

## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday 15th July St Bonaventure**

9.00 a.m. Mass - Bernie Connolly RIP

12.30 p.m. FUNERAL MASS FOR BERNADETTE BIKHIT

**Tuesday 16th July**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**Wednesday 17th July**

9.00 a.m. Mass - Anne Lord RIP

**Thursday 18th July**

9.00 a.m. Mass - Clare Philomena Murray RIP

**Friday 19th July**

9.00 a.m. Mass - Van Bau Thi Hong & John Angustina RIP

**Saturday 20th July**

**NO MORNING MASS**

10.45 Baptism of Alice Philomena Condren  
and Tadhg Condren

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. **CONFESSIONS**

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Fiona Kennedy RIP

**Sunday 21st July**

**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9.30 a.m. Mass - Ann Silcock RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass - Tess Mackey RIP

6.30 p.m. Mass - People of the Parish

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**Fourteenth— Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**7th—21 July 2024**

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## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

### Message from Fr Martin to the parish

In February, I underwent a routine medical check-up which eventually led to a cancer diagnosis. My recent "sick leave" was to remove that cancer. This surgery has been successful and I have made a good recovery. However, in order to reduce the risk of recurrence in the future, I must now undergo chemotherapy to be administered over a twelve week period.

Unfortunately, this will mean that I will be away from the parish for all or a good part of this time. I deeply regret the effect my absence will have on the whole parish community. All I can do is to apologise to you and ask for your patience and understanding. My hope is to return to you in restored health.

I now take sanctuary before the Cross alongside all those who suffer in any way because it is there that we are all purified and strengthened in the fire of Christ's suffering Love. The profound eloquence of the Cross combines with the new dawn chorus of the Resurrection where our fears are bathed in the healing balm of Easter morning. "For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too" (2 Corinthians 1:5).

The main thing now is no fuss. This time of separation changes nothing. We continue to grow in the life of grace; committing ourselves to prayer and trusting in God's care for us; recognising that "we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. For while we live we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be manifested in our mortal flesh .... knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus" (2 Corinthians 4:8-18).

Pray for me and for all who are suffering in any way in our parish family and beyond. Be assured of my prayers for you.



## WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

### Sunday 7th July

#### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Eileen Curley RIP  
9.30 a.m. Mass - Sheila Hirachand INT  
11.30 a.m. Mass - Rob Brazier RIP  
6.30 p.m. Mass - People of the Parish

### Monday 8th July

9.00 a.m. Mass - Glen Tarr INT

### Tuesday 9th July

NO MASS

### Wednesday 10th July

9.00 a.m. Mass George Margetts RIP

### Thursday 11th July - St Benedict

9.00 a.m. Mass Maureen Hayward RIP

### Friday 12th July

9.00 a.m. Mass - Brendan Hanley RIP

### Saturday 13th July

NO MORNING MASS

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. CONFESSIONS  
6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - John McCarthy RIP

### Sunday 14th July - Sea Sunday

9.30 a.m. Mass - Mary & John Lee RIP  
11.30 a.m. Mass - Gill Quinn RIP  
5.00 p.m. Reception of Body of Bernadette Bikhit  
6.30 p.m. Mass - People of the Parish

## PARISH FINANCES PAYMENT METHOD

Contributions to the parish can be made online via the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?Parish=wanstead](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?Parish=wanstead) or by scanning the QR code shown here with your smartphone and selecting “General Offertory.” You can also pay by standing order or bank transfer. If you are a taxpayer, please Gift Aid your donations. Any queries, please contact Bob Fox at [wansteadinancegiftaid@brcdt.org](mailto:wansteadinancegiftaid@brcdt.org)



## USEFUL PARISH CONTACTS

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**THIS NEWSLETTER** covers the period 7th - 21st July.

**THE SUMMER NEWSLETTER** will cover the period from 21 July until the end of August. If you want an item considered for inclusion please forward to the parish office as soon as possible.

**COVER IMAGE** The prophet Ezekiel on Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel. “The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me.” (Ezekiel 2:2)

**SEA SUNDAY** falls on 14th July. When seafarers and fishers arrive in a foreign port, they are strangers, often thousands of miles from home and their families. *Stella Maris* chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome them, listen to their concerns, and help provide what they need. To donate to *Stella Maris*, please go to: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/donate/>

**HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION 2024 - 25 REGISTRATION ENROLMENT FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE IN THE ENTRANCES TO THE CHURCH. PLEASE PICK ONE UP AND RETURN TO PRESBYTERY BEFORE THE DEADLINE OF 26<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER.**

**Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup>** Parents’ Meeting 9.00 a.m. For more information about our Holy Communion Formation please go to the parish website.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH** Have you been worshiping with us, but never taken the step to become Catholic? Have you drifted away from the Church, and have now returned, but want to know more? Are you a baptised Catholic, but never received the Sacraments of Confirmation and/or the Eucharist? Have you joined us from a different religious background or no religious background and would like to find out more about the Jesus?

If you (or someone you know) answers YES to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or the Journey in Faith. This is an opportunity for adults to discern if this is to be your spiritual home and to live your life as Catholics.

If you are interested or just curious, drop Fr Martin an email and he will provide you with some more information.

**PILGRIMAGE TO ROME** It is with great regret that we have decided to move the proposed trip to Rome from 2025 to 2026. It has proved nigh on impossible to find suitable accommodation for such a large group, and with so many requesting single rooms. Because of the Holy year the large international pilgrim companies have block booked all of the accommodation. Coupled with that, with a huge number of tourists expected, the authorities in Rome are expected to place restrictions on transport for entering and moving around the city centre. Rather than being split up over two or more sites, or in an out of the way place with travel in to Rome hampered, we have decided to delay so that we can all stay in one central place at a much quieter, more relaxed time. The new dates are expected to be around the same time in 2026 and will be advertised in the autumn. We are very sorry for any disappointment caused and hope that those interested can make the new dates.

**FR MARTIN WOULD LIKE TO THANK** Fr Liam Hayes, Fr Gerald Gosling and Fr John McGrath who have so generously agreed to look after the spiritual and pastoral needs of the parish while he is on sick leave. Please make them feel very welcome.

**PETER'S PENCE** Thank you for your most generous donations which raised £872.24

Please pray for the repost of the souls of:

i) Bernadette Bikhit whose body will be received into the Church on Sunday 14th July at 5.00 p.m. with her Funeral Mass taking place on Monday 15th July at 12.30 p.m. followed by committal at The City of London Cemetery at 2.00 p.m.

ii) Ann Silcock whose whose body will be received into the Church on Monday 22nd July at 5.00 p.m. with her Funeral Mass taking place on Tuesday 23rd July at 11.00 a.m.

iii) Roy Bates whose body will be received into the Church on Tuesday 23rd July at 5.00 p.m. with his Funeral Mass taking place on Wednesday 24th July at 11.00 a.m. followed by committal at St Patrick's Cemetery, Leyton.

**SICK LIST** A list of the sick and housebound can be found at the entrance to the Church. 4

**THE SVP** would like to invite interested parishioners to attend the yearly Waltham Forest SVP Festival meeting on Tuesday 23rd July which will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Wanstead Parish Centre from 7.00-9.00 p.m. Entry is free and sandwiches and refreshments will be provided.

**THE WANSTEAD SVP CONFERENCE** have now received the SVP summer raffle tickets from 2024. If you would like to purchase some tickets, please contact Don O'Driscoll on 07923 608074 email: donal.odriscoll@btinternet.com

1st Prize £5,000 2nd Prize £1,000

Additional Prizes 15 x £100

We are grateful for your continued support of the Wanstead SVP.

**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. This formation is for 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. The next formation sessions will be held in the Pastoral Centre on Thursday evenings: *5th and 12th September*. Registration is from from 7.45 p.m. with an 8.00 p.m. start.

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** will take place on Friday mornings from 9.30 a.m. until 1.00 p.m. and Friday evenings from 7.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

**CONFESSIONS** every Saturday evening 5.00-6.00 p.m. Please check newsletter for any changes.

**THE ASSUMPTION ANNUAL GARDEN PARTY** will be held on Saturday 17th August from 3.30p.m. - 5.00 p.m. 13 The Avenue Wanstead E11 2EE. All welcome. 5