



Our Lady
Lourdes
Wanstead

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Pentecost Sunday Year C— Corpus Christi

8th June - 15th June 2025

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER IMAGE: “The Holy Spirit is the only one who opens new paths, without ever denying the former ones. Rather than doing new things, the Spirit renews things! That is, the Spirit does not create new doctrines and new institutions, but renews and breathes new life into those instituted by Jesus. Without the Spirit, we would always lag behind history.” Fr Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher to the Pope.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY on Sunday 1st June raised the sum of £617.30. Thank you for your generosity. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day/>

DAY FOR LIFE 15TH JUNE is the day in the Church’s year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and at every condition.

There will be a retiring collection after Mass on 15th June
<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

OUR DECEASED Please Pray for the repose of the soul of Eva Acton whose Funeral Mass is at 11.00 a.m. on Wednesday 11th June with committal at the City of London. May she rest in peace.

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 very important that parents attend this meeting. To enrol for this formation:***

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

Why return the tabernacle to the centre of our Church?

Last year, Fr Martin asked parishioners for their views about returning the tabernacle to its original position in the centre of the church. He thanks all those who shared their views by email, post or in conversation. He also asked the views of the Parish Council and is grateful to them for their insights and guidance. These views have informed his decision to make arrangements for the tabernacle to be reinstated on the old High Altar.

The tabernacle is not just a piece of ecclesiastical furniture which can be placed anywhere. It is the house of the living God which should be in a prominent place where it is easily visible and before which people can pray and spend time in adoration whenever they want.

In the wake of Vatican II, many churches relocated their tabernacles either to the side of sanctuaries or to their own side chapels. The aim was to create a separate and conducive space where people would naturally gravitate to in order to pray and adore Christ's real presence in the reserved sacrament.

Beginning in the 1980's, there was a shift in the guidance given by the Holy See on this issue. For example, the 1980 *Instruction on the Worship of the Eucharist* stated, "The tabernacle in which the Eucharist is kept can be located on an altar, or away from it, in a place in the church which is *very prominent, truly noble and duly decorated*, or in a chapel suitable for private prayer and for adoration by the faithful."

These clarifications were, in part, a response to concerns that many Catholics have lost an awareness of the Eucharistic presence of Christ in the tabernacle and an appreciation of the Eucharistic mystery, in general.

By returning the tabernacle to the centre of our church, in plain sight of all, we reaffirm the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives and the life of our parish community. In turn, this will help foster reverence and awe at the mystery of Christ's living presence in our midst. The tabernacle's visibility shows that Christ is the beating sacred heart of our community and that everything we do should flow from His divine life of love.

WANSTEAD SVP CONFERENCE has now received the SVP summer raffle tickets for 2025. If you would like to purchase some tickets, please contact Don O'Driscoll on 07923 608074 or email: donal.odriscoll@btinternet.com

1st Prize £5,000 2nd Prize £1,000 Additional Prizes 15 x £100.

We are grateful for your continuous support for the Wanstead SVP

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

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.

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 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 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/

ST PATRICK'S CEMETERY Leytonstone—The Bi-Annual Concelebrated Masses are on Monday 14th July at 11.30 a.m. and Monday 10th November at 11.30 a.m.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP 2025 26th July - 2nd August For children aged 9-12 years old. 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. For more details and application information please visit: www.boscocamp.co.uk

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK (2nd-8th June) Writing your Will with *Your Place Anchor House*, a charity supporting people affected by homelessness, can help build a future for those most in need. You can write your FREE Will today at <https://your-place.org.uk/gift-in-your-will/>. For more information, please call: 07399 653512 or email Anwar.beeharry@your-place.org.uk

VACANCY for a PA to the Dean of Brentwood Cathedral. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills. 35 hours per week- Monday to Friday. The salary is £14- £15 per hour depending on experience. The closing date for applications is 12pm on 18th June 2025 and we will then invite suitable applicants to interview. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV by email to cathedral@brcdt.org

**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.”

Any queries, please contact Bob Fox at wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org

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WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 8th June — Pentecost Sunday

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

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

Monday 9th June—Mary, Mother of the Church

9.00 a.m. Mass—Phillis Ryan RIP

Tuesday 10th June

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 11th June—St Barnabas

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11.00 a.m. Funeral Mass of Eva Acton

Thursday 12th June

Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest

9.00 a.m. Mass—Samuel Ward RIP

Friday 13th June—St Anthhony of Padua

9.00 a.m. Mass—Margaret Monahan Ints.

Saturday 14th June

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Georgia Deary

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Christophe Francine RIP

Sunday 15th June — The Most Holy Trinity (C)

Day for Life

9.30 a.m. Mass—Michael & Elizabeth Cain RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Norman Ford RIP

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

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Sunday 15th June – The Most Holy Trinity (C)

9.30 a.m. Mass—Michael & Elizabeth Cain RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Norman Ford RIP

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

Monday 16th June

9.00a.m. Mass—Mark Griffin RIP

Tuesday 17th June

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 18th June

9.00 a.m. Mass—Timothy J Murphy RIP

5.00 p.m. HOLY COMMUNION MASS REHEARSAL

Thursday 19th June

9.00 a.m. Mass—Cathy Francis Ints.

Friday 20th June

9.00 a.m. Mass—Betty Harte RIP

Saturday 21st June—St Aloysius Gonzaga

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion Mass

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Bernadette Bikhiti RIP

Sunday 22nd June Corpus Christi

9.30 a.m. Mass—James Howard RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Heather de Silva RIP

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

