



Our Lady
Lourdes
Wanstead

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Third - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

26th January - 9th February 2025

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER IMAGE: The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas) is on Sunday 2nd February.

According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to "buy him back" on the fortieth day after his birth by offering a sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons" (Luke 2:24) in the temple.

When Christ was presented in the Temple, "there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout," (Luke 2:25) Simeon embraced the Christ child and prayed these words (the *Nunc Dimitis* that is prayed ever night in the prayer of the Church):

"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for the revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel."

LOURDES SICK AND HELPERS PILGRIMAGE FUND There will be a second collection on Sunday 9th February for the Diocesan Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund. Your donations will be used to facilitate the pilgrimage, e.g. planning, medics, music licences and other associated costs. Further details can be found at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/faith/pilgrimages/ The general donation page can be used to donate online—select 'other' and then note 'Lourdes'.

THANK YOU for your most generous donation on Peace Sunday for Pax Christi www.paxchristi.org.uk The amount raised was £339.24

CRIB OFFERINGS raised £882.67 which will be donated to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society www.bccs.org.uk

CHOOSE A CHARITY Last year the parish supported the Eden's Trust charity www.edenstrust.org.uk and through our social events (25% went to the charity and the remainder to the running and maintenance of the parish centre) raised approximately £12,172.

Now is your opportunity to nominate a charity that you think could benefit from our financial support this coming year. Please write or email the name of the charity you wish to be considered with a description of the work that it does. If the charity has a website please include a link to it.

The parish social committee will consider all the nominations and choose from them one charity for the parish to support from February 2025 -February 2026.

Deadline for nomination 9th February.

PLEASE NOTE There will be no morning Adoration on Friday 7th February.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of

- *Mary Troy* whose Funeral Service will take place at the City of London Crematorium on Thursday 30th January at 11.00 a.m.

- *Sr Frances Browne* of the Ursuline Sisters whose Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 5th February at 11.00 a.m. Her mortal remains will be received into the Church the evening before at 5.00 p.m.

- *Hazel Buckley* whose Funeral Mass will take place on Friday 7th February at 10.30 a.m.

- *Michel Guy Maingard* whose Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 13th February at 11.00 a.m.

- *Patricia Braithwaite* whose Funeral Mass will take place on Thursday 20th February at 11.00 a.m. Her mortal remains will be received into the Church the evening before at 5.00 p.m.

REQUIEM MASS OF RODERICK SIME The family and friends of Roderick would like to thank everyone who attended and participated at Roderick's funeral on 22nd January. Your cards, messages and support were much appreciated and a source of great comfort.

BAKE SALE Sunday 9th February after the 9.30 a.m. Mass. Can you help by baking something or just simply coming along to enjoy a coffee after Mass? Cakes can be dropped off at the hall from 08:45 a.m. Thank you from the Social Committee.

SUNDAY TEAS AND COFFEES are an enjoyable way to interact with friends from the parish. They run every fortnight and we're in need of additional volunteers to support the rota. Training and support will be given. To find out more, or to join the rota, please contact Stephanie on 07906 201880 or Katharine on 07468 872564

TRAINING MORNING FOR PARISH READERS on Saturday 8th March 9.00–10.30 a.m. in the Church.

“The Church has always venerated the divine Scriptures just as she venerates the Body of the Lord, since from both the table of the word of God and of the body of Christ, she unceasingly receives and offers to the faithful the bread of life, especially in the sacred liturgy.” (Vatican II Constitution on Divine Revelation, No. 21).

We are blessed with many parish readers who proclaim the living word of God at Mass. We are grateful to them for their faithfulness and for recognizing the responsibility in exercising this ministry.

If you would like find out more about serving the community as a reader then please come along to this morning.

SUNDAY MASS READINGS are available on the Readers' Rota page of the parish website:
www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/readers-rota/

CARITAS BRENTWOOD NETWORKING DAY on Sunday, 9th February, from 2-6 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford RM1 4AT.

This event is an opportunity to explore the Catholic response to pressing issues such as homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, supporting those affected by the Cost of Living Crisis, and addressing climate change. Join us to find inspiration during this Jubilee year, exchange ideas and best practices with parishioners across Essex and East London, and learn about the charities and resources available to support your efforts. Registration is free - find more details at www.caritasbrentwood.org/network

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, by participating in 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 and will be asked to provide your address to confirm this. 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.

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. and will recommence on 10th January 2025.

REFERENCES FOR WORK AND OTHER POSITIONS: Fr Martin has many requests for references which he is happy to provide for people that he knows. However, it is not helpful to mention to him in passing that you have given his name as a reference or for him to receive unexpected reference requests.

Therefore, before you give his name as a referee, please make an appointment to meet with Fr Martin to discuss the position you are applying for and the nature of the reference required.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL Teacher of RE September 2025. Please visit the school website for more information www.tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment/

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 wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org



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WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 26th January—3rd Sunday Ordinary Time

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Claire Bell RIP

9.30 a.m. Mass—People of the Parish

11.30 a.m. Mass—Agnes Loughnane & Anna Kearney RIP
and families

6.30 p.m. Mass—Cathy Francis INT

Monday 27th January

9.00 a.m. Mass— Danny Daniels RIP

Tuesday 28th January St Thomas Aquinas

9.00 a.m. Mass— Deirdre Joy INT

Wednesday 29th January

NO MORNING MASS

Thursday 30th January

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10.00 a.m. Funeral Service of Mary Troy
City of London Cemetery

Friday 31st January St John Bosco

9.00 a.m. Mass—Olive Quigley RIP

Saturday 1st February

NO MORNING MASS

Baptism 10.45 of Millie & Louis Kaminski

CONFESSIONS 5.00 - 6.00 P.M.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass— Olga Nunes RIP

Sunday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9.30 a.m. Mass— Bernadette Peace RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass— Nigel Davies RIP

6.30 p.m. Mass— People of the Parish

Monday 3rd February St Anne Line

9.00 a.m. Mass—Cath Eglin RIP

Tuesday 4th February

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 5th February St Agatha

NO MORNING MASS

11.00 a.m. Requiem Mass for Sr Frances Browne

Thursday 6th February St Paul Miki & Companions

9.00 a.m. Mass— Barbara Banks RIP

Friday 7th February

NO MORNING MASS

10.30 a.m. Requiem Mass for Hazel Buckley

Saturday 8th February

NO MORNING MASS

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Remi Feltham-Sicking

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

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass— Judith & Steve Smith INT

Sunday 9th February—5th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.30 a.m. Mass— Tadeusz & Krystina Kubiakowski RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass— Gomes & de Silva family living & dead

6.30 p.m. Mass— People of the Parish

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