

**Sunday 8th September -Twenty Third Sunday**

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass

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

**Monday 9th September**

9.00 a.m. Mass - James Hindley INT

**Tuesday 10th September**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Wednesday 11th September**

9.00 a.m. Mass - Sr Noeleen Ryan INT

**Thursday 12th September**

9.00 a.m. Mass - Sr Martina McCormack INT

**Friday 13th September - St John Chrysostom**

9.00 a.m. Mass Dec'd Members of the Monahan Family

**Saturday 14th September THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS**

**NO MORNING MASS**

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

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass

**Sunday 15th September - Twenty-Fourth Sunday**

***Evangelii Gaudium Sunday***

9.30 a.m. Mass - Michael Daly RIP

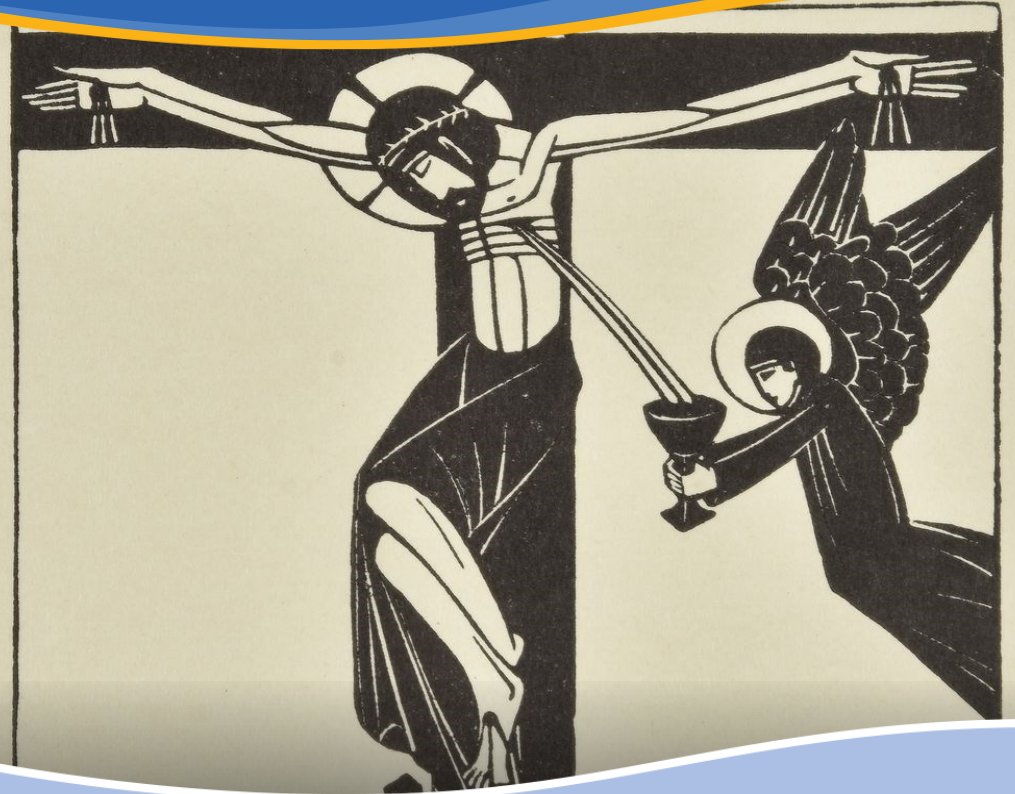
11.30 a.m. Mass - For the Sisters of Mercy celebrated  
by Bishop Alan

6.30 p.m. Mass - People of the Parish

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**22nd - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st - 15th September 2024

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## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

**FRONT COVER:** *Crucifixion* by Eric Gill in Westminster Cathedral. September 14th is the Feast of the Exultation of the Cross. St Pope John Paul II writes:

“...in the disgrace of the Cross and the crucifixion (at least in the human way of understanding these events) Christ receives the highest exaltation. In God’s eyes, the Cross is the greatest triumph. The way of human judgement is very different from God’s. God’s judgement far surpasses ours. What seems to us to be failure is, in God’s eyes, the victory of sacrificial love.

Yes, it is through the Cross that Christ is exalted. Today’s feast of the Church speaks to us of this mystery. At the same time, it speaks of Christ who by means of the Cross lifts up all humanity and indeed all creation. “For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved” (John. 3, 17).”

**FR MARTIN UPDATE** Fr Martin is now half way through his preventative chemotherapy. Unfortunately, he had to be hospitalized for a week due to severe side effects but he is now back on track with the treatment. He is most grateful to Fr Liam Hayes, Fr Gerald Gosling and Fr John McGrath who have looked after the parish in his absence. He thanks you all for your understanding and continued prayers.

**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 uncommen-  
ed upon, but all of it gave glory to God and was of eternal value.

## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday 1st September

#### Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass

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. Germaine Lucette Maingard RIP

### Thursday 5th September

9.00 a.m. Mass - Nuala Haynes INT

### Friday 6th September

9.00 a.m. Mass - Theresa Fagan RIP

### Saturday 7th September

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Baptism OLIVIA LOUISE GOODWIN**

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

6.30 p.m. Dorothy Fellows RIP

### Sunday 8th September- Twenty-Third Sunday

#### Education Sunday

9.30 a.m. Mass - David Jawed RIP

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

6.30 p.m. People of the Parish

## 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 [wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org](mailto:wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org)



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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 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER.**

**Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**MARCH FOR LIFE UK** takes place in London on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

**EDUCATION SUNDAY** on 8<sup>th</sup> September commemorates our predecessors of the 19th century, many of whom were living in poverty, paying for schools to be built. 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 found their vocation in Catholic education, and without whom this would be impossible. [www.catholiceducation.org.uk](http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk)

**ALTAR SERVERS** The National Mass for the Guild of St Stephen will be held on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30 p.m. at Westminster Cathedral celebrated by Cardinal Nichols. There is also Mass on the 21<sup>st</sup> 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>

**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.

**EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY** (the Joy of the Gospel) formerly called Home Mission Sunday. There will be a retiring collection on 15<sup>th</sup> September. The day offers the Catholic community the opportunity to be joyous in proclaiming the faith and seeking new ways of understanding the faith and reaching out to others. Read more about 'What is Evangelii Gaudium Sunday?' at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/what-is-evangelii-gaudium-sunday/>

### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE AUTUMN EVENTS**

**CAKE SALE** Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com) or call 07977 863362

**WANSTEAD THEATRE CO** Parishioner, Fiona Christison's theatre company is back with their fourth production as part of Wanstead Fringe 2024. They will be performing Alan Bennett's *Talking Heads* over the first two weeks of September. Tickets are £18 and £16 concession and are available at [wansteadtheatre.com](http://wansteadtheatre.com) but any parishioner can exclusively call Fiona directly on 07812 766082 to book an performance for the concession rate.

**ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. - 8.00 p.m. Starting on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September.

**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.