



Our Lady
Lourdes
Wanstead

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Sixth Sunday of Easter—Pentecost Sunday Year C

25th May—8th June 2025

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER IMAGE: The Feast of the Ascension of the Lord (a Holyday of obligation) is on Thursday 29th May. Mass at 9.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

“Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth. For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.” *St Augustine*

THANK YOU for your most generous donations for Good Shepherd Sunday which raised the sum of £940.06. This will be used to promote the work of vocations in the Diocese.

www.ukvocation.org www.brentwoodvocations.co.uk

HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION FOR YEAR 5+ CHILDREN

Because of their age, some parish children are not presently on our formation for Holy Communion. In order to offer formation to these older children (who are presently year 5+ and 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.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY 1st June Pope Francis chose the theme for World Communications Day 2025 that calls on people to “share with gentleness the hope that is in your hearts.” We are encouraged to reflect on the opportunities and challenges that the modern means of social communication afford the Church to communicate the Gospel values.

There will be a retiring collection on World Communications Day

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day/>

OUR DEAD Please Pray for the repose of the souls of Eva Acton whose Funeral Mass is at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday 11th June with committal at the City of London and of Martin Nelms whose funeral service is at the City of London at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday 28th May. *May they be welcomed into the mansions of the saints.*

DAY FOR LIFE Every year the Church in England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland marks the Day for Life, as a reminder of the need to respect and protect the inherent value and dignity of each life.

This year it will be celebrated on 15th June, Trinity Sunday. Ahead of the Day for Life, the faithful are invited to join in prayer through the Novena for Life. This will run up to the Feast of the Visitation, between the 23rd and the 31st of May. Prayers for each day can be found on the Day for Life page here: prayforlife.ie/.

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. *It is important that parents attend this meeting.* 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 re-kindle their own relationship with Christ by the practice of their own faith, that is, by participating in the celebration of Sunday Mass. Only in this way do they become "the first and best teachers of the faith" by what they say and do.

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/

PARISH SOCIAL EVENTS UPDATE A huge thank you to everyone who supported the recent Quiz Night (which made the fantastic sum of £1,574) 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.

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.

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? Retrouvaille have helped thousands of couples get back on track. Please visit: www.retrouvaile.org.uk or call 07973 380443

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PRIMARY SCHOOL is in the top 1% of schools nationally. Parents say:

‘From the initial visit we felt it was a really lovely, happy, friendly and nurturing environment with good indoor and outdoor facilities.’

Open days for 2025:

- **Tuesday 30th September 2025 - 1.30pm to 3pm**
- **Wednesday 1st October 2025 - 3.45pm to 5.45pm**

If you are unable to join us at the above, we have the following tour dates available.

- **Wednesday 8th October 2025 - 9.45am**
- **Thursday 13th November 2025 - 9.45am**
- **Wednesday 3rd December 2025- 9.45am**

Booking is essential for these events; please book your space by emailing admissions@ourladyoflourdes.redbridge.sch.uk

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN’S CAMP 2025 26th July - 2nd August
For children aged 9-12 years old (school years 5-7) Activities include climbing wall and zip wire, fishing, football, archery and much more, all in a beautiful setting. The camp has a Catholic ethos and exists to give children a magnificent holiday. The camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood.

For more details and application information, please visit:
www.boscocamp.co.uk.

ST PETER’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL Headteacher required for St Peter’s in Romford. Application deadline is mid-day on 6th June 2025. Job description and all information is at:
<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

THE URSULINE ACADEMY Lettings Assistant—Casual post with a zero hours contract. Please see school website for further information: [The Ursuline Academy Ilford - Come work at UAI!](#)

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

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Joan Willcocks RIP

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

Monday 26th May - St Philip Neri

9.00 a.m. Mass—Marita Jordan RIP

Tuesday 27th May - St Augustine of Canterbury

9.00 a.m. Mass - Annette Crowe Ints.

Wednesday 28th May

9.00 a.m. Mass— Madge and William Fowler RIP

Thursday 29th May- The Ascension of the Lord

HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION

9.00 a.m. Mass- Herbert Jeffers RIP

7.00 p.m. Mass—Florian Nowak RIP

Friday 30th May - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

NO MORNING MASS

Saturday 31st May

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Katie Camillus

CONFESSIONS 5.00–6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Kathleen Bevan RIP

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Monday 2nd June

9.00a.m. Mass—Cathy Francis Ints.

Tuesday 3rd June St Charles Lwanga & Companions

9.00a.m. Mass- Michael McClone RIP

Wednesday 4th June

9.00 a.m. Mass—Sr Angeles of the Child Jesus Ints.

Thursday 5th June - St Boniface

9.00 a.m. Mass—Marita Jordan RIP

Friday 6th June NO MORNING MASS

Saturday 7th June

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion Mass

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Judith and Steve Smith Ints.

Sunday 8th June Pentecost Sunday (C)

9.30 a.m. Mass— Dr Fortune Ezeah Ints.

11.30 a.m. Mass—Confirmation Candidates Ints.

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

