



Our Lady
Lourdes
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5th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st Sunday Lent

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

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

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.

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 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.

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. in Clergy House**. If you want to show your interest or have any queries, contact her on nilani90_7@hotmail.com

OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY IS IN JEOPARDY The Children's Liturgy not only enriches the spiritual lives of our parish children at the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass but it enriches the whole parish community by allowing our children to hear the word of God in a way that they can understand and take to heart.

Sadly, our pool of adult volunteers helping with the Children's Liturgy has shrunk dramatically and it is beginning to prove a real struggle to run the Children's Liturgy. To lose our Children's Liturgy would be a huge loss to our children and, indeed, all of us. All we need are men and women with a care for our children and a desire to communicate to them the Good News. If you want more information, please contact Fr Martin or Michaela Mouquet on WhatsApp on 07852-963987

LOURDES DIOCESAN SICK AND HELPERS PILGRIMAGE FUND

There will be a second collection on Sunday 8th February. Your donations will be used to facilitate the pilgrimage, e.g. planning, medics, music licenses and other associated costs. Further details can be found at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/faith/pilgrimages/

THANK YOU Aoife Burke's appeal to volunteer in Lourdes with HCPT raised the fantastic sum of £1,796.00 which will also help to subsidise the costs of the other six young leaders from our Diocese who will be travelling with her. Aoife writes "*Thank you to the whole parish, I am completely overwhelmed by the generosity and love shown to myself and the other volunteers for group 84. I will be sure to keep you all in prayers while I am there and hope you will keep HCPT Group 84 in yours too.*"

CRIB OFFERINGS raised £508.26 which will be donated to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. www.bccs.org.uk Thank you for your generosity.

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving." St. Augustine of Hippo

ASH WEDNESDAY is on February 18th and marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent during which we can reflect on the words of the late Pope Francis, who reminds us that, "Christians are asked to return to God 'with all their hearts' (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord." Masses with distribution of ashes are at **9.15 a.m. 7.00 p.m.**

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.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE on Thursday 26th 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.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY on 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.

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.

CHOOSE A CHARITY The Parish Social Committee does remarkable work putting on social events that give opportunities for the parish to come together and build bonds of friendship.

These events also raise money 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.*

Please support these events and consider supporting the Social Committee by offering a little of your time and talents in helping them run these events, e.g., by helping to set up for an event or clear away afterwards, by selling raffle tickets at the end of the Mass you attend, etc., If you want to find out more, please contact Natasha on 07977 863362.

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* After this date, the Social Committee will consider the nominations and while recognizing the value of all charities, select one charity that we will support in the coming year.

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

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.*

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.

QUIZ NIGHT 21st March 7.45 p.m. Tables of 8 (£8 per person) Bring your own drinks and nibbles. For more info and to book please email events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com or call 07977 863362. All fundraising goes to the upkeep of the parish Centre with a 25% donation to a local charity.

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

Sunday 8th February

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

9.30 a.m. Mass—People of the Parish & David Coote RIP
with the Holy Communion children and their families

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

Monday 9th February

9.00 a.m. Mass —Marie Francis RIP

Tuesday 10th February - St Scholastica

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 11th February OUR LADY OF LOURDES

9.00 a.m. Mass—Doris & Dennis L'Estrange

Thursday 12th February

9.00 a.m. Mass—Francis McGuire & family Ints.

Friday 13th February

9.00 a.m. Mass—Hetty Hartley RIP

ADORATION 9.30 a.m. - 11.00 a.m. and 7.00-8.00 p.m.

Saturday 14th February SS Cyril & Methodius

NO MORNING MASS

10.45 a.m. *Baptism of Theodore John Witton-Dauris*

12.00 noon *Marriage Convalidation of*

Nádia cilene Almeida de pina and Nilson Lopes

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass —Anne Sanders RIP

WEEKDAY AND MASS INTENTIONS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A) World Day for the Sick

15th February

9.30 a.m. Mass—Hugh Davis RIP
11.30 a.m. Mass—Martin Hindley Ints.
3.00 p.m. Catholic Fellowship Mass
5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

Monday 16th February

9.00 a.m. Mass—Mary Lovett RIP

Tuesday 17th February

NO MORNING MASS

THE SEASON OF LENT

Wednesday 18th February Ash Wednesday

9.15 a.m. Mass with imposition of ashes —In Honour of the Holy
Face of Jesus

7.00 p.m. Mass with imposition of ashes—Maura Boland RIP

Thursday 19th February

NO MORNING MASS

11.00 a.m. Funeral Mass of Ange Fontenelle

Friday 20th February

9.00.a.m. Mass—Andrea Palombo Ints.

ADORATION 9.30-11.00 a.m.

NO EVENING ADORATION

6.30—7.15 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday 21st February

NO MORNING MASS

9-10.00 a.m. RCIA

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Eve Bush-Wells

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass —Maria Keen RIP

Sunday 22nd February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30 a.m. Mass—Mary Frost RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Pauline Crowley RIP

3.30-4.15 p.m. New Adults Group