

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

21st January - THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Anne-Marie Clerkin INT
9.30 a.m. MASS - Anthony Fernando RIP
11.30 a.m. MASS - Phyllis Smith RIP
6.30 p.m. MASS - People of Parish

Monday 22nd January

9.00 a.m. MASS - Kathleen Smyth INT

Tuesday 23rd January

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 24th January St Francis de Sales

9.00 a.m. MASS - Grace Peace RIP

Thursday 25th January The Conversion of St Paul

9.00 a.m. MASS - Sr Katie RIP

Friday 26th January SS Timothy & Titus

9.00 a.m. MASS - Maggie O'Hagan RIP

Saturday 27th January

NO MORNING MASS

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

6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - Fiona Kennedy RIP

Sunday 28th January - FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9.30 a.m. MASS - Davis/Docherty families
11.30 a.m. MASS - Mary Wood INT
6.30 p.m. MASS - People of Parish

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'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

NEW YEAR. NEW LOOK NEWSLETTER. To have a distinctive and contemporary “look” helps people to distinguish Our Lady of Lourdes from other churches and hopefully sparks an interest in those outside the community to find out more about our life of faith, mission and fellowship. Do also have a look at our social media profile on Facebook and X.

We are now busy working on a website that, again, will provide people - especially those outside the parish - with information, guidance and a glimpse of the life of our parish family while extending a warm welcome to everyone.

THE LAETARE (REJOICE) WEEKEND 8th March - 10th March at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

Laetare Sunday falls on the fourth Sunday of Lent. During the midst of the austere and penitential season of Lent, we are reminded to Rejoice! *Laetare!*

But what are we to rejoice in? This weekend will be led by members of the Sion community and will provide an opportunity for our parish community to come together in Christ’s presence to reflect on where our joy is to be found and how that joy may attract others at the margins of our community or, indeed, far from our parish family back into the warm embrace of Christ.

The essential mission of the Church is to evangelize, “[to] proclaim the good news of salvation to all, generate new creatures in Christ through Baptism, and train them to live knowingly as children of God.” The mission of the Church is to make the Kingdom of God present in our world, guiding people to friendship with Christ, to the communion of love with the Lord who is the true light in our lives.

St Pope John Paul II says that the new evangelization “calls for the involvement of the entire People of God, and requires a new

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WEDNESDAY TEAS after the 9.00 a.m. Mass.

THE SHEILA LOVELL CLUB Wednesdays 1.30 p.m. - 3.30 p.m.

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

SUNDAY TEAS After the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass in the Pastoral Centre. Please pop in and have a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits.

WINE TASTING EVENING 3RD February 2024 8 p.m. to approx. 10 p.m. Ticket price £25.00 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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN TALKS A series of 4 talks on the recent Synod on Synodality, which took place in Rome last October has been organised for the Holy Lenten season this year. They will be given by those who were participants at the Synod: Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP, (Wednesday 21st February 2024) who was appointed by the Pope as Spiritual Director for the whole Synod; The Revd Dr Jan Nowotnik (Wednesday 28th February 2024) Director of Mission for the Bishops' Conference; Mr Austen Ivereigh (Wednesday 6th March 2024) Roman Catholic Journalist; Bishop Nicholas Hudson (Wednesday 13th March 2024) Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster, appointed delegate at the Synod last October. All the talks will take place at Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

VOLUNTEER AT SNARES BROOK CROWN COURT CHAPLAINCY which is open on weekdays 12.30 - 2.00 p.m. If you have a capacity for non-judgemental listening" and would like to be available to those who may appreciate somebody just to be with them and provide a "listening ear" then the chaplaincy is looking for volunteers with the recommendation of their priest or minister. For more information, please email or write to the parish office.

fervour, new methods and a new expression for the announcing and witnessing of the Gospel." Our parish is called to embrace this impulse of missionary transformation.

Guided by the Holy Spirit, the *Laetare weekend* will allow us to reflect on the ways that we can live in Christ and make known God's grace to people beyond the walls of the church.

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 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 The most holy Eucharist is the "source and the summit" of all that the Church is and does. At its heart is the real presence of the crucified and Risen Lord, who continues his saving work among us. Thus, Ministers of Holy Communion play a hugely important role in the life of any parish community and their formation is important.

A sincere thank you to all the men and women Ministers of Holy Communion who serve our community in this way.

Ministers of Holy Communion are commissioned for the primary role of assisting the priest with the distribution of Holy Communion. Some Ministers will also take Holy Communion to any sick or housebound members of our parish family. But being a Minister of Holy Communion should not be considered as a practical function.

The reception of Holy Communion is a sacred action, an opportunity for encounter with Christ himself who offers himself to us under the forms of Bread and Wine. His offering of himself has to be met by faith if a life giving encounter and deep personal communion is to take place. Ministers of Holy Communion have a great contribution to make in assisting the assembly to receive the sacrament reverently and fruitfully. They do this through the witness of their own lives and by the reverence they show for this Sacrament of Christ's love for us.

On *Saturday 24th February 9.00 a.m. - 12 noon*, there will be a morning of formation and reflection for our present Ministers of Holy Communion in order to help them reflect a little more deeply on their role and to consider some practical questions. The morning will be led by Fr Gary Dench, the Diocesan Director of Liturgy, and Fr Martin. If you are a Minister of Holy Communion, please make a special effort to attend this morning and make a note of this date.

BAPTISM FORMATION the next sessions will be on Thursday evenings, 7th and 14th March, starting promptly at 8.00 p.m. Please note that these sessions are only for children whose parents reside in the parish and for children under 7. Please phone the parish office to register.

PLEASE REMEMBER in your prayers Miss Kathleen Horwood who died just before Christmas. She was deputy Headteacher at Our Lady of Lourdes school from its opening until 1985/6. She is remembered with warmth and affection by all who worked with her and the families of the school. Her funeral was at Our Lady of Grace & St Teresa of Avila on 19th January and was live streamed and the service is on their Facebook page.

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL continues to go from strength to strength and as a Parish we are always keen to promote and endorse Catholic Education. Ofsted's latest inspection report confirms that '*pupils flourish in all aspects of their learning*' and that there is a '*strong commitment to serving pupils, families and the community.*' I was delighted that the report not only recognises that pupils are '*well prepared for the next stage of their education,*' but that '*provision and support for pupil's wider development is exceptional.*' The report also recognises the personalised support each pupil receives to be successful in their learning and '*that there is an inclusive culture at this school.*' Well done to our Parish School and the school team. The report can be found by using the link below:

<https://our-lady-of-lourdes-rc-primary-school-wanstead.secureprimarysite.net/ofsted-report/>

BAKE SALE Sunday 21st January after the 9.30 a.m. Mass. Please join us for tea/coffee and cake after Mass.

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.

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

CLUBS/GROUPS

THE MEDITATION GROUP Tuesdays at 10.50 a.m. in the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

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

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