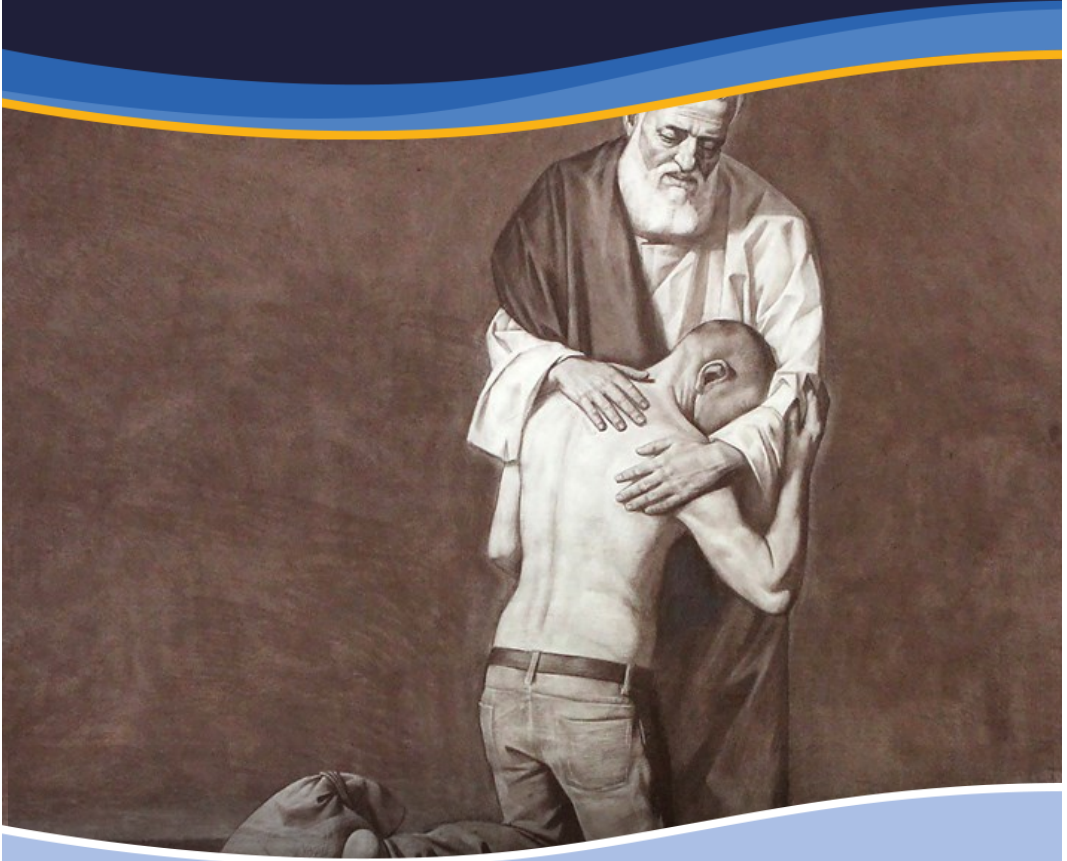




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3rd - 5th Sunday of Lent Year C

23rd March - 6th April 2025

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER IMAGE: The Prodigal Son. “Mercy gave the prodigal son a second chance. Grace gave him a feast.” Max Lucado

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed from Thursday 20th March until Wednesday 2nd April as Eileen, the parish secretary, is on annual leave.

From Monday 7th April please note that the Parish Office Hours will be Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.
Friday 10.00 a.m.-2.00 p.m.

COMMISSIONING OF LECTORS On Saturday 8th March, there was a training morning for the present and new lectors where we considered ways that they might support their ministry of proclaiming the Word of God at Mass. You can see the guidelines we considered www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/Guidelines-for-Lectors.pdf

On Sunday 23rd, the parish lectors will be commissioned for a period of one year.

HELPING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE. Some parishioners will be travelling to Ukraine around April 1st with aid items. You can support them by purchasing items or donating nearly new items and leaving them in the boxes in the entrances to the Church. *These are the items that are most needed:*

Toiletries: liquid soap, toothpaste and wet wipes

Clothes: men’s t-shirts, sweatshirts, socks and pants

Food: Protein bars and instant noodles.

Medical items: crutches or protective boots

THE CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY SECOND COLLECTION raised the fantastic sum of £1,589.26. A sincere thank you for your generosity and supporting the important work of Cafod throughout the world www.cafod.org.uk

REMEMBER CLOCKS GO FORWARD one hour on Sunday 30th March at 1.00 am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday evening at 7.00 p.m.

On Friday 4th April, pupils from Our Lady of Lourdes school will lead the Stations at 9.30 a.m. All are welcome to attend. There will be no morning Exposition and no evening Stations of Cross on this day.

On Tuesday 15th April, the Stations will be led by Rev. James Gilder, Priest at Christ Church.

Please note that there will be no evening Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE on Wednesday 9th April from 7.00 p.m.

“In the life of the body a man is sometimes sick, and unless he takes medicine, he will die. Even so in the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance.” St Thomas Aquinas

A number of priests will be available to hear confessions and bring you the healing and mercy of God, the Divine Physician.

HOLY YEAR PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES for *the Feast of the Immaculate Conception*, 8th December. Our first step is to see if there is any interest from parishioners in going to Lourdes at this time. If you are interested, please sign up on the **HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE SHEET** at the church entrances.

After we have an idea of interest, we will be in contact with more information.

USED STAMPS - If you have any used stamps lying around, please drop them into the Repository after Sunday Masses. They will then be donated to the Royal National Institute for the Blind www.rnib.org.uk

NEW PARISH CHARITY Thank you to everyone who nominated a charity for consideration. Of course, all the nominations are doing valuable work but after careful deliberation, the Social Committee chose Cardia Risk for the Young. (CRY)

This charity aims to reduce the risk of sudden cardiac deaths among young people. For more information www.c-r-y.org.uk

Every time you support a parish social event or buy a raffle ticket during this coming year, 25% of the money raised will go to CRY and the remainder to the running of the parish centre.

SUPPORT James Donovan, a parishioner, who will be cycling 550 miles from Paris to Lourdes to raise funds for www.hcpt.org.uk

You can sponsor James at www.justgiving.com/page/james-donovan-25 HCPT offers holidays to children and young people with complex needs and gives respite care to their parents and carers.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

acknowledged the receipt of your generous offerings totalling **£875.92**. This donation will help them to continue their work with children, young people and their families who turn to their specialist services. www.bccs.org.uk

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION Bishop Alan is seeking to appoint a Director of Education to promote and implement his vision for Catholic education within the Diocese. This is an inspiring, rewarding and fulfilling position as the Diocese serves a network of 90 schools, providing for the formation and educational needs of some 40,000 children and young people.

The successful candidate will have extensive leadership experience in an education context, a strong grasp of current educational issues (including CMATs' evolving role within the parish, diocese and local community); excellent leadership and management skills; and a deep knowledge and understanding of Catholic education as structured in this country.

Closing date for applications: Monday 7 April at 12 Noon

www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENT LECTURES at 7.30 p.m.

Wednesday 26th March: Bishop Alan Williams: *The Eucharist & Our Blessed Lady*.

Wednesday 2nd April: Fr Stephen Morrison (*O Pream*), Nober-tine Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sorrow, Peckham: *Eucharistic Doctrine of Song: The 'Lauda Sion' of St Thomas Aquinas*.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND 4th-6th April for widowed, separated and divorced people at the Sion Community, Essex. For further details please contact Mary: 07730 884315 or email BeginningExperience.SoE@gmail.com

THE HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM—the three sacred days

Maundy Thursday 17th April

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8.00 p.m. followed by watch at the altar of repose until midnight

Good Friday 18th April

10.00 a.m. Walk of Witness beginning at the United Reformed Church and concluding at Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

3.00 p.m. *The Passion of the Lord with veneration of the Cross*

7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday 19th April

Confessions 10.00–11.00 am.

THE EASTER VIGIL 8.00 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY 20th April

Masses at 9.30 a.m. & 11.30 a.m.

Please note that there is no evening Mass.

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE RUNNING, WORK
AND MISSION OF THE PARISH.**



Contributions to the parish can be made by standing order or bank transfer. If you are a taxpayer, *please* Gift Aid your donations. Go to www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/offerings-and-donations/ for more information and forms.

You can also give 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.”

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WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 23rd March –Third Sunday of Lent C

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Celine Fernando RIP

9.30 a.m. Mass—Roisin Clerkin RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Ruby Parfitt RIP

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

24th Monday March

9.00 a.m. Mass—Eileen O'Connor RIP

Tuesday 25th March THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

9.00 a.m. Mass— Grace Peace RIP

Wednesday 26th March

NO MASS

Thursday 27th March

9.00 a.m. Mass—John Scanlon RIP

Friday 28th March

9.00 a.m. Mass—Josef Kaleta INT (100th Birthday)

7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday 29th March

NO MORNING MASS

9.00–10.00 a.m. Holy Communion Session

CONFESSIONS 5.00 - 6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Jeremiah Crowley RIP

Sunday 30th March—Fourth “Laetare” Sunday of Lent C (Mothering Sunday)

9.30 a.m. Mass—Michael Brock RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Bernadette Peace RIP

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

Monday 31st March

9.00 a.m. Mass—All members of the Godin family living & deceased

Tuesday 1st April

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 2nd April

9.00 a.m. Mass—Nigel Davies RIP

Thursday 3rd April

9.00 a.m. Mass—Noreen Myers RIP

Friday 4th April

9.00 a.m. Mass—Cathy Francis INT

9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross led by Our Lady of Lourdes school

NO STATIONS OF THE CROSS THIS EVENING

Saturday 5th April

NO MORNING MASS

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Bartholomew & Ophelia Patten-Giddons

11.45 a.m. Baptism of Orla Mathew

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

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Patricia Braithwaite RIP

Sunday 6th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT C

9.30 a.m. Mass—Bridie Hurley RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Maureen Brazier INT

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

