# WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 17th June 9.00 a.m. Mass - Timothy J Murphy RIP

Tuesday 18th June NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 19th June 9.00 a.m. Mass - Malar Poovilingham RIP

Thursday 20th June
9.00 a.m. Mass - Silcock-Craven family INT
12.00 p.m. Funeral Mass of Dorine Wiltshire

Friday 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga 9.00 a.m. Mass - Norman Agnew RIP

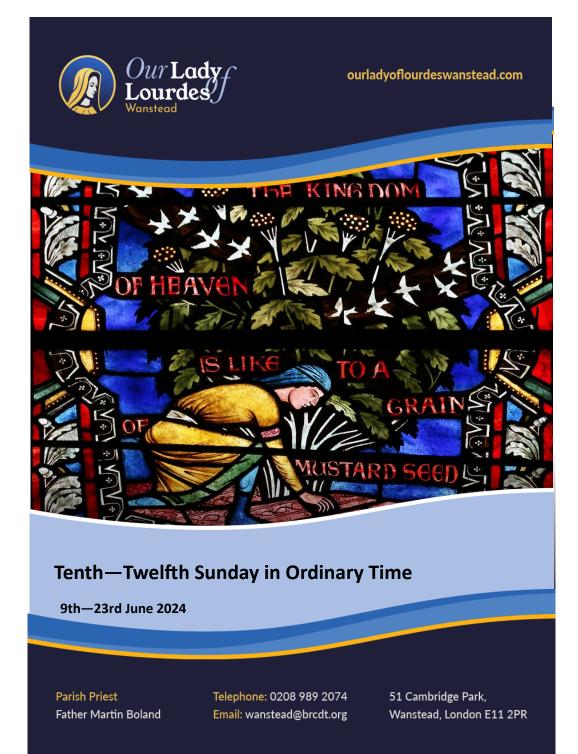
Saturday 22nd June SS John Fisher & Thomas More NO MORNING MASS

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. **CONFESSIONS** 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Marie Francis RIP

Sunday 23rd June Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9.30 a.m. Mass - James Howard RIP 11.30 a.m. Mass - Michael & Elizabeth Cain RIP 6.30 p.m. Mass - People of the Parish

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## **GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

**THIS NEWSLETTER** covers the period 9th - 23rd June.

**FRONT COVER:** The Parable of the Mustard Seed Mark 4:26-34 is the Gospel reading for the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr MARTIN SICK LEAVE Fr Martin underwent surgery on 23rd May and is presently recovering. Please pray for his full recovery. Fr Martin is very grateful to Fr Gerald Gostling, Fr Liam Hayes and Fr John McGrath for so generously agreeing to supply while he is away.

PRESBYTERY GARDEN Sr Muriel E.R. Rowley is leaving our parish community and one of her contributions was tending the Presbytery garden. Might anyone with green fingers be interested in keeping an eye on the garden? If you are interested or want to find out more, please contact the parish office.

### **PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the souls of:

- i) Marita Jordan whose Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 11th June at 12.00 p.m. followed by committal at The City of London Crematorium South Chapel at 1.30 p.m.
- ii) Dorine Wiltshire whose Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 20th June at 12.00 p.m. followed by committal at The City of London Crematorium at 1.30 p.m.
- iii) Margaret (Peggy) O'Riordan who died peacefully on 26th May. Her Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 27th June at 11.00 a.m. followed by committal at The City of London Crematorium.

**LAETARE WEEKEND FOLLOW UP MEETING** Unfortunately, the meeting planned for Saturday 8th June has to be postponed. A new date for this meeting will be communicated to the parish in due course.

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY MEETING scheduled for June 15th has to be postponed. A new date for this meeting will be arranged.

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Sunday 9th June 10th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME B

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Kay Walsh RIP
9.30 a.m. Mass - People of the Parish
11.30 a.m. Mass - Fiona Kennedy RIP
6.30 p.m. Mass - Mary Swallow RIP

Monday 10th June 9.00 a.m. Mass - Christine Hindle RIP

Tuesday 11th June St Barnabas NO MORNING MASS 12.00 p.m. Funeral Mass of Marita Jordan

Wednesday 12th June NO MORNING MASS 11.00 a.m. Funeral Mass of Sr Frances Oakley

Thursday 13th June St Anthony of Padua 9.00 a.m. Mass - Elvira Tammaro RIP

Friday 14th June 9.00 a.m. Mass - Patsy French RIP

Saturday 15th June NO MORNING MASS Baptism Shiloh Hopkins-Wells 5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. CONFESSIONS 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Sr Anna Lynch RIP

Sunday 16th June 11th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME DAY FOR LIFE www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life

9.30 a.m. Mass - Diana Branley RIP 11.30 a.m. Mass - Mary de Silva 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 <a href="https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?">www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?</a>
<a href="Parish=wanstead">Parish=wanstead</a> 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</a>



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**DAY FOR LIFE** There will be a retiring collection on Sunday 16th June. The Theme is The Lord is my Shepherd - Compassion and hope at the end of life.

THE DIGNITY of every person from the first moment of their existence is inalienable. It cannot be lost under any circumstances. This belief underpins all our relationships, especially with those who are most vulnerable. No person should be considered a "burden", "valueless" or a mere economic unit.

There are now renewed pressures to legalise assisted suicide. When MP's voted on such legislation in 2015, it was defeated 330 to 118. This issue has returned to the political agenda.

Society cannot abdicate its responsibility to support the terminally ill and their families, in living the final days or weeks of life as fully and peacefully as possible. Provision of palliative care is one such way that this can be achieved. Hospices were founded to help people to live until they die. It is in these ways that society's resources and efforts should be properly focused.

For medical professionals to end a patient's life by supplying or administering a lethal drug breaches an ethical Rubicon. Doctors should not be made arbiters in deciding which of their patients would be better off dead. The intentional and deliberate killing of a patient is not healthcare. Assisted suicide and euthanasia destroys the fundamental ethos of medical care.

Countries where only those terminally ill were eligible to access assisted suicide have extended this to others. But hard cases invariably make poor laws and more permissive assisted suicide laws in these jurisdictions now includes people who are suffering in other ways, including those with disabilities or mental health issues. The slippery slope is a visible reality.

At the same time, palliative care provision has stalled and hospices which refuse to offer assisted suicide have had their funding threatened or stopped. When suicide is normalised, non assisted suicides in these countries have risen. All those people who do not enjoy media influence, power or wealth, such as, the elderly, disabled and mentally ill are more susceptible to the view that assisted suicide is not only a choice but a duty.

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We are called to uphold their value and dignity; to urge our MP's to reaffirm society's commitment to the care of the weakest in our midst and not their termination.

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.

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

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** Friday mornings 9.30 a.m.-1.00 p.m. and Friday evenings 7.00 p.m.-8.00 p.m.

GET YOUR DANCING SHOES ON! Come and join us to boogie through the ages of 60s,70s and 80s music on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June in the parish hall. 7.30 til 11pm. Tickets £15, which includes a glass of wine. Please bring your own drinks and nibbles for your table. To reserve your place and for more info please email <a href="mailto:events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com">events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com</a> or call 07977 863362

THE WANSTEAD SVP CONFERENCE have now received the SVP summer raffle tickets from 2024. If you would like to purchase some tickets, please contact Don O'Driscoll on 07923 608074 email: donal.odriscoll@btinternet.com

1st Prize £5,000 2nd Prize £1,000 Additional Prizes 15 x £100

We are grateful for your continued support of the Wanstead SVP.

SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the General Election. As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see <a href="mailto:cafod.org.uk/encounter">cafod.org.uk/encounter</a> or <a href="mailto:svp.org.uk/encounter">svp.org.uk/encounter</a> for more information.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM 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 yor 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.