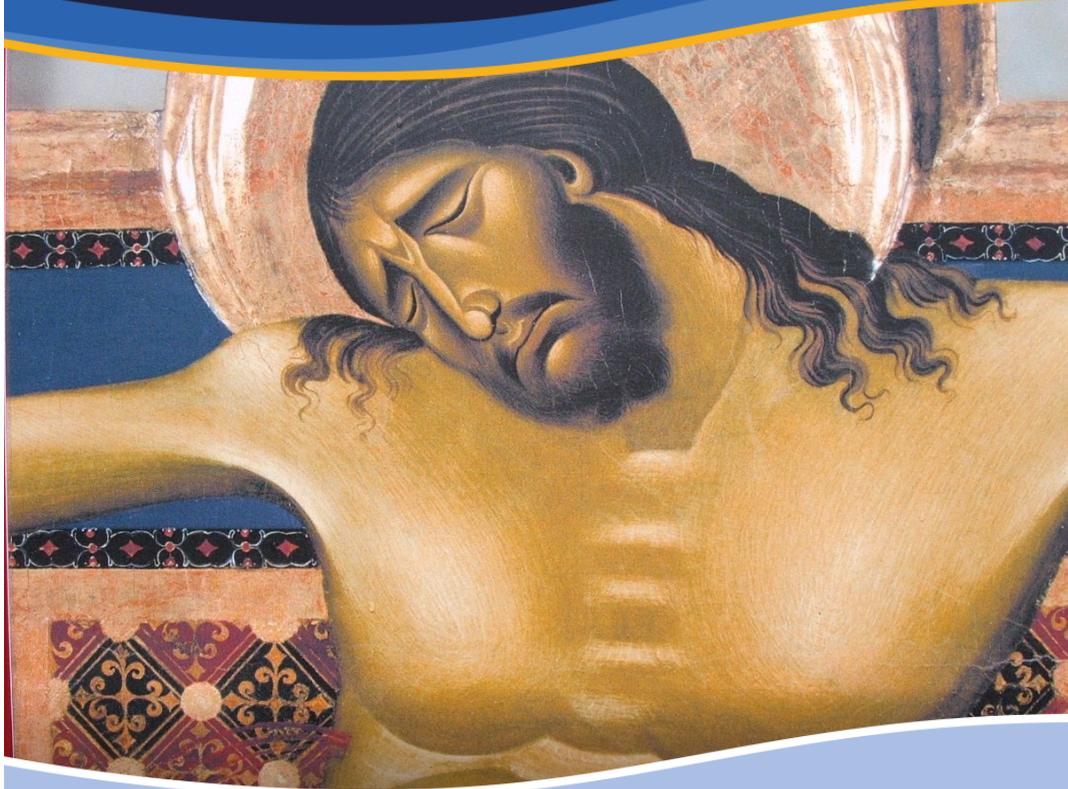




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5th Sunday of Lent—Easter Sunday Year C

6th April—20th April 2025

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

HOLY WEEK SERVICES Details of service times can be found at the back of this newsletter and on the church website.

THE PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION at the 11.30 a.m. Mass can no longer begin at the Mercy Convent since the Sisters of Mercy have moved. Therefore, the procession will begin in the garden of Clergy house (enter by Fr Martin's garage) and will process from there around the front of the parish centre and through the main doors of the church.

MAUNDY THURSDAY NEEDS THE MEN OF THE PARISH Following the 8.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Blessed Sacrament will be taken to the altar of repose where people are invited to spend some time "watching" until midnight. This becomes our garden of Gethsemane where we "stay awake" with the Lord.

It is important that the Blessed Sacrament is kept safe but also that there are a good number of people in the church throughout this time and not just a couple of elderly parishioners left there on their own. It would be good if those three hours between 9.00 p.m. to midnight had the protecting presence of men.

NEW CRUETS, the sacred vessels that hold the wine and water used in the celebration of Mass have been kindly purchased by two parishioners. The dignity of these vessels enhance the beauty of the sacred liturgy that draw us into the life of Almighty God. The cruets will be used for the first time on Maundy Thursday. We are most grateful to the donors for their generosity.

EASTER 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.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE on Wednesday 9th April from 7.00 p.m. *A number of priests will be available to hear confessions and bring you the healing and mercy of God, the Divine Physician.*

“Peace be with you!” With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his Apostles on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at times in our life. Christ then added, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (Jn 20:19-23).

The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering He had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts and offer this same forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace for us to live a renewed life in him. But He never forces this on us. He waits for us to give him permission to come into our lives and to heal our sin, those failures to love, large and small, so that we may grow in the life of virtue and be more faithful and joyful disciples.

We may hesitate or put off approaching the Lord in this sacrament. We might feel embarrassed, awkward or we are not really sure what to say. Maybe we have convinced ourselves that our sin does not matter? “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.” 1 John 1:8

If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, the priests at this Reconciliation service are ready to welcome you and guide you. Do not be afraid to tell them that it has been a long time since you came to this sacrament.

Even if you do not plan to use the sacrament, do come along and pray before the Blessed Sacrament for the healing of all that is bruised, damaged and broken in your life, your relationships and our world. Who knows the Holy Spirit may move you to come to Christ and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness?

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

THE PARISH OFFICE Please note that the new Parish Office Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday 10.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m. and Friday 10.00 a.m.-2.00 p.m.

FUNERALS Please pray for the repose of the souls of

Marie O'Grady whose funeral service will take place at the City of London Cemetery on Friday 11th April

and the Funeral Mass of **Betty Bustard** at 10.00 a.m. on Friday 2nd May here at Our Lady of Lourdes Church

HELPING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE Many thanks for the incredible response to this appeal for items. Your generosity will help many people in Ukraine at this time of continued violence and political uncertainty.

May God richly bless you for your practical concern and care for our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

THE BAKE SALE on Sunday 23rd March raised the fantastic sum of £355.80 of which 25% of the money raised will go to our chosen parish charity, Cardiac Risk for the Young: www.c-r-y.org.uk and the remainder to the running of the parish centre.

Thank you to all the bakers and to all who supported the Bake Sale. The next social event is the **PARISH QUIZ NIGHT** on Saturday 26th April at 7.30 p.m. Why not get a group of friends together for a fun Saturday evening?

£8 per person and tables of eight. For more information and to book please email events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com or call 07977863362

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS are now on sale at the end of Sunday Masses. First prize £200 2nd Prize £100 3rd Prize Easter Hamper & other prizes. £2 a ticket. £10 a book.

CAN YOU SUPPORT THE RUNNING, MAINTENANCE AND MISSION OF THE PARISH? A sincere thank you to all those parishioners who continue to give so generously to our parish and support its running and mission. This support is invaluable. May you be blessed for your generosity.

The easiest way to contribute to the parish is by standing order or bank transfer. If you are a taxpayer, *please* Gift Aid your donations. For more information, go to the church website: www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/offerings-and-donations/

Another way to give is by Gift Aid envelope. Many parishioners will have received **Gift Aid Envelope Boxes** for 2025-26. If you were expecting a new set of envelopes but have not yet received them or if you would like to enrol in the Gift Aid scheme and/or take advantage of the envelope system over the new financial year, please ring the parish office 0208 9892074 or contact wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org

ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL urge your MP to vote against this deeply flawed and under-scrutinised Bill www.cbcew.org.uk/cardinal-assisted-suicide-pastoral-letter/

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

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

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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 6 April – Fifth Sunday of Lent C

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Patricia Braithwaite RIP

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

Monday 7th April

9.00 a.m. Mass— John Scanlon RIP

Tuesday 8th April

9.00 a.m. Mass— Michael Divver RIP

Wednesday 9th April

NO MASS

7.00 p.m. SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

Thursday 10th April

9.00 a.m. Mass— Judith & Steve Smith Ints.

Friday 11th April

9.00 a.m. Mass— In honour of the wounded shoulder of Christ

10.00 a.m. Funeral of Marie O’Grady at City of London

7.00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday 12th April

NO MORNING MASS

9.00–10.00 a.m. Journey in Faith: the Liturgy of the Word

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Iniya Ragh Avinash Steffi

CONFESSIONS 5.00 - 6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass— John Scanlon RIP

& Intentions of Bernadette Scanlon

Sunday 13th April – PALM SUNDAY

9.30 a.m. Mass— Sandra & family Ints.

11.30 a.m. Mass— Pat & Norman Yearly

This Mass will begin in the garden of Clergy House

5.00 p.m. Mass— Betty Bustard RIP

Monday 14th April

9.00a.m. Mass—Marie Francis RIP

Tuesday 15th April

NO MORNING MASS

7.00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS led by Rev James Gilder

Wednesday 16th April

9.00 a.m. Mass—Timothy J Murphy RIP

11.00 a.m. CHRISM MASS at Brentwood Cathedral

THE SACRED TRIDUUM: THE THREE HOLY DAYS

MAUNDY THURSDAY 17th April

8.00 p.m. MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

followed by watch until midnight

GOOD Friday 18th April

10.00 a.m. Walk of Witness

3.00 p.m. SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE PASSION

7.00 p.m. STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Saturday 19th April

Confessions 10.00—11.00 am.

8.00 p.m. THE EASTER VIGIL

Sunday 20th EASTER SUNDAY

9.30 a.m. Mass— Dr Stephen Anthony Hayes RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass — John Francis Duffy RIP

Please note that there is no evening Mass

