

## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO DAYS OF  
MASSES THIS WEEK

### Sunday 5th May 6th Sunday of Easter

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Esther Godden RIP  
9.30 a.m. Mass - Dick Warren RIP  
11.30 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish  
6.30 p.m. Mass - Edward Godden RIP

### Monday 6th May – St John Payne

9.00 a.m. Mass - Carmel & Paul Callus RIP

### Tuesday 7th May—St Athanasius

9.00 a.m. Mass - Anne Duggan RIP

### Wednesday 8th May

9.00 a.m. Mass - Doris & Denis L'Estrange RIP  
7.00 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Ascension - People of the Parish

### Thursday 9th May— THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

9.00 a.m. Mass - Rosemary O'Connor RIP

Friday 10th May  
NO MORNING MASS

Saturday 11th May  
NO MORNING MASS

Baptism of Eve Emily Matthews

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. CONFESSIONS  
6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Fr Adrian Lowe INT

### Sunday 12th May 7th Sunday of Easter

9.30 a.m. Mass - Amala & Jaymani Mills INT  
11.30 a.m. Mass - Leanne de Silva RIP  
6.30 p.m. Mass - People of the Parish

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**6th Sunday of Easter B**

5th May 2024

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## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

**COVER IMAGE: THE ASCENSION OF CHRIST (1958)** by Salvador Dali

**FEAST OF THE ASCENSION** Pope Francis writes: “Jesus is the one eternal High Priest who with his Passion passed through death and the tomb and ascended into heaven. He is with God the Father where he intercedes for ever in our favour (cf. Heb 9:24). As St John says in his First Letter, he is our Advocate: How beautiful it is to hear this! When someone is summoned by the judge or is involved in legal proceedings, the first thing he does is to seek a lawyer to defend him. We have One who always defends us, who defends us from the snares of the devil, who defends us from ourselves and from our sins!

...we have this Advocate; let us not be afraid to turn to him to ask forgiveness, to ask for a blessing, to ask for mercy! The Ascension of Jesus into heaven acquaints us with this deeply consoling reality on our journey: in Christ, true God and true man, our humanity was taken to God. Christ opened the path to us. He is like a roped guide climbing a mountain who, on reaching the summit, pulls us up to him and leads us to God. If we entrust our life to him, if we let ourselves be guided by him, we are certain to be in safe hands, in the hands of our Saviour, of our Advocate.

**VIGIL MASS WEDNESDAY 8th MAY at 7.00 p.m. and MORNING MASS 9.00 a.m. on THURSDAY 9th MAY**

**A NEW PARISH WEBSITE** is presently being developed. In order to give users an impression of the diversity of that life, we want to use photos both of the community and individual portraits of parishioners. We are very grateful to Greg Gumbrell, a professional photographer and member of our community, who has kindly agreed to take these photos but we need your help.

This Sunday May 5th, Greg will take photos of the whole community during the celebration of Mass. At the end of Mass, he will also ask for individuals to volunteer to stay behind and have a simple portrait photo taken. We are looking for young and

## USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS

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can do in your life. The cost £25 and more information can be found at: <https://www.youth2000.org/events/london2024>

**THE DIOCESES** and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024, at 12pm. The Mass will be hosted by the Archdiocese of Southwark at St George's Cathedral, Lambeth Road, London SE1 6HR, with the Archbishop of Southwark, John Wilson, presiding and Bishop Alan Williams, as concelebrant alongside the Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster.

**THE NEXT "ENQUIRERS' EVENING"** for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 7th May at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Patrick Daly. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: [vocprom@brcdt.org](mailto:vocprom@brcdt.org)

#### **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 25TH MAY 2024**

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham. If you would like to come, please contact the parish office.

**40YRS OF WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAMS:** 2024 marks 40 years of retreat teams at Walsingham House. There will be a celebration Mass, offered for Fr Pat Sammon (one of the co-founders of Walsingham House), with Bishop Alan on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Please save the date as it would be wonderful to see Walsingham House and BCYS alumni and friends gather together to mark this milestone. More information to follow.

**A YEAR OF ENCOUNTER** With a UK general election due some time this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see <https://cafod.org.uk/encounter> for more information.

#### **JOB VACANCY - TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Assistant Headteacher: Director of Religious Education and Religious Life of the School. Please visit <https://www.tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment/> for further details. 6

old and every age in between; every cultural background to show the rich diversity of our community. Some of these photos will then be used on the website.

If there are parishioners who do not wish to have their photo taken for any reason, they will be invited to sit in an area of the Church where Greg will not take photos.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the soul of Daniel Anjorin. May he rest in peace. Please keep his family in your prayers as they try to come to terms with their devastating loss. Mrs Grace Anjorin is a science teacher at Holy Family Catholic School in Walthamstow.

**PLEASE PRAY** for Patsy French, who died recently in Sussex. She was the sister of Mary Daniels. May she rest in peace.

**KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** are holding a Rosary every Tuesday during the month of May. Members will start at 7.00 p.m. each Tuesday and all are welcome to join us. Each week, we will dedicate the Rosary for special intentions. This week, 7th May, is for Vocations to the Priesthood.

**QUIZ NIGHT** The Social Committee are organising a Quiz Night on Saturday 18th May at 7.45 p.m. in the parish centre. Tables of 4 to 8 people. Tickets are £8 per person. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. There will be refreshments and a raffle. Gather your brains and your friends and help us raise money for the parish centre and for our nominated local charity, Eden's Trust. To book your place, please email [events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com](mailto:events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com)

**VOCATIONS SUNDAY** Thank you to everyone who donated to help assist the promotions of vocations in our diocese. The sum of £639.70 was raised.

**RETIRING COLLECTION FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY 12TH MAY** On World Communications Day, we take up the whole world. Vital to this is good communication—through our command of Jesus to preach the Good News of the Gospel to the websites, publications and social media channels. The Bishops' Conference works hard to forge positive relationships with 3

media outlets to communicate news relating to every aspect of the life of the Catholic Church and her people.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** The next meeting will be on Thursday 16th May from 2.00 - 3.30 p.m. There will be no meeting on 23/5

**ROME 19th–23rd MAY 2025 UPDATE** We now need to proceed with this and get it booked up. The cost for four nights in a single room is £645 and for those sharing is £575. This does not include flights. What is included is 4 nights bed and breakfast with supper on the day of arrival and lunch on the day of departure, all transport to and from the airports in both countries, entrance fee to the Catacombs, a full itinerary with tickets for the Papal audience and opportunities to visit all the major sites with a visit to The English College and their summer residence Palazzola, daily Mass. All Mass offerings, tips and gratuities are also included. The flights have not yet been released, but are likely to be up to £300 per person with luggage but may indeed be considerably less than that.

If this suits your budget, then to book your place please provide you name and email number or contact at the back of church and we will contact you on how to collect a deposit and what happens next. Please note prices have been based on a certain minimum number travelling and may be subject to a small change.

**LAETARE WEEKEND AND THE FOLLOW UP** The importance of ensuring that welcome and hospitality is central in the life of our community.

Do you have any practical suggestions as to how we might ensure that everyone might receive a warm welcome and feel recognised? Would you like to be part of the conversation and help shape this vital aspect of our parish life?

If so there will be an informal meeting on Saturday 8th June 9.00–10.30 a.m. in the parish centre to think a little more deeply about the quality of our “welcome” in the parish. All are welcome.

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

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place on Friday mornings from 9.30 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. and Friday evenings from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS** every Saturday morning 10-11.00 a.m. Please check newsletter for any changes.

**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. This formation is for parents of babies, including those not yet born. If your child is 7 or over, they will have to be prepared in an alternative, age appropriate way.

The next formation sessions will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Thursday evenings: *4th and 11th July*. Registration is from 7.45 p.m. with an 8.00 p.m. start.

#### **PARISH FINANCES PAYMENT METHOD**

Contributions to the parish can be made online via the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=wanstead](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=wanstead) or by scanning the QR code shown here with your smartphone and selecting “General Offertory.” You can also pay by standing order or bank transfer. If you are a taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donations. Any queries, please contact Bob Fox at [wanstead-financegiftaid@brcdt.org](mailto:wanstead-financegiftaid@brcdt.org).



**YOUTH 2000 LONDON RETREAT DAY: COME AND SEE.** Youth 2000 are running a retreat day for young adults (16-35) on *11<sup>th</sup> May* at Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon. It is jam-packed one day event, where people come together as a community of young adults in prayer and friendship. The retreat is an invitation to come as you are, and to come and see who Jesus is and what He