



Our Lady
Lourdes
Wanstead

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2nd Sunday–4th Sunday of Advent C

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER IMAGE: Monday 9th December is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. “At that time: The angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin...And the virgin’s name was Mary.” (Luke 1:26)

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. If you require transport, please contact Don O’Driscoll on 07923 608074 and leave a message. *We are grateful to the young people from Holy Family School SVP and their teachers who will come to help with the Mass and social.*

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.

BIG CHURCH CHRISTMAS CLEAN on Monday 16th December 2023 at 1.00 p.m. We are looking for volunteers to help clean the Church for Christmas. All volunteers welcome - please do help if you can. Any queries, please contact Joan Farrelly on 07949 930733.

PLEASE PRAY for the souls of Jacques Louis Vivian Maingard who died recently. His Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 16th December at 11.00 a.m.

and

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 they Rest in Peace and be welcomed into the mansions of he saints.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday 24th December

Christmas Eve Masses

5.00 p.m., 7.00 p.m. and 10.00 p.m.

Wednesday 25th December

Christmas Day Masses

9.30 a.m. and 11.30 a.m.

Please note that there is no evening Mass.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS are your gift to the parish priest. For those who are tax payers and might wish to Gift Aid their offering, envelopes are available at the entrance to the Church. If you normally give your Sunday offering by envelope, you may wish to use the envelope in your box.

NEW PARISH WEBSITE www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com is now online.

HOLY COMMUNION ROSARY BEADS A sincere thank you to all those who bought rosary beads for our children preparing for Holy Communion. May God bless you for our generosity.

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM THE STAFF AND TRUSTEES OF THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY: We would like to wish everyone across Brentwood Diocese a very happy and blessed Christmas. As we come to the end of our 40th anniversary year, we would like to thank everyone who has supported our work by making a donation at one of the parish crib scenes across the Diocese over the years. This support has allowed us to give hope to thousands of children, young people and families by offering them the specialist care they need. Thank you all.

JOURNEY IN FAITH Have you been worshipping 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 Eucharist? Have you joined us from a different religious background or no religious background and would like to find out more about Jesus and His Church?

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.

There will be an informal meeting in the Parish Centre on 25th January 2025 where more information will be made available. For those interested please make a note in your diary.

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

Please note that intinction, the dipping of the Body of Christ into the chalice with His Precious Blood, is not permitted in this country. This is because the Bishops of England and Wales are concerned that the consecrated host may drip the Precious Blood and that we are called to observe that the Lord’s command is to “drink” His blood and not simply “receive” it. This is better and more fully expressed by receiving directly from the chalice.

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!

MEDITATION The Group's last session before Christmas will be on Tuesday 10th December, resuming on Tuesday 7th January. The Group welcomes an new members who will be warmly welcomed and helped to meditate if they have not experienced meditation before.

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.

THE ASSISTED DYING BILL For your information Mr Calvin Bailey, Leyton and Wanstead MP, voted in favour of this bill.

THANK YOU FROM THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE (BCYS) to everyone who was able to support our World Youth Sunday appeal this weekend. Our Lay of Lourdes raised the fantastic sum of £750.84 and we have already heard lots of positive feedback from young people, families and parishioners which really is a fantastic reflection on the youth of our Diocese. Do note that applications for our Lourdes pilgrimage are now open. For more information go to www.bcys.net

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.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will take place on Fridays from 9.30 a.m.–1.00 p.m. and 7.00–8.00 p.m.

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



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WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 8th December

Second Sunday of Advent C

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Pat Nolan RIP

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

Monday 9th December

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

9.00 a.m. Mass—James Kane & Maria Keen RIP

Tuesday 10th December

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 11th December

NO MORNING MASS

1.00 p.m. SVP Mass with anointing of the sick

Thursday 12th December

9.00 a.m. Mass—Jean & Reggie Davis RIP

Friday 13th December St Lucy

9.00 a.m. Mass—Maggie Davis RIP

Saturday 14th December St John of the Cross

NO MORNING MASS

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 P.M.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Shanthi & Christophe Francine RIP

Sunday 15th December

Third “Gaudete” Sunday of Advent Year C

9.30 a.m. Mass—People of the Parish

11.30 a.m. Mass—Ernest Peace RIP

6.30 p.m. Mass—Hannah & Joseph McDermott RIP

Monday 16th December

NO MORNING MASS

11.00 a.m. Funeral Mass of Jacques Louis Vivian Maingard

5.00 p.m. Reception of the mortal remains of Bernadette Peace

Tuesday 17th December

NO MORNING MASS

10.30 a.m. Funeral Mass for Bernadette Peace

Wednesday 18th December

9.00 a.m. Mass—Lopez Family INT

Thursday 19th December

NO MORNING MASS

Friday 20th December

9.00 a.m. Mass—Nigel Davies RIP

Saturday 21st December

NO MORNING MASS

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

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Edward & Carmel Benson RIP

Sunday 22nd December

Fourth Sunday of Advent C

9.30 a.m. Mass—Frances Daniels RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Heather de Silva RIP

6.30 p.m. Mass—People of Parish

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