

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 20th May
Mary, Mother of the Church
9.00 a.m. Mass - Angela Kennedy RIP

Tuesday 21st May
NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 22nd May
9.00 a.m. Mass - Maria & Rose Bonaci RIP

Thursday 23rd May
Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest
9.00 a.m. Mass - Marie Francis RIP

Friday 24th May
9.00 a.m. Mass - Helena O'Reilly RIP

Saturday 25th May
St Bede the Venerable
NO MORNING MASS
10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. **CONFESSIONS**
6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Sylvia Bates RIP

Sunday 26th May
The Most Holy Trinity
9.30 a.m. Mass - Doris & Denis L'Estrange RIP
11.30 a.m. Mass - Dec'd members of the Pinnock
& Burns families
6.30 p.m. Mass - People of The Parish

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7th Sunday of Easter B and Pentecost Sunday

12th—26th May 2024

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

THIS NEWSLETTER covers the two week period 12th-26th May.

FORMATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION These past months have provided an opportunity to reflect on the formation of our young people who wish to live as disciples of Christ and be strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We have decided that this formation will take the form of the following six sessions or “encounters” with Christ (dates to be confirmed):

1. An introductory Session
2. *Encountering Christ in the Eucharist*: Youth Mass at Brentwood Cathedral www.bcys.net/events/juneym/
- 3 *Encountering Christ in Prayer and Worship*: Flame Congress - Saturday 15th March www.bcys.net/events/flame2025/
4. *Encountering Christ in His creation*: Epping Forest Mass <https://youtu.be/OomC251Qab8>
5. *Encountering Christ in the Poor and Weak*: Serving at a Homeless shelter, St James's Church, Spanish Place
6. *Encountering Christ through His Spirit*: Retreat Day
Our young men and women will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit at the 11.30 a.m. Mass on Pentecost Sunday June 8th 2025

This formation is for young men and women who are Year 12 + and resident in the parish. The expectation would be that our young people would participate fully in all six formation encounters.

Do you want a personal encounter with Christ? Do you want to strengthen your faith by receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Do you want to live your Catholic faith as a young adult with increased commitment and joy? Do you want to be with other young people who also desire these things? If so, please pick up a registration form at the Church entrances and return it to Clergy House *before* Sunday 7th July.

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Sunday 12th May 7th Sunday of Easter

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Fr Adrian Lowe INT
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

Monday 13th May – St Erconwald

9.00 a.m. Mass - Nancy Furzer INT

Tuesday 14th May—St Mathias, Apostle NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 15th May

9.00 a.m. Mass - Anne Carroll INT

Thursday 16th May

9.00 a.m. Mass - Special Intentions

Friday 17th May

9.00 a.m. Mass - Eileen Warren RIP

Saturday 18th May

NO MORNING MASS

10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. **CONFESSIONS**
6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Herbert Jeffers RIP

19th May - PENTECOST SUNDAY

9.30 a.m. Mass - Olga Nunes RIP
11.30 a.m. Mass - Rosemary O'Connor RIP
6.30 p.m. Mass - 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?](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?Parish=wanstead)

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

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THANK YOU to all those who had their photos taken for the new church website following the 9.30 a.m. Mass last Sunday. Sincere thanks also to Greg Gumbrell for taking the photos. A selection of these photos will be used on the new website which we hope to have in place before the Summer holidays.

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, 14th May, is for Vocations to the Religious Life. Tuesday 21st May will be for The Sanctity of Life.

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

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 email events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com

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 FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI (the Body and Blood of Christ) Sunday 2 June

“Love transforms all things, and therefore it is understood that at the very heart of today’s feast of *Corpus Christi* there is the mystery of transubstantiation, the sign of Christ—Love that transforms the world. Looking at Him and adoring Him we say: yes, love exists, and because it exists things can change for the better and we can hope.” Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus 2009

At all the Masses this Sunday, the parish Ministers of Holy Communion will renew their commitment to serve our community by helping Fr Martin to administer Holy Communion especially at Sunday Mass and bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound. We thank God for the ministry of these men and women.

Also at these Masses on this Feast, those who wish to do so will be able to receive Holy Communion under both kinds, that is, to receive the Body of Christ *and* His Precious Blood.

If you have a cold or any other potentially infectious ailment, you should refrain from receiving the Precious Blood from the chalice.

We are blessed to have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on a Friday morning 9.30 a.m. –1.00 p.m. and evening 7.00–8.00 p.m.. All are welcome to come into the Lord’s presence and to spend time with Him in contemplative adoration.

This Feast also provides an opportunity to reflect on the Tabernacle, the house of the Living God. Is its present position prominent and visible? Does the Blessed Sacrament chapel attract people to spend time before our Lord in quiet prayer and adoration? Might there be any spiritual value in considering a more central and conspicuous place for the Tabernacle, for example, on the original high altar which is no longer in use? By doing so, might this make clearer that Christ is the centre and focus of all that we are and do as a community?

What do you think?

NEW LECTIONARIES FOR THE CHURCH From the First Sunday of Advent this year, a new translation of all the readings will be introduced in England and Wales. This means that we will have to purchase four volumes of the new lectionary that cover

I: Sundays, Solemnities, Feasts of the Lord.

II: Weekdays: Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time (weeks 1-9), Lent, Easter. Proper of Saints: December - June, Commons.

III: Weekdays: Ordinary Time (6-34). Proper of Saints: June - November, Commons.

IV: Ritual Masses, Masses for Various Needs and Occasions, Votive Masses, Masses for the Dead.

We will also purchase a Book of the Gospels to be used in solemn procession.

If you might like to purchase a volume in memory of a loved one and would like more information please speak to Fr Martin or contact the parish office.

CAFOD’S SUDAN CRISIS APPEAL Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis - extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD’s Sudan Crisis Appeal in church or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD’s partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. You can also text Text **CAFODSUDAN** to **70450** to donate £10. *Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message!*

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 welcome.