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY TEAS after the 9.00 a.m. Mass.

SHEILA LOVELL CLUB Wednesdays p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

REAVEMENT GROUP This Thursday 29th February from p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

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