

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

11th February - SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - All Lourdes Volunteers

9.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish

11.30 a.m. MASS - Michael & Aniela Smolowik RIP

3.00 p.m. MASS - Catholic Fellowship Disability Network

6.30 p.m. - Edward Benson RIP

Monday 12th February

9.00 a.m. MASS - Dr Bill Codde RIP

Tuesday 13th February

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 14th February *ASH WEDNESDAY*

9.00 a.m. MASS - Julie Day INT

7.00 p.m. MASS - Maura Boland RIP

Thursday 15th February

9.00 a.m. MASS - Mary Lovett RIP

Friday 16th February

9.00 a.m. MASS - Bro. Hugh Davis RIP

Saturday 17th February

NO MORNING MASS

10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. Confessions

1.00 p.m. Wedding of Maryann O'Brien & Joseph Ebbasi

6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - David Coote RIP

Sunday 18th February - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30 a.m. MASS - Sam Bernadette Bikhit & family INT

11.30 a.m. MASS - Maria Keen RIP

6.30 p.m. MASS - People of Parish

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!'"

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

ASH WEDNESDAY is on February 14th and marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent during which we can reflect on the words of Pope Francis, who reminds us that, "Christians are asked to return to God 'with all their hearts' (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord."

A good start to Lent will help all of us as we observe this penitential season. Due to its penitential significance, Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence. All Catholics are bound to abstain from meat and Catholics in good health between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

Masses with distribution of ashes are at 9.00 a.m. and 7.00 pm

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday evening 7.00 - 7.45 p.m. during Lent. Why not make a special effort to attend at least one Stations of the Cross and meditate on Christ's love for us? *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.

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP DISABILITY NETWORK FAMILY MASS will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church at 3.00 p.m. this Sunday 11th February followed by tea in the hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY takes place on Friday 23rd February. Cafod is working with poor communities on our behalf, so that they can put food on the table. Fast days are our opportunity to support that vital work. Collect your Fast Day envelope 17/18 February and return the following weekend. You can also give online www.cafod.org.uk Don't forget to hold your fast on Lent Fast Day!

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community. This will also be a way for you to contribute to the life and mission of the community and get to know other parishioners.

If you are interested, there will be an informal meeting on Saturday 17th February 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m. to discuss the weekend. Just come along. All are very welcome.

MORNING FOR MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION on Saturday 24th February 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon to help them reflect a little more deeply on their role and to consider some practical questions. If you are a Minister of Holy Communion, please make a note of this date.

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 7th and 14th March 2024, starting promptly at 8.00 p.m. Please note that this formation is for the parents of babies, including those not yet born.

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR LENT commentary on every Scripture from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday by Fr Adrian Gruffy, parish priest of Gidea Park. www.whatgoodnews.org

CATHOLIC FELLOWSHIP QUIZ NIGHT 2nd March 2024 7.30 p.m. at St Ann Line Parish Hall. Please call Ann Kyndt to book your ticket on 0208 989 9032 or email wwgroup@cfdn.org.uk

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Friday 19th to Friday 26th July 2024. To book, please visit [brentwoodlourdes-lourdes-tangeytours\(tangey-tours.com\)](http://brentwoodlourdes-lourdes-tangeytours(tangey-tours.com)). If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please email Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves at lourdes@brcdt.org

TAKE ON THE BIG CAFOD LENT WALK Walk 200KM in 40 Days to help fight global poverty. Walk when and where you choose over 40 days, alone or with friends. Raise money to help people as they overcome poverty. Find out more at <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of

i) Olga Nunes whose Funeral Mass will take place at 11.00 a.m. on Monday 26th February, followed by committal at City of London Crematorium, South Chapel, at 12.30 p.m. There will be **no morning Mass** on this day.

ii) Peggy Hammond, former school secretary at Ilford Ursuline, who died recently.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN Congratulations to Joy Ude, Peace Ude, Jasper G and Doren Probakaren who will be presented with their Bronze Guild Medals and enroled into the Guild of St Stephen at the 9.30 a.m. Mass this Sunday 11th February. Bless these servers who have been chosen to be members of the guild, that they may be faithful in their service and grow in faith and love.

If there are any children who have made their Holy Communion and would like to be a server, please ask your parents to drop the office an email expressing your interest.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY Through our crib collection, the parish raised the remarkable sum of £1,381.56 Thank you for your generosity. www.bccs.org.uk

THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE would like to thank everyone who baked and supported the cake sale on 21st January which raised a terrific £310.60.

Also, a wonderful evening was had by all at the recent wine tasting event which was hosted by The Theatre of Wine. This raised £835.68. A number of people have asked if this event could be held again and we are looking at dates in November, so we will keep you posted.

CHOOSE A CHARITY The Parish Social Committee does remarkable work putting on social events that give opportunities for the parish to come together and build bonds of friendship which are essential for the future growth of any community.

These events also raise money for the continued running and maintenance of the Parish Centre. Last year, the incredible sum of £12,503.65 was raised through these social events. *A sincere thank you to everyone involved in any way.*

Please support these events and consider supporting the Social Committee by offering a little of your time and talents in helping them run these events, e.g., by helping to set up for an event or clear away afterwards, by selling raffle tickets at the end of the Mass you attend, etc., If you want to find out more, please contact Natasha on 07977 863362.

At the last meeting of the Social Committee, it was decided that 25 percent of all profits from these events would be donated to one charity that the parish will support throughout the year.

Would you like to nominate a charity for consideration? If so, please forward details of the charity with as much information as possible about the work that they do. For example, if the charity has a website, please forward its link. *The deadline for nominations is Sunday 18th February.* After this date, the Social Committee will consider the nominations and recognizing the value of all charities, select one charity that we will support in this way.

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.**

THE LAETARE (REJOICE) WEEKEND 8th March - 10th March will be led by members of the Sion community and will provide an opportunity to reflect on where our joy is to be found and how that joy may attract others at the margins of our community or far from our parish family back into the warm embrace of Christ.

The weekend will begin with a simple community supper on Friday 8th March followed by Stations of the Cross, led by members of the Sion Community.

On the morning of *Saturday 9th March*, there will be a working breakfast where we will be able to reflect on those areas of our parish life that need attention if our community is to have a more missionary outlook.

During that afternoon, the Church will be open and set up with Prayer Stations in the Church where people will be able to pray alone or with someone else. In the hall, there will be refreshments and activities for our children and their families. The afternoon will conclude before the evening Mass with a special Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

The Sion community will lead the music at Masses this weekend and the children's liturgy. More details to follow, but do make a note of the dates of the parish mission.

Would you like to be involved in preparing for this weekend?

We need as much help as possible if the weekend is to run smoothly and attract people through the doors of our