



Our Lady
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7th—21st September 2025

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER IMAGE: Sunday 14th September is the *Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross*. St Pope John Paul II reminds us that

“There is no evil to be faced that Christ does not face with us. There is no enemy that Christ has not already conquered. There is no cross to bear that Christ has not already borne for us, and does not now bear with us. And on the far side of every cross we find the newness of life in the Holy Spirit, that new life which will reach its fulfilment in the resurrection. This is our faith. This is our witness before the world.”

EDUCATION SUNDAY on Sunday 7th September offers an opportunity for us to thank Almighty God for all who are involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless pupils, teachers and all staff in the academic year ahead. *There will be a retiring collection to support the work of the Catholic Education Service.*

OUR LADY OF LOURDES SCHOOL OFSTED Many congratulations to the school on receiving an OUTSTANDING in all areas. This is a tremendous achievement and acknowledges the highest standards of leadership, teaching and all round care of pupils within the school.

We are blessed to have such an excellent Catholic school in our parish. Thank you to Mrs Boon, senior management, teachers, governors and all who work at the school for the exemplary Catholic education they provide for our children and their families. To read the report [/www.ourladyoflourdesrcprimary.org/page/?title=OFSTED+Report&pid=42](http://www.ourladyoflourdesrcprimary.org/page/?title=OFSTED+Report&pid=42)

CONFIRMATIONS On Sunday 14th at the 11.30 a.m. Mass, four young people will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to strengthen their faith and complete their initiation as members of the Church, disciples of Christ and witnesses to his love and mercy. Please pray for KAEDEN O'DONNELL, CARMELITA TOOTH, CHRISHANTH THAYANANTHAN, PIA THAYANANTHAN, and their families. *Come Holy Spirit, enkindle in them the fire of your love.*

MR TERRY LEVENS On the occasion of his 90th birthday, the 9.00 a.m. Mass on Wednesday 10th September will be offered for Terry's intentions. Refreshments in the hall afterwards. All welcome

Terry is an unassuming parishioner who has served our community in countless ways under two previous Parish priests: Mgr. Chris Creede and Canon Pat Sammon. In recognition of his service and the respect with which he is held by the community, he was awarded a Papal *Beni Merenti* ("To a well deserving person"). Terry has now stepped down from parish activities but this "big" birthday gives us an opportunity to thank him for his life of service and faithfulness to Christ's Church.

A SINCERE THANK YOU to all those donors who contributed so generously to the commission of new **ALTAR FRONTALS** and **TABERNACLE VEILS** which will be used on the restoration of the tabernacle to the old High Altar. We now have all the funds required for these sacred items that will enhance the beauty and dignity of our worship in this sacred place. May God richly bless all the donors and their families for their generosity.

OUR DECEASED PARISHIONERS Please pray for the souls of

- i. **Daphne May Johnson** whose Funeral Mass will be on Monday 8th September at 10.00 a.m. followed by cremation.
- ii. **Eileen Doswell** whose Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 16th September at 10.30 a.m. followed by burial in Waltham Abbey.
- iii. **Tharayakkattu Varghese Samuel** whose Funeral Service will be on Thursday 18th September at 10.30 a.m. followed by burial at City of London Cemetery at 12.00 p.m.

THANK YOU for your most generous donations to help support the charitable works of St Peter's Pence which raised £880.52 and for Sea Sunday which raised £657.03.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM SUNDAY formerly called Home Mission Sunday, is now Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. Named after Pope Francis' first Apostolic Exhortation on the Joy of the Gospel, the day offers the Catholic community in England and Wales the opportunity to celebrate the beauty of our faith and our commitment to witness to the fullness of life in Christ. *There will be a retiring collection at the end of Mass to support this work.*

A SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE is required by parents applying to most Catholic Primary or Secondary schools. If you are a practicing Catholic (that is, coming to Sunday Mass here at Our Lady of Lourdes and known to Fr Martin) please collect a Certificate of Catholic Practice from Fr Martin on

Wednesday 15th October between 4.00-7.00 p.m. at Clergy House

Fr Martin will *not* give out Certificates at any other time.

PLEASE NOTE that Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School does not require a Certificate of Catholic Practice.

Also note that If you are applying to Davenant school, you need evidence that you have been practising your faith for six years. Fr Martin is not in a position to provide this information. However, Davenant has indicated that "if you have a Sidesman, Church Warden or lay person who holds a role, they can also act as a referee." Therefore, you should approach someone who has an active role in the parish community and who can vouch for your attendance at Sunday Mass and confirm this with the school.

Should a parent wish to make an appeal to a non-Catholic school, Fr Martin will not be able to support this appeal.

NEW PARISH GROUP FOR ADULT NEURODIVERSE PARISHIONERS [18 YEARS +] Providing a supportive space for those with Autism, ADHD, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, and related neurodiverse conditions. Next meeting on Thursday 11th September in the parish centre from 7.30-8.30 p.m. and weekly thereafter. To learn more, please contact AdrianTooth on 07855 022118.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM marks the beginning of a child's ongoing relationship with Christ and His Church. Parents have a care for the physical and mental well being of their children. They are also responsible for their children's spiritual growth and religious development. If you are a parishioner, resident in the parish, and wish to have your child baptised please see parish website for more information:

www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/sacraments/baptism/

HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION 2025-26 for children going into Year 4 in September and who are resident in the parish. If you are not resident in the parish, you must approach your own parish and enquire about their Holy Communion preparation.

For more information: www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/sacraments/sacrament-of-the-eucharist/

Year 5+ parish children will be prepared separately.

Registration forms are now available in the church entrances. Deadline September 14th. Forms will not be accepted after this date.

CONFIRMATION FORMATION 2025-26 is for young men and women who are entering Year 12 + and resident in the parish. Do you want to strengthen your relationship with Christ by receiving the gifts of the Holy Spirit? Do you want to become a full member of the Church? Do you want to live your Catholic faith as a young adult with increased commitment and joy? Do you want to be with other young people who also desire these things?

There is an introductory meeting for these young men and women on Sunday 21st September meeting at 4.00 p.m. in the parish centre. Just come along.

JOURNEY IN FAITH (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Do you want to become a Catholic? Do you want to find out more about the Catholic Faith with a possible view to being received into the Catholic Church? Are you a baptized Catholic but have never been sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the

sacrament of Confirmation but would now like to receive this sacrament in order to strengthen your adult faith? If your answer is “yes” to any of these questions then please join the Journey in Faith formation beginning in September:
www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/sacraments/journey-in-faith/

PLEASE SUPPORT THE RUNNING, WORK AND MISSION OF THE PARISH by giving using any of the following ways:

- The easiest way to give is by setting up a regular Standing Order: www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/offerings-and-donations/
- Online donation via the Diocesan website
- Using the digital collection plate (DCP) in the main entrance.

If you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering:
www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/gift-aid/

For any queries please email wansteadfinancegiftaid@brcdt.org

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WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 7th September –Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time (C) Education Sunday**

9.30 a.m. Mass—J Masayi Ints.
11.30 a.m. Mass—Deceased members of the
Burns & Pinnock families
5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

**Monday 8th September
THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
NO MORNING MASS**

10.00 a.m. Funeral Mass —Daphne May Johnson

**Tuesday 9th September
NO MORNING MASS**

Wednesday 10th September
9.00 a.m. Mass—Terry Levens Ints.

Thursday 11th September
9.00 a.m. Mass—Audrey Leow RIP
6.30 p.m. *Confirmation Rehearsal in Church*

Friday 12th September
9.00 a.m. Mass—Emma Lamb RIP
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30 -11.00 a.m.
and from 7 -8.00 p.m.*

**Saturday 13th September St John Chrysostom
NO MORNING MASS**

10.45 a.m. *Baptism of Rory Frances Jones and
Corin James Jones*

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.
6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Tony Peace RIP

**Sunday 14th September—The Exaltation of the
Holy Cross**
*Of your kindness, please pray for Fr Martin who celebrates
the 29th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood*

9.30 a.m. Mass—Brian Biggins RIP
11.30 a.m. Mass with the sacrament of Confirmation
—Fr David Bank RIP
5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

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Monday 15th September Our Lady of Sorrows

9.00 a.m. Mass—Kengne Odette RIP

Tuesday 16th September SS Cornelius & Cyprian

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 17th September

9.00 a.m. Mass—Fr Patrick J Sammon RIP

Thursday 18th September

NO MORNING MASS

10.30 a.m. Funeral Service —Tharayakkattu Varghese Samuel

Friday 19th September

9.00 a.m. Mass—Pemite Jean Calixte RIP

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.30 -11.00 a.m.
and from 7 -8.00 p.m.*

Saturday 20th September

NO MORNING MASS

9-10.00 a.m. RCIA Introduction in the Parish Centre

10.45 a.m. *Baptism of Elizabeth Burke*

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Paul Millen Ints.

**Sunday 21st September—Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time (C)**

9.30 a.m. Mass—Pasquale Palumbo RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Alzira Rita D'Souza RIP
& Hyacinth Mary Young RIP

4.00 p.m. *Confirmation Formation 2025/26—Introduction
in the Parish Centre*

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

