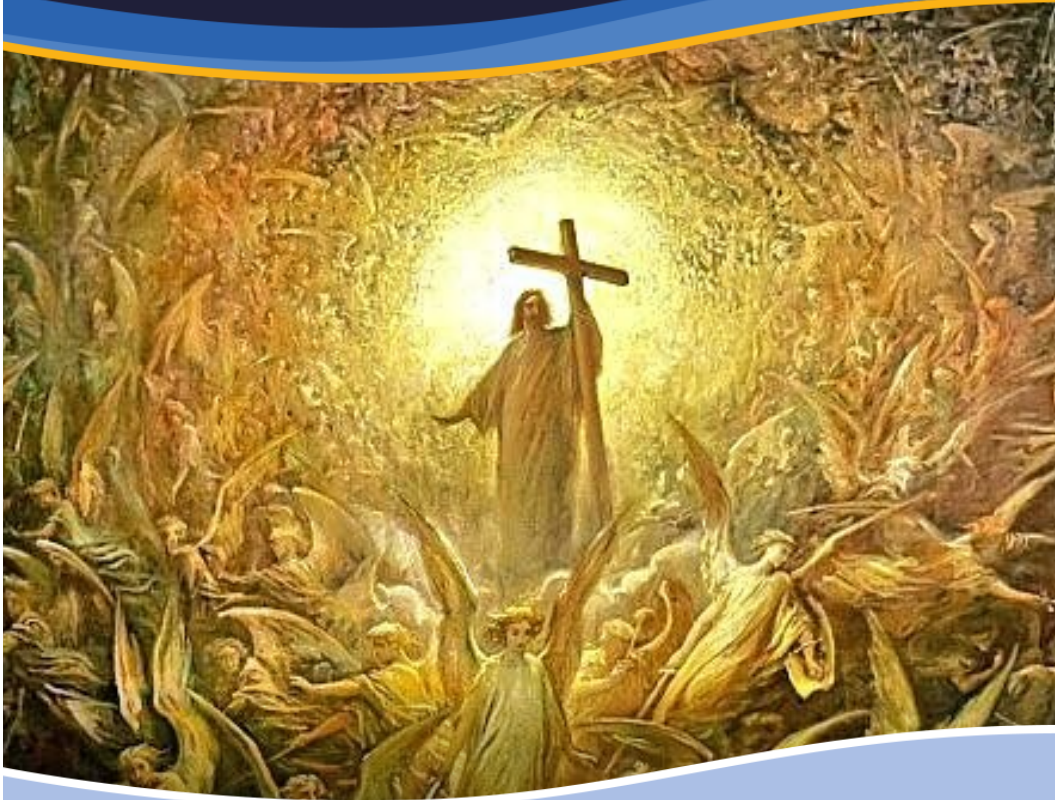




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Solemnity of Christ the King 2nd Sunday of Advent C

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

FRONT COVER: “And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.” Luke 21:27

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a retiring collection on the Feast of Christ the King to support the tremendous work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS). You can also give online at www.bcys.net/donate/

ART EXHIBITION Paintings by the Ukrainian artist, Helena Vyshnevskaya, will be on display in the Church on the Feast of Christ the King of Peace. Helena will also join our community for the Sunday Masses and will give a brief guide to her work after the 9.30 a.m. Mass for those who wish to stay behind. Please do welcome her to the parish.

There will also be items by the artist on sale in the Parish Centre after Mass with proceeds going to support families in the Ukraine. This week marks 1000 days since Russia invaded Ukraine and is an opportunity to remember the suffering of so many people.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com is now online. Thank you to Catherine Burns for doing such a great job maintaining the old website and to *Blue Serif* www.blueserif.co.uk for their design work on the new website. Do have a look.

A HUGE THANK YOU to our social committee and all those involved in any way at the recent Wine Tasting Evening and Autumn Fayre which were such a great success. The Wine Tasting Evening raised £941.41 and the Autumn Fayre raised £2,983.41 25% of this will go to our parish chosen charity, Eden's Trust, and the rest to the upkeep, maintenance and running of the parish centre which is such an important asset for the parish. The sum of £382 was also raised for Cafod.

HOLY COMMUNION ROSARY BEADS We have 52 children about to begin their formation for the sacrament of Holy Communion. They and their families are a blessing on our parish community. You can see what this formation will involve by going to

www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/sacraments/formation-for-holy-communion/

As the children begin this special time of formation, we would like to give each child a rosary and a little guide to praying the rosary for their parents. Cost £5 for each child. Would any parishioners be willing to gift a rosary for a child and also participate in this child's faith journey? If so, please put £5 in an envelope marked "HOLY COMMUNION ROSARY" and give to Fr Martin or post through Clergy House letterbox. Thank you in advance for your spiritual care and generosity.

SHARE YOUR VIEWS At the last parish council meeting two issues were discussed

- i) The idea of *placing the tabernacle*, the presence of Christ in our midst, on the old high altar and in doing so making it the central focus of our religious attention and
- ii) The idea of *moving the Sunday evening Mass* from 6.30 p.m. to the earlier time of 5.00 p.m. and in doing so potentially giving people different Sunday Mass while also allow "freeing up" Sunday evenings for other activities, duties and appointments for the parish priest and people.

Do you have any views on either one or both of these matters that will help Fr Martin reflect more deeply on them? If so, please write or speak to Fr Martin.

PLEASE PRAY for the soul of Bernadette Peace who died recently. Her Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 17th December at 10.30 a.m. Her body will be received into Church the evening before at 5.00 p.m. May she Rest in Peace and rise in glory.

PHOTOS OF OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES PLEASE COLLECT THE PHOTO OF YOUR LOVED ONE AT THE END OF NOVEMBER.

NEW LECTIONARY FOR READINGS AT MASS From the First Sunday of Advent all Catholic churches in this country will use a new translation of the Bible (the English Standard Version). Therefore, there will be new missals available as you come into Mass. You may wish to buy your own copy and they will be available from the Church shop £10 or online www.ctsbooks.org

We thank those generous donors (the Nunes family, the Burns family and Michael Smith) who purchased lectionaries and a Book of the Gospels for use in the sanctuary.

ADVENT What does the word mean? The Latin word “adventus” can be translated as “presence” or “arrival”. Originally it was used as a technical term for the arrival of a high official and especially for the arrival of kings. It also had a theological sense that expressed the arrival of a god who emerged from darkness and hiddenness.

Christians adopted this word in order to express their special relationship to Jesus Christ. Jesus is the King of the universe who through His Incarnation, the taking of our human flesh, revealed Himself by entering the earthly realm we inhabit.

When Christians use the word “advent”, they intend to say: God is not a rumour. He is here. He has not withdrawn from the world or left us alone. God is not one thing or object among the many things and objects in the universe. God is the reason, the Word, that has brought all these things into being and gives them ultimate meaning. We celebrate God’s first coming to us in the person of Jesus and we now wait for the return of the King.

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS will be reintroduced on the First Sunday of Advent. Those who wish to do so will be able to receive both the Body of Christ and His Precious Blood. It is a wonderful gift for the Church to have the faithful receive the Precious Blood at Mass.

The Church clearly teaches that the entire Christ is fully present, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity within each Eucharistic species, that is, within the consecrated bread and the wine.

Please remember that Covid-19 and other infections remain present in our community. While any risks of transmission are probably low, if you are clinically vulnerable, or have a weakened immune system, you and any other member of the community are free to choose not to receive the Precious Blood.

ADVENT RETREAT/QUIET DAY Thursday 5th and Saturday 7th December (for those who cannot come on Thursday) from 10.30 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. at Convent of the Assumption, 13 The

Avenue, Wanstead. A time to stop and listen to the Lord in an atmosphere of prayer and reflection. All welcome. A light lunch will be provided. Further information: Sister Veronica Ann Tel: 07949 995702.

THE ASSISTED DYING BILL comes before Parliament on 29th November. If you haven't done so please consider making your views known by respectfully contacting your MP.
www.cbcew.org.uk/category/cbcew/life-issues/assisted-suicide/

To read Fr Martin's Letter to Mr Calvin Bailey, MP for Leyton and Wanstead, go to www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/2024/10/letter-to-leyton-and-wanstead-mp-re-assisted-dying-bill/

OUR LADY OF LOURDES RC PRIMARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAYRE - Saturday 30th November 12.00 - 4.00 p.m.

Join us for the annual OLOL Christmas Fayre - our event of the year! Enjoy local artisan stalls, games, tombola, coffees, luxury hot chocolate, cakes, kids' rides, our infamous bar & barbecue, a family kitchen and a magical Santa's Grotto. Thank you for supporting our PTA, school and parish families. All are welcome, and we can't wait to celebrate with you!

SVP MASS with Anointing of the Sick and Christmas Social. The SVP together with the Wednesday Club would like to invite you to a special Mass on Wednesday 11th December at 1.00 p.m. celebrated by Fr Martin. This will be followed by a Christmas social in the hall where you can enjoy an afternoon of music, food and a glass of wine. If you require transport, please contact Don O'Driscoll on 07923 608074 and leave a message.

BLESSING OF THE CRIBS Do you have a crib? Perhaps, you are buying one this year to display in your home? On the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday, December 15th, Fr Martin will bless cribs at all the Sunday Masses. Just bring your crib or some of the figures along.

THE REPOSITORY is open after the evening Masses and on Sundays after the 9.30 a.m. Mass where you will be able to purchase Charity Christmas cards, advent calendars, Sunday missals and cribs.

GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses for entry to the Grand Christmas Raffle. 1st prize £150, 2nd price £75, Fortnum & Mason hamper and more. £2 a ticket and £10 for a book. Draw will take place on 22nd December. Don't miss your chance for a Christmas win!

PARISH FINANCES PAYMENT METHOD

Contributions to the parish can be made online via the Diocesan website at 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



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WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 24th November—Solemnity of Christ the King

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - Marie Odette INT

9.30 a.m. Mass - Michael & Aniela Smolowik RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass - For all those who have lost their lives
in Ukraine due to the war

6.30 p.m. Mass - People of the Parish

Monday 25th November

9.00 a.m. Mass —Denis Collins RIP

Tuesday 26th November

9.00 a.m. Mass—Dorothy Briffa RIP

Wednesday 27th November

9.00 a.m. Mass—Anne Austen RIP

Thursday 28th November

NO MORNING MASS

Friday 29th November

9.00 a.m. Mass—Teresa Bacon RIP

Saturday 30th November—St Andrew

9.00—10.00 a.m. Holy Communion Formation Session

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 P.M.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Lawrence Kelford RIP

Sunday 1st December

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9.30 a.m. Mass of Welcome for children beginning their
Formation for Holy Communion—People of Parish

11.30 a.m. Mass—Lorraine Campling RIP

6.30 p.m. Mass—Edward & Sarah Benson RIP

Monday 2nd December

9.00 a.m. Mass—John Duncan Francis Leyland RIP

**Tuesday 3rd December—St Francis Xavier
NO MASS**

Wednesday 4th December

9.00 a.m. Mass—Cornelius, Ellen & Theresa McGrath RIP

Thursday 5th December

9.00 a.m. Mass—Eileen O’Sullivan RIP

Friday 6th December

9.00 a.m. Mass—Nora Pinnock RIP

**Saturday 7th December—St Ambrose
NO MORNING MASS**

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

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Pat Nolan RIP

Sunday 8th December

Second Sunday of Advent C

9.30 a.m. Mass—Edgar de Souza RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass —Bernadette Peace RIP

6.30 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

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