



Our Lady
Lourdes
Wanstead

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Fourth—Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C

11th—25th May 2025

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

The fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The fundamental vocation is the call to be baptised. To be baptised is to accept Christ's call to follow him in a new way of life. Our primary vocation is to love Jesus. This involves loving attention to the needs of others and to Christ, strengthened by the Holy Spirit and living as an active member of the Body of Christ, the Church. The root meaning of vocation is calling and the first calling shared by all Christians is the call to know and love Jesus.

“God has created me to do him some definite service.”

Saint John Henry Newman

Once a person takes seriously their personal call to holiness, then the other dimensions of Christian vocation are opened up.

There are five basic states of life within the Catholic Church: marriage, consecrated life, priesthood, the permanent diaconate and the single state as a lay person. Each one of these is both fulfilling and demanding and people need help to discern which of these Christ is calling them to.

Every person has a personal vocation. Discerning what that vocation is the key to understanding who we are and our purpose in life. If you wish to consider what definite service the Lord may have in mind for you go to:

www.ukvocation.org

www.brentwoodvocations.co.uk

There will be a retiring collection on Good Shepherd Sunday to promote the work of vocations in our Diocese.

Many thanks in advance for your generosity

PRAYER FOR THE NEW POPE:

O God, who in your providential design
willed that your Church be built upon blessed Peter,
whom you set over the other Apostles,
look with favour, we pray, on Pope Leo XIV
and grant that he, whom you have made Peter's successor,
may be for your people a visible source and foundation of unity
in faith and of communion.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA are holding a Rosary every Tuesday during the month of May. Members will start at 7.00 p.m. each Tuesday and all are welcome to join us. Each week, we will dedicate the rosary for special intentions and the next few Tuesdays will be for Vocations to Religious Life, The Sanctity of Life, The Faithfully Departed and People of the Parish.

HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION for children who are presently Year 5 +. Because of their age some parish children are not presently on our formation for Holy Communion. In order to offer formation for these older children (who are resident in the parish), there will be a meeting *for parents* of these children at 9.00 a.m. in the Parish Centre on Saturday 31st May.

ARE YOU A CALLIGRAPHER? Fr Martin is looking for someone with calligraphic skills to help with the certificates for our children soon to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. If you are willing to use your calligraphic skills for this purpose, please contact the office.

FUNERALS Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Betty Harte** (mother of Monica Gilsean, who teaches at OLOL school), whose Funeral Mass will be on Friday 23rd May at 10.30 a.m. followed by committal at City of London Cemetery. Please note, there will be no Morning Adoration on this day. May she rest in peace.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE A huge thank you to everyone who supported the recent Quiz Night (which made the fantastic sum of £1574) and those who bought Easter Raffle tickets that raised £1,459. 25% of money raised from social events goes to our chosen parish charity CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young) www.c-r-y-org.uk and the remainder to the maintenance and upkeep of our Parish Centre.

A huge thank you to Natasha and the social events team for making these events such a great success. Maybe you would like to get involved with this side of parish life? If so, please contact Natasha on 07977 863362 natasha@topdogjoinery.co.uk

FORMATION FOR HOLY COMMUNION 2025 -26 There will be a preliminary parents meeting in the Pastoral Centre on Saturday 5th July from 9.00-10.00 a.m. for parents interested in their child joining the programme. To enrol for this formation:

- i) Your child must be resident in Our Lady of Lourdes parish
- ii) Your child must be going in to Year 4 in September 2025

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 formation sessions. You will be asked to confirm that, at least, one parent is a baptised Catholic and to provide your address. For more information go to www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/sacraments/baptism/

CONSUBSTANTIAL WITH THE FATHER - A STUDY DAY: This year we celebrate seventeen-hundred years since the Church Council held at Nicaea, which drew up a statement of faith which is the basis of the Nicene Creed we recite at Mass.

Dr Ken Carleton, Deacon of the Brentwood diocese, who has a doctorate in Church History, will explore the issues debated at the Council.

The study day will be held on Saturday 7th June 2025 from 11am until 2 pm at the parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Coffee available from 10.30. Please bring your own lunch.

In-person attendance is encouraged but you can also watch on www.whatgoodnews.org No prior booking necessary for this free event. A recording will be available subsequently on the website.

MARRIAGE DIFFICULTIES? Alone or bored in your marriage? Considering separation or are already divorced? If you are open to try again—*Retrouvaille* could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Call to find out more www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE—MONTHLY YOUTH MASS Each month, on the first Thursday, the BCYS invite young people, Youth Groups, Confirmation Groups and School Groups to celebrate Mass together with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese.

The evening begins at 6.00 p.m. with pizza and refreshments in the Parish Hall, followed by around an hour of input before celebrating Mass together at 7.30 p.m. The evening finishes around 8.30 p.m. There is no need to book and no cost for this.

A group of representatives from the BCYS (aged 18+) will join Bishop Alan and other parishes on a pilgrimage to Walsingham. To apply to join the BCYS group and find out more information please visit www.bcys.net/events.

TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL VACANCIES

- Teacher of Music
- Teacher of Economics
- Teacher of Geography
- Teacher of Spanish
- Teacher of French

Please visit <https://www.tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment/> for more information.

**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?](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?Parish=wanstead)

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 11th May –Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Retiring collection to support the work of vocations

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Kathleen Smyth & family Ints.

9.30 a.m. Mass— Helen & Eamonn O'Donovan RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass — Leanne de Silva RIP

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

Monday 12th May St John Houghton NO MORNING MASS

Tuesday 13th May NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 14th May—St Matthias NO MORNING MASS

Thursday 15th May

9.00 a.m. Mass—John Docherty RIP and Carmel Docherty Ints.

Friday 16th May

9.00 a.m. Emily Hart RIP

Saturday 17th May

9.00—10.00 HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION: *Jesus is our Healer*

11.00 a.m. *Wedding of Immaculata Aloysius and Janarth Kathirgamachelvam*

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Eileen Warren RIP

Sunday 18th May — Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

9.30 a.m. Mass— Michelle Sadio RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass — Vivian Maingard RIP

3.00 p.m. *Catholic Fellowship Family Mass for individuals with disabilities and their families*

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 19th May

9.00a.m. Mass—Helen Forbes RIP

Tuesday 20th May

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 21st May

9.00 a.m. Mass—D'Souza & Maskey families RIP

Thursday 22nd May

9.00 a.m. Mass-Breda Shaw RIP

Friday 23rd May

NO MORNING MASS

10.30 a.m. Funeral Mass of Betty Harte

Saturday 24th May

NO MORNING MASS

1.30 p.m. WEDDING OF Freddie Drew & Megan Jakob

CONFESSIONS 5.00–6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Joan Willcocks RIP

Sunday 25th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

9.30 a.m. Mass— Andrew Godsave RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass — John Scanlon RIP

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

