

Saturday 31st August

NO MORNING MASS

10.45 a.m. Baptism ROSEMARY ELMA ROBERTS

11.45 a.m. Baptism ISAAC & AARON FERNANDES

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. CONFESSIONS

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday 1st September Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

11.30 a.m. Mass - Tatiana & Jan Klas RIP

6.30 p.m. Mass - Carmel & Edward Benson RIP

Monday 2nd September St Gregory the Great

9.00 a.m. Mass - Aidan Monahan RIP

Tuesday 3rd September

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 4th September

9.00 a.m. Mass - Germaine Lucette Maingard RIP

Thursday 5th September

9.00 a.m. Mass

Friday 6th September

9.00 a.m. Mass

Saturday 7th September

NO MORNING MASS

Baptism OLIVIA LOUISE GOODWIN

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. CONFESSIONS

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Dorothy Fellows RIP

Sunday 8th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

11.30 a.m. Mass - Dec'd members of the Doolan Family

6.30 p.m. Mass



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Sixteenth—Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 July— 1 September 2024

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

THIS NEWSLETTER covers cover the Summer period from 21st July until the end of August.

FR MARTIN UPDATE UPDATE Fr Martin has now begun his preventative chemotherapy and, so far, is tolerating it well. He would like to express his sincere thanks for the many kind messages, cards and prayers that he has received from so many and to assure the whole parish family that it is being lifted to the Lord in his prayer everyday.

SOLEMNITY OF ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (a Holy Day of Obligation) is on Thursday 15th August. Vigil Mass on Wednesday 14th at 7.00 p.m and Mass on Thursday 15th at 9.00 a.m. Pope Francis writes:

“Mary says: “My souls glorifies the Lord” - today, the Church too sings this in every part of the world. This song is particularly strong in places where the Body of Christ is suffering the Passion. For us Christians, wherever the Cross is, there is hope, always. If there is no hope, we are not Christian...do not allow yourselves to be robbed of hope. May we not be robbed of hope, because this strength is a grace, a gift from God which carries us forward with our eyes fixed on heaven. And Mary is always there, near those communities, our brothers and sisters, she accompanies them, suffers with them, and sings the *Magnificat* of hope with them.”

PREPARING TO SAY FAREWELL TO THE SISTERS OF MERCY In 1917, the Sisters of Mercy set up a community in Cambridge Park, Wanstead. Over a century later, the present community are preparing to leave us as they move to Brentwood.

It is with a real sense of sadness and a deeper sense of gratitude that we thank the Sisters Of Mercy for their spiritual presence and religious witness. Their prayer has provided our parish community with its beating heart. But we also thank them for the pastoral care of countless numbers of parishioners over all these years. So much of this work was unseen and largely uncommented upon, but all of it gave glory to God and was of eternal value.

Monday 19th August
9.00 a.m. Mass - Mary Tumulty RIP

Tuesday 20th August St Bernard
NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 21st August
9.00 a.m. Mass

Thursday 22nd August THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
9.00 a.m. Mass - Marie Francis RIP

Friday 23rd August
9.00 a.m. Mass Fr Pat Sammon RIP (Birthday)

Saturday 24th August St Bartholomew
NO MORNING MASS
5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. **CONFESSIONS**
6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday 25th August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.30 a.m. Mass
11.30 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish
6.30 p.m. Mass

Monday 26th August
9.00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday 27th August St Monica
NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 28th August St Augustine
9.00 a.m. Mass

Thursday 29th August The Passion of St John the Baptist
9.00 a.m. Mass

Friday 30th August
9.00 a.m. Mass

Saturday 10th August

NO MORNING MASS

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. **CONFESSIONS**
6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Marita Jordan RIP

Sunday 11th August Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30 a.m. Mass - Kevin Pestell RIP
11.30 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish
6.30 p.m. Mass - Tony Silver RIP

Monday 12th August

9.00 a.m. Mass - Kim Laing Rip

Tuesday 13th August

9.00 a.m. Mass - Roy Bates RIP

Wednesday 14th August

NO MORNING MASS

7.00 p.m. Vigil Mass of the Assumption

Thursday 15th August ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY—HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

9.00 a.m. Mass - Ann Silcock RIP

Friday 16th August

9.00 a.m. Mass

Saturday 17th August

NO MORNING MASS

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. **CONFESSIONS**
6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - John Balson RIP

Sunday 18th August Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30 a.m. Mass
11.30 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish
6.30 p.m. Mass

When the Sisters of Mercy do leave us, the indelible impression they have left on our parish community will remain. The founder of the Sisters of Mercy, Catherine McAuley, said that “our only business is to love and serve.” The Wanstead of Sisters of Mercy did just that. They loved and served us. We thank God for the many blessings and graces our parish community has received through these faithful servants of God.

There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving for the Wanstead Sisters of Mercy, past and present, on *Sunday 15th September, at 11.30 a.m.* celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. All are welcome. Do make a very special effort to attend.

HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION 2024 - 25 REGISTRATION ENROLMENT FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH. PLEASE PICK ONE UP AND RETURN TO PRESBYTERY BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF 26th OCTOBER.

Saturday October 26th Parents’ Meeting 9.00 a.m.

For more detailed information about our Holy Communion Formation please go to the parish website.

JOURNEY IN FAITH Have you been worshiping with us, but never taken the step to become Catholic? Have you drifted away from the Church, and have now returned, but want to know more? Are you a baptised Catholic, but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or the Eucharist? Have you joined us from a different religious background or no religious background and would like to find out more about the Jesus and His Church?

If you (or someone you know) answers “Yes” to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or the Journey in Faith.

This is an opportunity for adults to discern if the Catholic Church might be your spiritual home and to live your life as a Catholic. If you are interested or just curious, drop Fr Martin an email and he will provide you with some more information.

THANK YOU FROM SR MURIEL for a wonderful “goodbye” from the parish. “I was very touched by the kindness and prayers of everyone and all will be remembered in my prayers.”

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY on Sunday 28th July reminds us that the elderly are a gift and that we have a duty to ensure that they are cared for. This year the theme is, “Do not cast me off in my old age” (Psalm 71), to draw attention to the loneliness which many older people experience.

THE ASSUMPTION ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY will be held on Saturday 17th August from 3.30 p.m.-5.00 p.m. at 13 The Avenue Wanstead E11 2EE. All welcome.

MARCH FOR LIFE UK takes place in London on Saturday 7th September. There are many attempts at the moment to further liberalise abortion in the UK and to silence those offering any alternative viewpoint whether that’s “Pills by post” abortions, “Decriminalisation, buffer zones or censorship on pro-life students at universities. The dangers of these situations are being highlighted by the theme for this year’s March for life which is “Abortion isn’t Healthcare”. www.marchforlife.co.uk

EDUCATION SUNDAY on 8th September commemorates our predecessors of the 19th century, many of whom were living in poverty, paying for schools to be built. Our parishioner forebears and their Bishops rightly saw education as the principal means of handing on the faith and improving the spiritual, moral, social and cultural lives of children and young people.

Since then the Catholic Church has become the country’s largest provider of secondary schools and second-largest provider of primary schools. Catholic education is by far the largest charitable activity of the Church in this country, and we give thanks for the many thousands of teachers, lecturers, academics, support staff, thousands of leaders, governors, advisors and others who have found their vocation in Catholic education, and without whom this would be impossible.

Www.catholiceducation.org.uk

Monday 29th July Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus
9.00 a.m. Mass - Nellie Hall RIP

Tuesday 30th July
NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola
9.00 a.m. Mass - Stephen Anthony Brown RIP

Thursday 1st August St Alphonsus Mary de’ Liguori
9.00 a.m. Mass - Olga Nunes RIP

Friday 2nd August
9.00 a.m. Mass - Grace Harding RIP

Saturday 3rd August
NO MORNING MASS
5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. **CONFESSIONS**
6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Ellen Hall RIP

Sunday 4th August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9.30 a.m. Mass - People of The Parish
11.30 a.m. Mass - Sadie Moore RIP
6.30 p.m. Mass - Margaret Acton RIP

Monday 5th August
9.00 a.m. Mass - Roy Sinclair RIP

Tuesday 6th August TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 7th August
9.00 a.m. Mass - William Herald RIP

Thursday 8th August St Dominic
9.00 a.m. Mass

Friday 9th August St Benedicta of the Cross
9.00 a.m. Mass - Harry & Nora Pinnock RIP

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 21st July

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Fiona Kennedy RIP

9.30 a.m. Mass - Ann Silcock RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass - Tess Mackey RIP

6.30 p.m. Mass - People of the Parish

Monday 22nd July St Mary Magdalene

9.00 a.m. Mass - Marie Francis RIP

5.00 p.m. Reception of Body of Ann Silcock

Tuesday 23rd July St Bridget of Sweden

11.00 a.m. FUNERAL MASS ANN SILCOCK

5.00 p.m. Reception of Body of Roy Bates

Wednesday 24th July

9.00 a.m. Willie Burns RIP

11.00 a.m. FUNERAL MASS ROY BATES

Thursday 25th July - St James

9.00 a.m. Mass John Francis Hayes RIP

Friday 26th July SS Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM

9.00 a.m. Mass Angustina Le Hong RIP

Saturday 27th July

NO MORNING MASS

Baptism ESME ALLEGRA MARCHELINE PITCHER

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. CONFESSIONS

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass Margaret Duffy RIP

Sunday 28th July - Seventeenth Sunday

Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

9.30 a.m. Mass - Michael McCarthy RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish

6.30 p.m. Mass - Ellen Hall RIP

ALTAR SERVERS The National Mass for the Guild of St Stephen will be held on Saturday 5th October at 2.30 p.m. at Westminster Cathedral celebrated by Cardinal Nichols. There is also Mass on the 21st September at 2.00 p.m. at Brentwood Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams. All servers and their families are invited to both events.

<https://www.guildofststephen.org/events>

SOCIAL COMMITTEE AUTUMN EVENTS

CAKE SALE Sunday 22nd September after the 9.30 a.m. Mass. Join us in the hall for refreshments and a chat, or come and buy some delicious cakes to take away.

MAMMA MIA here we go again!! Abba tribute night Saturday 5th October 7.45 p.m. until 11.30 p.m. at Wanstead Cricket Club E11 Live music and bar. Tickets £20 including a complimentary glass of fizz. For more information please email events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com or call 07977 863362

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: *5th and 12th September*. Registration is from 7.45 p.m. with an 8.00 p.m. start.

SEA SUNDAY Thank you for your most generous donations which raised £285.04

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Please note, there will be no Adoration during the month of August.

CONFESSIONS every Saturday evening 5.00-6.00 p.m. Please check newsletter for any changes.

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

SHEILA LOVELL CLUB will close for the summer break on Wednesday 31st July and re-open on Wednesday 4th September. We look forward to seeing everybody then.

MEDITATION GROUP The last meditation will be on 30th July and will recommence on 3rd September. New members will receive a warm welcome.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Are you passionate about education and community development? Do you want to play a role in shaping the future of our school? If so, we invite you to join us as a School Foundation Governor.

If you are interested in becoming a School Foundation Governor, please contact Michelle Maher at mmaher@tchs.org.uk for more information and to request an application form.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP YOUTH COORDINATOR The parishes in the Romford Partnership are recruiting a Youth Coordinator. Full details can be found at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/> Closing Date: 10th September 2024

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS This year marks 60 years since the opening of Walsingham House. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 31st August at midday celebrated by Bishop Alan in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Everyone is very welcome to attend. After Mass, you are welcome to stay for a picnic in the grounds.

PARISH FINANCES PAYMENT METHOD

Contributions to the parish can be made online via the Diocesan website at 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 wansteadinancegiftaid@brcdt.org



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