

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10th December - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Marie Francis RIP
9.30 a.m. MASS - Edgar de Sousa RIP
11.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish
6.30 p.m. MASS - Edward and Sarah Benson RIP

Monday 11th December

9.00 a.m. MASS - Stephen Brown RIP

Tuesday 12th December

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 13th December—St Lucy

9.00 a.m. - Maggie Davis RIP
1.00 p.m. SVP Mass—Anointing of the Sick

Thursday 14th December—St John of the Cross

9.00 a.m. Mass - Grace Harding RIP
7.00 p.m.—SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Friday 15th December

9.00 a.m. Mass - Krystyna Kubiakowska RIP

Saturday 16th December

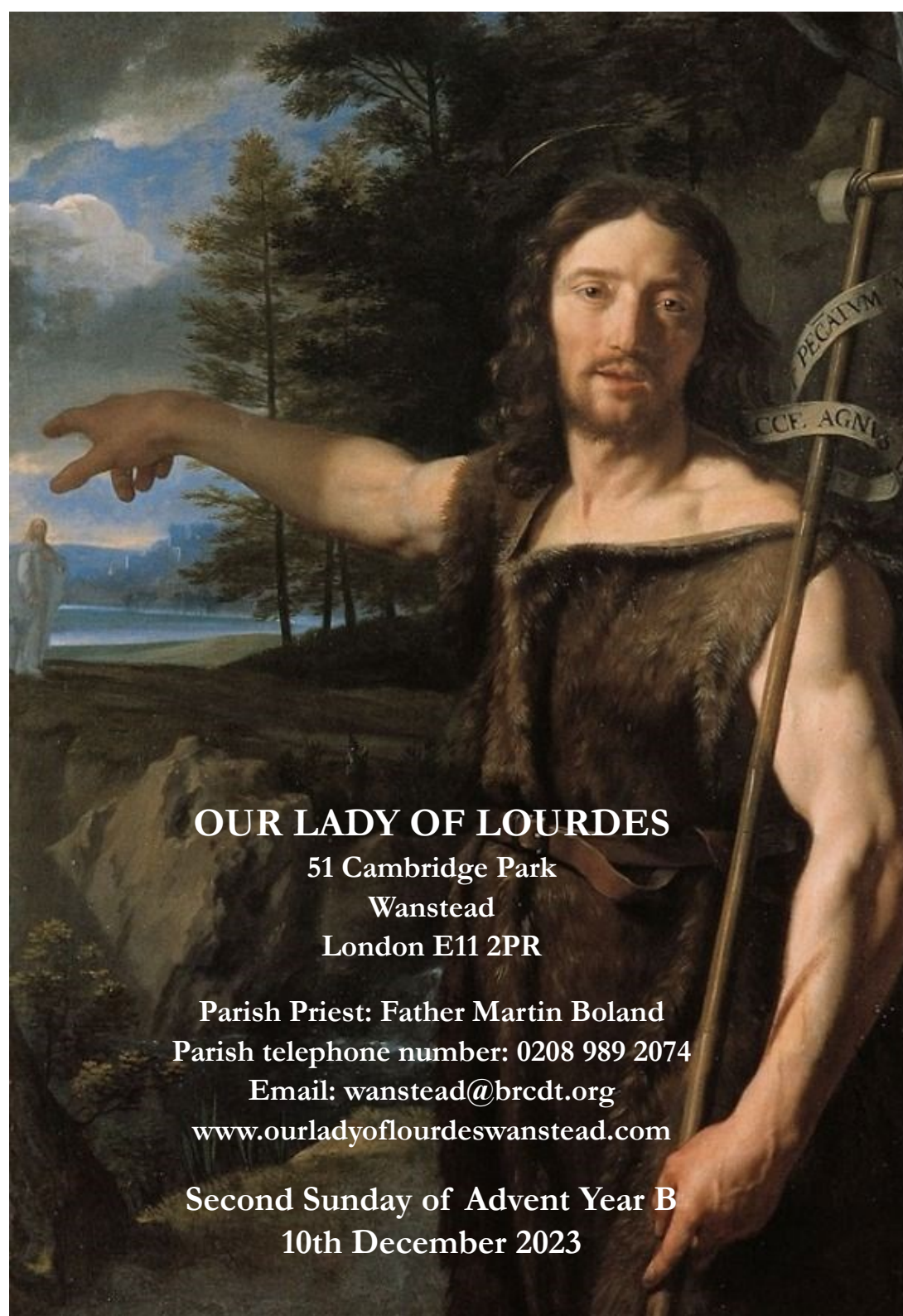
NO MORNING MASS

10.00 a.m. -11.00a.m. Confessions
6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - Christine and Stewart McCahill

17th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

9.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish
11.30 a.m. MASS - Amanda Farrell RIP
6.30 p.m. MASS - Hannah & Joseph McDermott RIP

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Second Sunday of Advent Year B
10th December 2023

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

Cover: *John the Baptist in the Desert*, Phillipe de Champaigne, 1602-1674. John the Baptist stands centre stage, yet see how the shadow falls across his pointing arm, out of the spotlight that falls on him. He is pointing away from himself to the figure of a man in the distance. The clue to his identity is in the Latin words that scroll around the Baptist's cross: "Behold, the Lamb of God." John directs those who come to him to Jesus. He could easily have pursued fame and glory for himself, but he didn't. He just did the work he was called to, preparing the way for the Lord.

ADVENT AND PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

BIG CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEAN will take place this Monday 11th December! We are looking for volunteers to help clean the Church for Christmas. Please come at 9.30 a.m. after morning Mass. All volunteers welcome. Please do help if you can. Any queries, please contact Joan Farrelly on 020 8530 6793

SVP AND WEDNESDAY CLUB JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY. The SVP and the Wednesday Club are having a combined Christmas Party on Wednesday 13th December 2023. A special Mass with anointing of the sick will be celebrated by Fr Martin at 1.00 p.m. followed by a party and entertainment in the parish hall. All are welcome. If you require transport, please contact Don O'Driscoll on 07923 608074.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE will take place from 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 14th December. An opportunity to meet the Lord who offers us the forgiveness, peace and healing that alone has the power to renew and restore our lives. A number of priests will be available to hear confessions.

CONFESSIONS There will be no Confessions on a Saturday evening for the time being. Confessions will be on Saturday mornings from 10.00 a.m.–11.00 a.m.

USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS

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CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need.

DIOCESAN NEWS

NEWHAM DEANERY DAY OF RECOLLECTION: 'The New Year Praying for Peace with Our Lady' led by Fr Stewart Foster on Saturday 30th December at Our Lady of Compassion Church Upton Park E13 9BF. Mass at 9.15 a.m., talk in the hall, Eucharistic Adoration with Benediction ending at 3.00 p.m. Please bring a packed lunch.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF AND TRUSTEES OF BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: We would like to wish everyone across Brentwood Diocese a very happy and blessed Christmas. As we prepare to celebrate our 40th year in 2024, we would like to thank everyone who has supported our work by making a donation at one of the parish crib scenes across the Diocese since the charity was formed. This steadfast support has allowed us to give hope to thousands of children, young people and families by offering them the specialist care they need. Thank you all.

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT Saturday 6th January 2024
full day retreat for those aged 18-27 (having left school) at Walsingham House, Abbotswick. Explore your faith, be inspired to put your faith into action, learn, ask questions and pray, all with other young adults. There is a small cost of just £10 to cover the day, with lunch and refreshments provided. For more information and to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events/youngadults.

INTERESTED IN A VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD? Vocations Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Willesden on Saturday 23rd December. Contact Fr Mark Swires at VocProm@brcdt.org for more information.

CHRISTMAS GRAND DRAW You could win a £200 John Lewis Voucher, Fortnum and Mason Hamper, Amazon Fire Tablet, restaurant voucher, and many other wonderful prizes. Tickets are £2.00 each and will be available after Mass to purchase. The draw will take place on 17th December.

Christmas Masses 2023

Saturday 23 December Fourth Sunday of Advent

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sunday 24th December

10.00 a.m. Mass

Christmas Eve Masses

5.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.

Carols at 9.30 p.m.

Monday 25th December

Christmas Day Masses

9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

No evening Mass

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS are your gift to the parish priest. For those who are tax payers and might wish to Gift Aid their offering, envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church. If you normally give your Sunday offering by envelope, you may wish to use the envelope in your box.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS produced by the Knights of St Columba are available to pick up at the entrances to the Church. Please take one home and display it in a window. In this way, play your part in the new evangelization by reminding those around us that the birth of Christ is the origin of our festivities.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS Would you like to help someone to learn to read or help provide clean drinking water for a community? Would you like to make a difference to the lives of the poorest? Pick up a catalogue from the Church entrance.

CHRISTMAS CARDS. Please send religious Christmas cards or e-cards to your family or friends. It's a gentle reminder that the origin of all our celebrations is the birth of the Saviour, Jesus Christ. Your card might be the only image of Christ that people have in their homes during this Christmas season.

WINE TASTING EVENING 3rd February 2024 8 p.m. to approx. 10 p.m. Ticket price £25.00 Whether you want to learn more about wines or just enjoy the taste, please join us in the hall for an evening of wine tasting. You will sample 6 wines and 1 fizz and the Theatre of Wine will talk you through the wines and producers which will be accompanied by cheese, meat platters and other nibbles. This would make a great Christmas present and something to look forward to in the New Year. This is a limited ticket only event and must be bought in advance. You can book your place by emailing events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com or call Natasha on 07977 863362. Due to numbers, unfortunately tickets will not be sold on the night. I do hope you can join us.

HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 2025 Pope Francis has recently declared that the motto for this Jubilee year is "Pilgrims of Hope". Would you like to be one of those pilgrims? At this stage, we are just trying to gauge any interest and we are suggesting the following dates as possibilities: 19 - 23 May 2025 or 26 - 30 May 2025 (which is a half term). If you might be interested in both or one of the dates, please sign up on sheets in the church entrances *before* 17th December.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2024 is now available. Price £4.15. All the information you might need about the Diocese of Brentwood in one place. Please put money for the directory through the door of the presbytery.

ADORATION takes place on Fridays from 9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. All are welcome to come and pray and spend some quiet time in the presence of the Lord.

WEDNESDAY TEAS - Come and join us for tea and biscuits every Wednesday after the 9.00 a.m. Mass. We look forward to seeing you there.

THE DIVINE MERCY PRAYER GROUP meet every Tuesday at 7.30 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. Any new members will be most welcome.

THE SHEILA LOVELL CLUB meet every Wednesday from 1.30 p.m.-3.30 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

UNDER 5's meet every Tuesday in term time from 1.00 p.m. -3.00 p.m. in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP meet from 2.00 p.m.—3.30 p.m. on the last Thursday of the month in the Pastoral Centre. Please do come along if you are in need of support.

THE MEDITATION GROUP will finish for the Christmas break on Tuesday 12 December and resume on Tuesday 9 January at 10.50 a.m. in the Pastoral Centre. We are a very established Group now and we extend an invitation to anyone who wishes to come apart from the hectic and fractious world we live in and just let Jesus in as He wants to fill our hearts and minds with his love.

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

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. The next sessions will be held on *11th and 18th January 2024*, starting promptly at 8 p.m. Please note that this formation is for the parents of babies, including those babies not yet born. If your child is 7 or over, they will have to be prepared in an alternative age appropriate way.