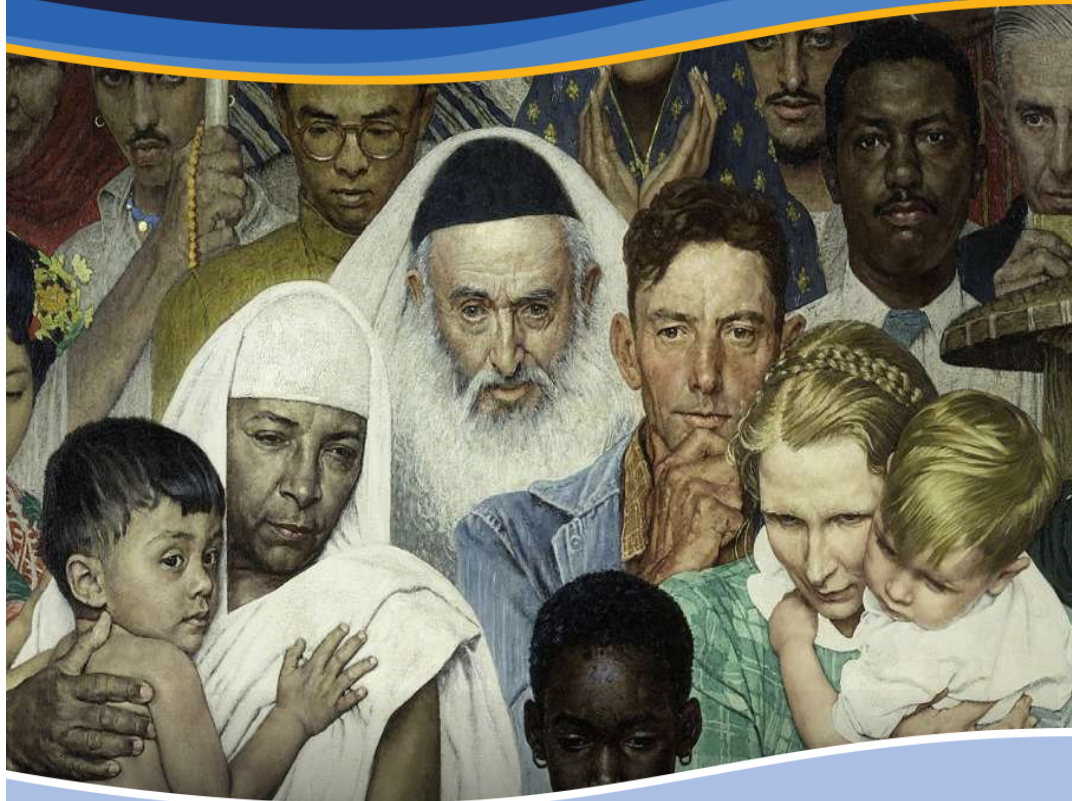




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Fifth—Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th—23rd February 2025

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER IMAGE: The American artist, Norman Rockwell's painting "The Golden Rule." "So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets." *Matthew 7:12*

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY is on Sunday 16th February.

www.ctbi.org.uk/resources/racial-justice-sunday-9-february-2025/ *There will be a retiring collection to support this work.*

For more information www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/

LOURDES HELPERS SECOND COLLECTION SUNDAY 9th February.

The money raised from the annual collection for Lourdes at Sunday Masses is used to help cover the costs of nurses and others who assist. This ensures that pilgrims with medical issues can come to Lourdes. The money is also used to support pilgrims who otherwise could not afford to come.

THE SUNDAY EVENING MASS TIME will be changed to the earlier time of 5.00 p.m. from the First Sunday of Lent, 9th March. Fr Martin would like to thank the Parish Council and those parishioners who expressed a view. These all helped to inform his decision on this matter.

All other Sunday Mass times will remain as they are at present.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT takes place every Friday from 9.30–11.00 a.m. and from 7.00–8.00 p.m.

"The Church and the world have a great need of eucharistic worship. Jesus waits for us in this sacrament of love. Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease." St Pope John Paul II

Hopefully, we can extend these hours in the future, though this depends upon more people volunteering to help keep Jesus present on the altar. If you can help, then please make yourself known to Fr Martin.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE PARISH would you be interested in joining thousands of other young men and women of secondary school age at Flame 2025 on Saturday 15th March. Tickets £10. To find out more go to www.bcys.net/events/flame2025/ and if you would like to go please contact Fr Martin

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. 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 nominations is Sunday 9th February.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of

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.

Margaret "Peggy" Ludlow Funeral details tbc

John Scanlon Funeral details tbc

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

SUNDAY TEAS AND COFFEES run every fortnight and we're in need of additional volunteers to support the rota. To find out more, or to join the rota, please contact Stephanie on 07906 201880 or Katharine on 07468 872564

SUNDAY MASS READINGS www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/readers-rota/

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

“The Church is built up and grows when she gathers to listen to God’s word. In the liturgical celebration God’s many wonderful, past works in the history of salvation are symbolically presented anew. God in turn makes use of the assembly of the faithful who celebrate the liturgy in order that his word may speed on in triumph and his name be exalted among all peoples.” Lectionary for Mass: Introduction

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. But we need new readers, fresh voices, new accents that can contribute to and enrich the proclamation of God’s word in our community.

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

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18 to Friday 25 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood/

INTER FAITH DIALOGUE Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald worked for decades in this area, particularly in the Vatican’s Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. He will be speaking on ‘Inter Faith Dialogue’ at 11 am on Saturday 22nd February Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH.

You are invited to attend free of charge. Refreshments will be available from 10.30. Please bring a packed lunch. The event is also available live stream free at www.whatgoodnews.org. A recording of the talk *will be available subsequently on the same website.*

PREPARING FOR LENT 2025

“Lent is a time of renewal for the whole Church, for each community and every believer. Above all it is a “time of grace” (2 Cor 6:2). God does not ask of us anything that he himself has not first given us. ...

Indifference to our neighbour and to God also represents a real temptation for us Christians. Each year during Lent we need to hear once more the voice of the prophets who cry out and trouble our conscience. ...

Lent is a favourable time for letting Christ serve us so that we in turn may become more like him. This happens whenever we hear the word of God and receive the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. There we become what we receive: the Body of Christ. In this body there is no room for the indifference which so often seems to possess our hearts. For whoever is of Christ, belongs to one body. “If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it...” (1 Cor 12:26)....

... Every Christian community is called to go out of itself and to be engaged in the life of the greater society of which it is a part, especially with the poor and those who are far away. The Church is missionary by her very nature; she is not self-enclosed but sent out to every nation and people.... As a way of overcoming indifference and our pretensions to self-sufficiency, I would invite everyone to live this Lent as an opportunity for engaging in what Benedict XVI called a formation of the heart (cf. *Deus Caritas Est*, 31). A merciful heart does not mean a weak heart. [It is] a heart which lets itself be pierced by the Spirit so as to bring love along the roads that lead to our brothers and sisters. And, ultimately, a poor heart, one which realizes its own poverty and gives itself freely for others...”

Pope Francis, Message for Lent 2015

ASH WEDNESDAY is on the 5th of March and marks the beginning of the forty days of Lent, a time of spiritual preparation for Easter. Mass times with imposition of ashes will be at 9.15 a.m. and 7.00 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* Gift Aid your donations. Any queries, please contact Bob Fox at wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org



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WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 9th February—5th Sunday Ordinary Time

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

Monday 10th February St Scholastica

- 9.00 a.m. Mass— Andrea Palombo intentions

Tuesday 11th February

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 12th February

- 9.00 a.m. Mass— Cathy Francis RIP

Thursday 13th February

NO MORNING MASS

- 11.00 a.m. Funeral Mass for Guy Maingard

Friday 14th February SS Cyil & Methodius

- 9.00 a.m. Mass— Maureen Porter RIP

Saturday 15th February

NO MORNING MASS

CONFESSIONS 5.00 - 6.00 p.m.

- 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass— Daniela & Lucjan Piotrowscy RIP

Sunday 16th February 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Racial Justice Sunday

- 9.30 a.m. Mass— Patsy & Maureen McGoldrick RIP
11.30 a.m. Mass— Wahid Hussain RIP
6.30 p.m. Mass— for the people of the parish

Monday 17th February

9.00 a.m. Mass— Timothy J Murphy RIP

Tuesday 18th February

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 19th February

9.00 a.m. Mass— Jack Furzer RIP

5.00 p.m. Reception of body of Patricia Braithwaite

Thursday 20th February

NO MASS

11.00 a.m. Requiem Mass for Patricia Braithwaite

Friday 21st February

9.00 a.m. Mass— Marie Francis RIP

Saturday 22nd February

The Chair of St Peter

NO MORNING MASS

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Alfred Ballard

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

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass— Maria P Bautista Intentions

Sunday 23rd February—7th Sunday Ordinary Time

9.30 a.m. Mass— Timothy J Murphy RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass— Maria Keen RIP

6.30 p.m. Mass— People of the Parish