



Our Lady
Lourdes
Wanstead

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3rd - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th January - 8th February 2026

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

SAD NEWS “It is with a very heavy heart that I have to let you know we are going to say “Good-Bye”. The Convent of the Assumption here in Wanstead will close in the summer. The sisters will leave at the end of May. The Parish of Our Lady of Lourdes where we have all received so much love and friendship will be very sadly missed. On Saturday May 9th We will have a Mass of Thanksgiving at 11am followed by a small reception after.”

Sister Veronica Ann and Community.

PLEASE SUPPORT AOIFE BURKE, one of our altar servers, who is trying to raise money to volunteer with HCPT in Lourdes after Easter. The HCPT (Hosanna House and Children's Pilgrimage Trust) provide a fun and safe holiday for disabled and disadvantaged people from around the UK and further afield. It is a wonderful thing that our parish is being represented by Aoife in Lourdes.

Aoife needs to raise £1050. On Sunday 25th she will make an appeal at all Masses and there will be an extraordinary retiring collection to help get Aoife to Lourdes. You can also donate online: <http://www.justgiving.com/page/aoife-burke-hcptgroup84>

Any money raised above this sum will be used to help subsidise the costs of the other six young leaders from our Diocese who will be travelling with Aoife.

NEW JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP Pope Benedict XVI explained that “For the church, charity is not a kind of welfare activity which could equally well be left to others, but is a part of her nature, an indispensable expression of her very being”. (*Deus Caritas Est*, 2006) Inspired by the Social Teaching of the Church, the group would aim to find practical ways to respond to Christ's challenge “as you do this to one of the least of my brothers, you do it to me.”

If you have a heart for justice, peace and truth, then please sign up on the sheets in the entrances to the church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY The PAX CHRISTI (the Peace of Christ) second collection on Peace Sunday raised £820.39

PLEASE WELCOME TWO BENEDICTINE MONKS, Fr Prior Simon Piatkowski and Fr Joseph from Pluscarden Abbey in Scotland who are staying in the parish from 12th - 15th February. They are attending the installation of Bishop Richard Moth as the new Archbishop of Westminster.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEEDS YOUR HELP During 9:30am mass in term time a small team of parishioners take children aged 3-8 years old into the pastoral centre for the duration of the Liturgy of the Word. We usually have between 20 to 30 children each week. We usually work at a ratio of 5:1, children to adults.

Our current team come from all ages and walks of life in our community. We would also love more male role models. No previous experience is required beyond enthusiasm for sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ with our children, and a willingness to do the form-filling necessary to get a parish DBS as part of the Diocesan Safeguarding policy.

If you would like to volunteer please get in touch with Fr Martin through the contact details on this newsletter and/or contact Michaela Mouquet on WhatsApp on 07852-963987

PREPARING FOR ASH WEDNESDAY If you have old palm leaves from last year, please put them in the boxes marked PALMS in the church entrances. These will be burnt and the ashes used on Ash Wednesday.

In the Old Testament, wearing ashes was a sign of repentance for sins, and a sign of one's humility before God. Since Lent is a season of penitential renewal through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, it's appropriate that this ancient sign marks the beginning of the season.

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

Eugene Francis whose Funeral will take place on Wednesday 28th January at 1.00 p.m. with committal at the City of London.

Sr Zela Proctor of the Forest Gate Ursuline Sisters Convent whose Funeral will take place on Friday 30th January at 11.00 a.m.

John Halpenny whose Funeral will take place on Tuesday 3rd February at 10.30 a.m. with committal at the City of London.

Ange Fontenelle whose Funeral will take place on Thursday 19th February at 11.00 a.m.

Michael O'Hynes whose Funeral will take place on Wednesday 25th February at 10.30 a.m. with committal at the City of London.

STRONGER TOGETHER IN CHRIST: A NEW YOUNG ADULTS GROUP will begin in the parish this coming February. Centred on Christ, this will be a place where young adults (18 - 40 years) can connect, share their faith, and support one another in their spiritual journeys. The aim is to create a welcoming environment for all, whether you are new to the Catholic faith, rediscovering your faith or looking to deepen your relationship with God.

Together, we can better navigate the challenges and joys of being a young adult Catholic in today's world. In a society that often feels fragmented and disconnected, the group will provide a space for authentic community and spiritual growth. We are stronger together in Christ.

On Sunday 15th February, Nila, one of the members of the group, will explain more about this new group at the end of Masses and invite you to come to the first meeting on Sunday 22 February 3.30 - 4.45 p.m. If you want to show your interest or have any queries, contact her on nilani90_7@hotmail.com

TEA AND COFFEE after 9.30am Sunday Mass will now be served weekly. This will be a chance to strengthen further the bonds of friendship by catching up with friends and meeting new

people (please make sure to make them feel welcome). Everyone is welcome.

Please volunteer to help for a few Sundays across the year. If we have a healthy pool of volunteers we can make this happen every Sunday. The team organising this are Maria, Sonia, Eugenia and Lucy. Please speak to one of the team or text Maria Fawcett 07813 145668 or Sonia Shrestha 07725 366 920.

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 “doorstep” him after Sunday Mass and present 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 Day holy may be a challenge but to do so is essential for our spiritual well-being.

WORLD YOUTH DAY (1-8 Aug 2027) will take place in Seoul, South Korea. It is the largest international gathering of young Catholics, with a mix of cultural, faith and social based activities throughout the week. This will be open to all those who have left school by Summer 2027 (anyone currently in school year 13 and above). At the moment, we are just gauging interest and taking registrations online at www.bcys.net/events/wyd27/

CAFOD, UKRAINE & LENT FAST DAY. Josie O’Reilly will talk about CAFOD’s Ukraine Emergency Programme. Jane Crone from CAFOD in Brentwood will talk about the Lent Appeal. Saturday 14 February 2026 at 11 am, finishing around 1pm. At: The Beckett Centre St Thomas of Canterbury Church 557-559 High Rd, Woodford Green IG8 0SG (plenty of parking). All are welcome.

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:***
www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/gift-aid/



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WEEKDAY AND MASS INTENTIONS

THIRD “WORD OF GOD” SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday 25th January

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Grace Peace RIP
9.30 a.m. Mass—George Margetts RIP
11.30 a.m. Mass—Anna & John McGinley Ints.
5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

Monday 26th January SS Timothy & Titus

9.00 a.m. Mass —Dolores Hurley RIP

Tuesday 27th January St Angela Merici

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 28th January St Thomas Aquinas

NO MORNING MASS

1.00 p.m. Funeral of Eugene Francis

Thursday 29th January

9.00 a.m. Mass —Pemite Jean Calixte RIP

Friday 30th January

NO MORNING MASS

NO MORNING ADORATION

11.00 a.m. Funeral of Sr Zela Proctor

ADORATION 7.00- 8.00 p.m.

Saturday 31st January St. John Bosco

NO MORNING MASS

9.00-10.00 a.m. RCIA Session

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass —Stewart McCahill RIP

WEEKDAY AND MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH “RACIAL JUSTICE” SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

1st February

9.30 a.m. Mass—Olive Quigley RIP
11.30 a.m. Mass—Olga Nunes RIP
5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

Monday 2nd February THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

9.00 a.m. Mass—Mamaradlo family Ints.

Tuesday 3rd February St Anne Line

NO MORNING MASS

10.30 a.m. Funeral of John Halpenny

Wednesday 4th February

NO MORNING MASS

*Fr Martin celebrating Funeral of Mr. Julian Goode at Brentwood
Cathedral*

Thursday 5th February St Agatha

9.00.a.m. Mass—Mary Lovett RIP

Friday 6th February SS Paul Miki & companions

9.00.a.m. Mass— Philip Cumming RIP
ADORATION 9.30-11.00 a.m. and 7-8.00 p.m.

Saturday 7th February

NO MORNING MASS

9.00-10.00 a.m. *Holy Communion Session 5*
10.45 a.m. *Baptism of Rafael Francis Blackburn-Ballesteros*
CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass —Phil Collins & P.J. Collins Ints.

Sunday 8th February

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

9.30 a.m. Mass—David Coote RIP
11.30 a.m. Mass—Michael & Aniela Smolowik RIP
3.30-4.45 p.m. *Confirmation Meeting followed by:*
5.00 p.m. Mass—Patricia Shore RIP