

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

10th March - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Laetare Sunday

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Finola & Tony Brown RIP
9.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish
11.30 a.m. MASS - Leanne de Silva RIP
6.30 p.m. MASS - Edward Benson RIP

Monday 11th March

9.00 a.m. Mass - Kate Hayes RIP

Tuesday 12th March NO MASS

Wednesday 13th March NO MORNING MASS

11.00 a.m. FUNERAL MASS - Nelly del Socorro-Mayes RIP

Thursday 14th March

9.00 a.m. MASS - Peggy Sanchez RIP

Friday 15th March

9.00 a.m. MASS - Jim Duffy RIP

Saturday 16th March NO MORNING MASS

10:45 a.m. Baptism - Avenell Frances Clark
5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. CONFESSIONS
6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - Jeremiah Crawley RIP

17th March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish
11.30 a.m. MASS - Mary Quigley RIP
6.30 p.m. MASS - Sylvester Mascarenhas & family INT

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Lætare * Jerúsalem: et convéntum fá-ci-
te ómnes qui dí-lí-gi-tis é-am: gau-
dé-te cum læ-tí-ti-a, qui in tristí-ti-a fu-
í-stis: ut exsulté-tis, et sa-ti-é-mi-ni-

Laetare Sunday

“Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exalt and be satisfied at her consoling breast.”

10th March 2024

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

THE LAETARE (REJOICE) WEEKEND We welcome the Sion community to our parish community as they lead us in worship at our Sunday Masses. We are grateful to them for guiding our prayerful reflection on how we as a community of faith might have a more missionary outlook and share the joy of knowing Christ, the Son of the Living God, with others.

For more information about the work of the Sion community go to www.sioncommunity.org.uk

LENT RETREAT/QUIET DAY is a time to stop and reflect at the Convent of the Assumption, 13 The Avenue, Wanstead on Thursday 14th March and repeated on Saturday 16th March (for those not able to come on a Thursday) at 10.30 a.m. -3.00 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. Theme: 'Love knows no ending.' For further information: Sr Veronica Ann 07949 995702

GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS 29TH MARCH We are looking for a young adult, over 18, to carry the Cross from the United Reform Church (Nightingale Lane) to Our Lady of Lourdes on Good Friday (time to be confirmed). The walk takes around 20 minutes at a slow pace. If you can help your community, can you please contact Andrew Burns on 07958 404501.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday evening 7.00 p.m. - 7.45 p.m. during Lent. *We adore you, O Christ, and praise you because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.*

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place on Friday mornings during Lent from 9.30 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. and immediately following Stations of the Cross on a Friday evening until 8.30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS every Saturday morning 10.00-11.00 a.m. Please check newsletter for any changes.

TAKE ON THE BIG CAFOD LENT WALK Walk 200KM in 40 Days to help fight global poverty. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Find out more at www.walk.cafod.org.uk

USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS

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Finance and Gift Aid Queries - Bob Fox
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Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park, will give a talk entitled 'The Readings at the Easter Vigil - the Four Nights of Salvation' in the parish hall at Gidea Park 410 Brentwood Road RM2 6DH and will last about 40 minutes. Refreshments will be available from 6.30 p.m. All are welcome, especially readers, Special ministers of the Eucharist and Catechists.

“AWAKE LONDON” A Catholic Bible convention and Healing Ministry on Saturday 16th March from 11 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. led by Fr David Walter and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Catholic Parish of Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road, London E4 8SP. For further information please visit www.afcmuk.org

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practicing, committed Catholics for the ministry. The term office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor, please email your expression of interest to governanceappointments@brcdt.org or call: 01277 265216.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VACANCIES

- Behavioural Support Assistant ASAP
- Teacher of English Easter or September 2024
- Teacher of Science Easter or September 2024
- School Counsellor ASAP
- Teacher of DT Easter or September 2024
- SEN TA ASAP
- Teacher of Music Easter or September 2024

Please visit www.tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment for further job information.

VOLUNTEER AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP from 27th July - 3rd August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, but there are limited places. Applications open until end of March. Details: boscocamp.co.uk/volunteer-applications

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of

i) Nelly Del Socorro-Mayes whose Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 13th March at 11.00 a.m. followed by committal at City of London Crematorium, South Chapel, at 12.30 p.m. with reception into Church the evening before at 5.00 p.m.

ii) Rosemary O'Connor whose Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 20th March at 11.00 a.m. followed by committal at City of London Crematorium, North Chapel, at 1.00 p.m. with reception into Church the evening before at 5.00 p.m.

Please note that there will be **no morning Mass** on these days.

iii) Paul Oryang who died recently. Funeral details to follow.

EASTER RAFFLE Draw to be held on Easter Sunday for:

1st Prize: £200 Cash

2nd Prize: £ 75 Cash

3rd Prize: Easter Hamper

Plus many more great prizes. For a chance to win, tickets will be on sale at £2 per ticket in the porch after all Sunday Masses (including Saturday evening). Please support our social committee. Thank you.

EASTER NEWSLETTER COMPETITION is open to any school children or students at secondary schools. Do you enjoy drawing or painting? Would you like to design the cover for the front of the Easter Newsletter of Our Lady of Lourdes Church?

Your design would be seen by hundreds of people and be posted on social media. There will also be prizes for our favourite three pictures:

First prize: £50 Second Prize: £30 and third Prize: £20.

All entries will be displayed in the Church on Easter Sunday.

If you are interested, we are looking for colourful, inspiring and imaginative pictures that tell us something about Jesus rising from the dead. Please use a piece of A4 paper using portrait

layout. Please make sure that you put your name, age and a contact email address/telephone number on the back of your picture so that we can contact you if you win a prize.

Please note that entries cannot be returned to the artist.

Deadline for entries Sunday 17th March.

IF YOU ARE A TAXPAYER, PLEASE GIFT AID YOUR OFFERING

Our Lady of Lourdes is fortunate in that our parishioners have always been very generous and many of you already donate under the Gift Aid and envelope systems. As a result, the payback to the parish by HMRC from Gift Aided donations has helped ensure the parish remains solvent. However, the impact of Covid and the changing demographic of the parish have meant that the number of parishioners who do not donate through Gift Aid has increased.

If you haven't entered the Gift Aid scheme but donate by standing order or regularly donate cash at the offertory without using Gift Aid envelopes, we would request that you consider joining the scheme. It is very simple to do, just take and complete one of the Gift Aid forms available at the back of the Church so that we can enroll as many people as possible in time for the new financial year.

For further information or any queries please contact Bob Fox at wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org

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 Thursday 2nd May and Thursday 9th May at 8.00 p.m. Please note that this formation is for the

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.

CLUBS/GROUPS IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE

MEDITATION Tuesdays at 10.50 a.m.

UNDER 5's Tuesdays in term time from 1.00p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

PRAYER GROUP Tuesdays at 7.30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY TEAS after the 9.00 a.m. Mass.

SHEILA LOVELL CLUB Wednesdays 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP Last Thursday in month from 2.00 p.m. To 3.30 p.m.

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

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN TALKS Bishop Nicholas Hudson (Wednesday 13th March 2024) Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, appointed delegate at the Synod last October. The talk will take place at Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m.

The synodality lectures are being recorded and will be available on the diocesan website. Fr Jan Nowotnik's lecture can be found here: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/fr-jan-nowotnik-gives-lenten-lecture-at-brentwood-cathedral/>

Find out more about developing Synodal practice at the local level here: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/synodality-opening-up-the-conversation/>

40 HOURS OF CONTINUOUS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION during Lent (night and day except during Mass) will take place on the weekend of 16th/17th March at St John Vianney Catholic Church, Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall IG5 0HE starting with Solemn Mass of Exposition at 7.00 a.m. on the Saturday and ending with Benediction at 11.00 a.m. on the Sunday. All are welcome to take part in this very special devotion.

TALK ON THE READINGS AT THE EASTER VIGIL on Wednesday 20th March at 7.00 p.m., in preparation for Holy Week.