

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

3rd March - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Agnes Reilly RIP
9.30 a.m. MASS - Anthony Eustace RIP
11.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish
6.30 p.m. MASS - James & May Smyth INT

Monday 4th March

9.00 a.m. Mass - Tim Reeves RIP

Tuesday 5th March

9.00 a.m. MASS - Padraic Kirrane RIP

Wednesday 6th March

9.00 a.m. MASS - Rosemary O'Connor RIP

Thursday 7th March

NO MASS

Friday 8th March

9.00 a.m. MASS - Patrick Dunleavy RIP

Saturday 9th March

NO MORNING MASS

10.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. CONFESSIONS

6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS - Finola & Tony Brown INT

10th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Laetare Sunday

9.30 a.m. MASS - Leanne de Silva RIP

11.30 a.m. MASS - People of Parish

6.30 p.m. MASS - Edward Benson RIP

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Third Sunday in Lent

Christ driving the money changers from the Temple, El Greco

3rd March 2024

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

THE LAETARE (REJOICE) WEEKEND 8th March - 10th March will be led by members of the Sion community and will provide an opportunity for us 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.

Friday 8th March

The weekend will begin with an opportunity to come together for a simple community fish and chip supper 6.00–7.00 p.m. *For catering purposes, if you would like to come to the supper, please sign up on the sheets in the entrances to the Church.*

7.00–8.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross in the Church

Saturday 9th March—Time for Mission

The day will begin with a working breakfast 9.30–11.00 a.m. as we reflect on the ways that our parish community might deepen its relationship with Christ and play our part in the mission of the Church by reaching beyond our Church doors to the wider community.

The Sion Community will provide input and facilitate group conversations. Be part of the conversation. Everybody has something to contribute. All welcome.

In the Parish Centre, 3.00 - 6.00 p.m. refreshments will be available and special activities for our children and their families.

From 3.00–4.00 p.m. 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.

From 4.00–5.00 p.m. there will be a time to pray and reflect on the Sunday Readings which will be led by the Sion community.

From 5.00–6.00 p.m. there will be a special Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass

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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: 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.

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

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.

ENQUIRERS' EVENING Tuesday 5th March at Brentwood Cathedral for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood. The speaker will be Deacon Frank Westcott. For further information, please contact Fr Mark Swires at vocprom@brcdt.org

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL MUSICAL PROGRAMME FOR MARCH Wednesday 6th March James Todd from the RCM will be giving a lunchtime organ recital. Programme tba

Wednesday 13th March Benjamin O'Riordan (tenor) will be giving a lunchtime music recital accompanied by Sammy Li on the piano. Programme tba

Saturday 16th March at 7.30 p.m. WIENER MOZART TRIO. The programme will consist of music by Mozart, Schumann and Dvorak. Admission £15 payable at the door (under 18's free)

Sunday 10th March Laetare Sunday and Mothering Sunday The Sion community and our parish musicians will lead the music at Masses this weekend. Working with our own children's liturgy leaders, the Sion community will lead the children's liturgy. Refreshments after the 9.30 a.m. Mass. There will also be a special blessing for all mothers in the parish. There is much for us to celebrate as a parish family and to give thanks to God for!

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

NEXT WEEK'S MORNING MASSES Please note that there will be a 9.00 a.m. Mass next Tuesday 5th March, but no 9.00 a.m. Mass on Thursday 7th March. These changes are for next week only.

THANK YOU for giving to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal. We have raised £1,897 so far. Your generous donations, given with love, will support families around the world and help them with the resources to feed their families. There is still time to contribute. Donations in a CAFOD Fast envelope can be put in the collection baskets at any Mass or donate online at www.cafod.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

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/

PLEASE PRAY for the soul of Rosemary O'Connor who died recently. May she rest in peace and rise in glory. Funeral details to follow.

THE FUNERAL MASS of Nelly Del Socorro-Mayes will take place on Wednesday 13th March at 11 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. Please note that there will be **no morning Mass** on this day.

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

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:

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 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.

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

CLUBS/GROUPS IN THE PASTORAL CENTRE

SUNDAY TEAS after the 9.30 a.m. Mass this Sunday.

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.