



29th Sunday - All Saints Year C

19th October - 2 November 2025

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER IMAGE: THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS is on Sunday 2nd November. “God creates out of nothing. Wonderful you say. Yes, to be sure, but he does what is still more wonderful: he makes saints out of sinners.” *Soren Kierkegaard*

GUARDING SUNDAY, THE DAY OF THE RISEN LORD Sunday is our Sabbath day when we turn our attention to God, anchor our lives in His divine life and rest a little in His presence. Fr Martin is happy to help people as best he can but respectfully asks parishioners to kindly not present him after Sunday Mass with documents, references or forms that require his details and signature or complex requests that require a bit of thought.

Unless it is a matter of real urgency, please contact Fr Martin during the week and, given the many other demands of the parish, he will reply in due course and offer assistance where he can. In our society, keeping God’s commandment to keep the Sabbath holy may be a challenge but to do so is essential for our spiritual well-being.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY is on Sunday 19th October. By supporting *Missio*—the Pope’s charity for word mission- we can stand united as God’s global family in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be ‘Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples’ as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them.

Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God’s compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the *Missio* envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit www.missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a direct debit and gift aid your donation if possible.

THANK YOU for your most generous donations for the **CAFOD FAST DAY**. The sum raised was £1,687.26. And also for the **BAKE SALE** which raised the fantastic sum of £391.70. A big thank you to all our bakers and those who bought cakes!

REMEMBER CLOCKS GO BACK ONE HOUR at 02:00 BST on Sunday 26th October.

HOLY COMMUNION On Sunday 26th October at the 9.30 a.m. Mass, one of our parish children will receive Holy Communion for the first time and at the 11.30 a.m. Mass, two of our parish children will receive Holy Communion for the first time. Please pray for JEREMIAH APPIAH, AURORA LAMPTEY, GABRIELLA ANKOMAH and their families. At this same 11.30 a.m. Mass, GEORGE O'DONNELL will have his adult faith strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit as he receives the Sacrament of **CONFIRMATION**.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA are praying the Rosary every Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. during the month of October. Each week, they will dedicate the Rosary for a special intention. On Tuesday 21st October, the intention will be for The Sanctity of Life and the rosary will be prayed in the church. The last week, Tuesday 28th October, the intention will be for the Faithfully Departed and People of the Parish - the rosary prayed in the parish centre.

RESTORATION OF THE TABERNACLE TO THE OLD HIGH ALTAR . On Monday 27th October scaffolding will be erected around the old High Altar which will allow for two further pieces of work to take place:

- i) removal of the white paint work on the reredos with statues in order to restore it to its original state.
- ii) the decorating of the back wall around the reredos.

These works will hopefully be completed before Christmas. *During this time, weekday Masses will be celebrated in the Parish Centre in order to allow works to progress uninterrupted. Only funerals will be celebrated in the church. There will be no Adoration on Fridays during the time of these works.*

Apologies for any inconvenience and disturbance that this may cause while we are in weekday "exile" from the church.

SATURDAY MORNING CHURCH CLEANS 9.00—10.00 a.m.

Following the works during the week, the church will need to be cleaned in preparation for each weekend. Would you help with this? Just turn up to the church on Saturday 1st November.

OUR PARISH DECEASED Please pray for the repose of the souls of

- Gaulbert Douglas whose Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 20th October at 10.00 a.m. His body will be received into the church the evening before at 6.00 p.m.
- Simon Norbal whose Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 22nd October at 11.00 a.m. followed by burial at the City of London Cemetery.
- George Lundy whose Funeral Mass will take place Thursday 23rd October at 10.30 a.m. followed by cremation at the City of London Cemetery at 12.00 p.m.

WINE TASTING EVENING on Saturday 8th November in the Parish Centre. **WINE TASTING EVENING 8th NOVEMBER** 8pm til 10pm. Tickets are £30 and include sampling 7 wines and enjoying a cheese and cold meat platter. To book your place please email events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com or call Natasha on 07977863362

PARISH AUTUMN FAYRE on Saturday 15th November and Sunday morning 16th November. More details to follow, but for more information please call Natasha 07977 863362 **PLEASE SUPPORT THE AUTUMN FAYRE IN ANY WAY YOU CAN.**

IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL EXERCISES: Mens' retreat, 4 & 11 February 2026 A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will. <https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius>

WE REMEMBER OUR DEAD and the communion that we still enjoy with them during the forthcoming month of November. We also pray and offer Masses for the repose of their souls.

Why do we offer Mass for the dead? We believe that there exists a living communion between us and our brothers and sisters who are being purified of any trace of sin after their death so that they can enter into life of God, the Holy One. Just as we pray for each other and share each other's burdens now, the faithful on earth can offer prayers and sacrifices to help the departed souls undergoing purification, and no better prayer can be offered than that of the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

It is a deep and ancient instinct for Catholics to pray and offer Mass for the dead. St. Ambrose (d. 397) preached, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." St. Augustine (d. 430) recorded the dying wishes of his mother, St. Monica in his *Confessions*: "One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be."

How do you offer a Mass for a deceased person?

i) Please use one of the envelopes in the entrances of the church.

ii) There is no payment for having a Mass said for a deceased loved one, but you may wish to make an offering. In this way you participate more intimately in the sacrifice of the Mass offered, by making a sacrifice of your own, and, you help support and provide for the physical needs of the clergy.

iii) Please hand in your envelope to the office and, Eileen, the parish secretary, will allocate a date and time for the Mass to be said either in the parish or the Mass will be offered by a priest elsewhere. Sometimes Mass intentions will be sent to priests in other parts of this country or abroad who have very few Mass intentions of their own.

iv) You may want to send a Mass card to the family of the deceased. Mass cards are available from the parish shop.

BI-ANNUAL CONCELEBRATED REQUIEM MASS at St Patrick's Cemetery, Leytonstone will be on Monday 10th November at 11.30 a.m.

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/
- By scanning the QR code shown here with your smartphone
- Online DONATE via the Diocesan website www.dioceseofbrentwood.net
- Using the digital collection plate (DCP) in the main entrance.



If you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering:

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WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 19th October —Twenty-Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time (C)**

World Mission Sunday

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Patrick Galavin RIP

9.30 a.m. Mass—Michael, Connie & Stephen Crowley RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Thomas Milne RIP

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

6.00 p.m. Body of Mr Gaulbert Douglas received into Church

**Monday 20th October
NO MORNING MASS**

10.00 a.m. Funeral Mass—Gaulbert Douglas

Tuesday 21st October

NO MORNING MASS

7.00 p.m. Rosary in the Church

**Wednesday 22nd October
NO MORNING MASS**

11.00 a.m. Funeral Mass—Simon Norbal

**Thursday 23rd October
NO MORNING MASS**

10.30 a.m. Funeral Mass—George Lundy

Friday 24th October

9.00 a.m. — Marie Francis RIP

12.30 p.m. Wedding of Timothy Sewell and Molly Butler

NO ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

**Saturday 25th October
NO MORNING MASS**

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Lorenzo Amato

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Mary & John Kiely RIP

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

**Sunday 26th October-Thirtieth Sunday
in Ordinary Time C**

9.30 a.m. Mass—Maura Duffy RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Lilian Crudge RIP

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

Monday 27th October

9.00 a.m. Mass in the parish centre—Joseph Briffa RIP

Tuesday 28th October SS Simon & Jude

NO MORNING MASS

7.00 p.m. Rosary in the Parish Centre

Wednesday 29th October

9.00 a.m. Mass in the parish centre—Deceased members of the
Manguana family

Thursday 30th October

9.00 a.m. Mass in the parish centre—Kenneth Gourley RIP

Friday 31st October

9.00 a.m. Mass in the parish centre—Timothy J Murphy RIP

NO ADORATION

9.00—10.00 a.m. CHURCH CLEAN

Saturday 1st November

NO MORNING MASS

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Maeve Ellen Bee Hoodless

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Stella Ogu Ints.

Sunday 2nd November— ALL SAINTS

9.30 a.m. Mass—Brian Biggins RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Sheila & Roy Bates RIP

5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

