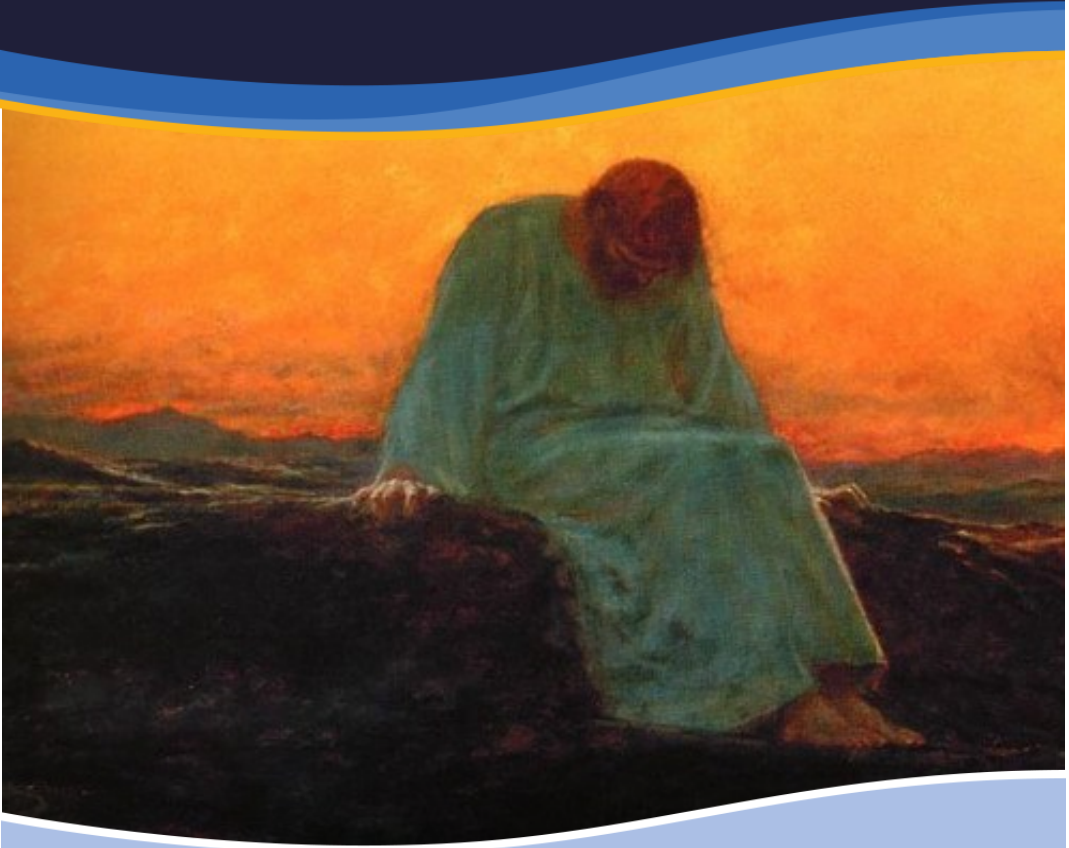




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## **1st - 3rd Sunday Lent**

**22nd February - 8 March 2026**

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## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

### **STRONGER TOGETHER IN CHRIST: A NEW YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

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 first meeting is on Sunday 22 February 3.30 - 4.45 p.m. in Clergy House. All welcome. Just come along.** If you want to show your interest or have any queries, contact Nilani on [nilani90\\_7@hotmail.com](mailto:nilani90_7@hotmail.com)

**CHOOSE A CHARITY** The Parish Social Committee does remarkable work putting on social events for the continued running and maintenance of the Parish Centre and 25 percent of all profits go to a charity. Last year, £2,381.04 was raised through these social events. *A sincere thank you to everyone involved in any way.*

Would you like to nominate a charity for consideration? If so, please forward details of the charity with as much information as possible about the work that they do. For example, if the charity has a website, please forward its link. *The deadline for nominations is Sunday 22nd February.*

**CALLING ALL PARISH BAKERS!** Bake Sale on Sunday 1st March after 9.30 a.m. Mass. Please come and join us for tea and coffee. If you can help with homemade cakes, breads and preserves, please drop them into Clergy House during the week or the Pastoral Centre before the 9.30 a.m. Mass. Thank you.

**CARITAS NETWORKING DAY** will take place in the Parish Centre on Saturday 7th March 1.00-5.00 p.m. The guest speaker will be Jenny Sinclair, founder and director of *Together for the Common Good*.

The afternoon will also include dedicated time to reflect on our areas of focus (homelessness, refugees, and the environment) and to consider how we might collectively respond to these areas.

Registration and attendance are free and can be completed online at: <https://DOB-NETWORK.eventbrite.co.uk>

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

*Michael O'Hynes* whose funeral will take place on Wednesday 25th February at 10.30 a.m. Committal at the City of London.

*John Francis Worsley* whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 3rd March at 11.00 a.m. Committal at the City of London.

*Mary Frost* whose body will be received into Church on Tuesday 3rd March at 5.00 p.m. and her Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 4th March at 10.30 a.m. Committal at the City of London.

*Noel Molloy* whose funeral service will take place at the City of London Cemetery Chapel on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 11.15 a.m.

*Miriam Laird (Camilleri)* whose funeral will take place on Tuesday 10th March at 10.00 a.m. Committal at the City of London.

May they be welcomed into the mansions of the saints.

## **THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT**

### **KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA YOUTH PAINTING COMPETITIONS:**

Congratulations to Robert Hilland, who has won first prize in the Christmas painting competition for the 4-7-year-old age category across the whole of England, Wales and Scotland.

If any of our young people (aged 4-18) would like to have a go at replicating Robert's success, the Knights are holding another ***painting competition for the Easter season***. So share your artistic gifts with the parish community, whilst reflecting on the meaning of Easter. Remember to include a bible passage which best represents the message behind your painting.

The deadline for entries will be 29 March - please remember to include your name, age, school year and the contact details of a parent or guardian on the back of your paintings. Hand in to Clergy House or to Fr Martin after Sunday Mass.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place every Friday evening 6.30 - 7.15 pm Please make a special effort to come to, at least, one of the Friday night Stations of the Cross.

On Friday 27th March at 9.30 a.m. the children of Our Lady of Lourdes school will lead us in the Stations of the Cross. All welcome. There will be no Stations in the Church that evening.

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY** is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/family-fast-day>

On Friday 27th February, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity with the poorest in our world and give what you save to help them build lives? Through CAFOD's global Church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world - your support can reach to the ends of the earth.

Please collect your Cafod Fast Day envelope from church this week and give whatever you can.

**LENT RETREAT/QUIET DAY**—A time to stop and reflect at the Convent of the Assumption, 13 The Avenue, Wanstead E11 on Thursday 5th March and repeated on Saturday 7th (for those not able to come on a Thursday) at 10.30 a.m.- 2.30 p.m. A light lunch will be provided. Further information Sr Veronica Ann Tel. 07949 995702—All are welcome.

**LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March beginning at 7.00 p.m. in the church. Come and experience the forgiveness and healing of Christ. There will be a number of priests available for confessions.

**EASTER EGG COLLECTION** for the Redbridge Foodbank. Many of our parish children will enjoy chocolate Easter Eggs but there are children in our local community where such eggs are too expensive for their families to buy. *If every child in our parish gave just one Easter egg this would make a difference to another child and brighten their lives.*

Please leave chocolate eggs in boxes in the Church entrances.  
Deadline Sunday 22nd March.

We also need someone to transport the eggs to the Jubilee Church, Ilford on Monday 23rd March. Could you volunteer to do this? If so, contact Fr Martin.

**PRAYER AND MEDITATION** There is a long established meditation group which meets in the Pastoral Centre every Tuesday from 10.50 to 11.50 a.m. and a new meditation group also meets there on Thursday evenings from 8.15-9.00 p.m. All welcome.

**THANK YOU** The second collection for Lourdes Diocesan Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage Fund raised £330.86 [dioceseofbrentwood.net/fairh/pilgrimages/](http://dioceseofbrentwood.net/fairh/fairh/pilgrimages/)

**NO FINAL HYMN?** During this time of Lent, our liturgy is more restrained in order to emphasise that this is a penitential season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. To help shape our liturgy there will be no final hymn at the end of Sunday Mass.

Where that final hymn would have been is an opportunity to use those few moments in silence to thank God and to prepare to go in peace and to love and serve the Lord in the following week.

**SERIES OF FOUR LENTEN LECTURES** will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall. The theme this year is “What does it truly mean to be Catholic?” All welcome.

**Talk 1.** Wednesday 25th February 7.30 p.m. Abbot Hugh Allan, O Praem. “I believe...” Living and Proclaiming the Catholic Faith.

**Talk 2.** Wednesday 4th March 7.30 p.m. Rev Msgr Kevin W Hale. Being Catholic and the call to Holiness.

**Talk 3.** Wednesday 11th March 7.30 p.m. Mr Mauro Iannicelli. Prayer as the Foundation of Our Catholic Life.

**Talk 4.** Wednesday 18th March 7.30 p.m. Msgr John Armitage. The uniqueness of Catholicism for British Society.

**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/](http://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](http://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 MASS INTENTIONS

## THE SEASON OF LENT

**Sunday 22nd February**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

9.30 a.m. Mass—Mary Frost RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Pauline Crowley RIP

3.30-4.45 p.m. *Stronger Together in Christ: New Adults Group*  
*in Clergy House*

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

**Monday 23rd February**

9.00 a.m. Mass —Rosemary O'Connor RIP

**Tuesday 24th February**

9.00 a.m. Mass—Annette Crowe Ints.

**Wednesday 25th February**

**NO MORNING MASS**

10.30 a.m. Funeral of Michael O'Hynes

**Thursday 26th February**

9.00 a.m. Mass—John Kelly RIP

**Friday 27th February**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**ADORATION 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.**

**NO EVENING ADORATION**

6.30—7.15 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

**Saturday 28th February**

**NO MORNING MASS**

**CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.**

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass —Columba McKinney RIP

# WEEKDAY AND MASS INTENTIONS

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### 1st March

9.30 a.m. Mass—Angela Callaghan RIP  
11.30 a.m. Mass—Timothy J Murphy RIP  
5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

### Monday 2nd March

9.00 a.m. Mass—Tony Peace RIP

### Tuesday 3rd March

NO MORNING MASS

11.0 a.m. Funeral of John Francis Worsley  
5.00p.m. Body of Edith Mary Frost being received into church

### Wednesday 4th March

NO MORNING MASS

10.30 a.m. Funeral of Mary Frost

### Thursday 5th March

9.00 a.m. Mass—Maria Mamiche RIP

### Friday 6th March

9.00.a.m. Mass—Jo Bird Ints.  
*ADORATION 9.30-11.00 a.m.*  
11.15 a.m. *FUNERAL SERVICE OF NOEL MOLLOY*  
*at City of London Cemetery*  
**NO EVENING ADORATION**  
6.30—7.15 p.m. *Stations of the Cross*

### Saturday 7th March

NO MORNING MASS

9.00-10.00 a.m. *Holy Communion Session*  
10.45 a.m. *Baptism of Francesca Donovan*  
**CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.**  
6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass —Fiona Kennedy RIP

### Sunday 8th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30 a.m. Mass—Nuala Hayes Ints.  
with the Holy Communion Children & their families  
11.30 a.m. Mass—Leanne de Silva RIP  
5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish