



Our Lady
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3rd - 5th Sunday Lent

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER IMAGE: “As Jesus passed by, he saw a man blind from birth...he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam (which means Sent). So he washed and came back seeing.” *extract from the Gospel for 4th Sunday of Lent*

STRONGER TOGETHER IN CHRIST: A NEW YOUNG ADULTS GROUP
Centred on Christ, this will be an informal space where young adults (18 - 40 years), married or single, can connect, deepen their faith and support one another in living their Catholic Faith with pride and joy.

The group will next meet in Clergy House on Sunday 22 March at 3.30-4.45 p.m. in Clergy House. All very welcome. Just come along.

If you have any queries, contact Nilani on nilani90_7@hotmail.com

OUR PARISH DECEASED: Please pray for the souls of

MIRIAM CAMILLIERI whose Funeral Mass takes place on Tuesday 10th March at 10.00 a.m. followed by committal at the City of London at 11.30 a.m.

WENDY KEELING whose funeral will take place at the South Chapel, City of London at 3.30 p.m. on the 27th March.

MARTINA OKUNEGA whose funeral will take place on Friday 20th March at 11.00 a.m. followed by committal at the City of London at 12.30 p.m.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

TEA, COFFEE and games for children after every 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Come and join us in the parish centre.

ST PATRICK’S DAY Wednesday Morning Tea Club will celebrate St Patrick’s day on Tuesday 17th March after Mass. This year, they will be fundraising for Teenage Cancer Trust. Maureen Brazier’s grandson, Archie, will be climbing Mount Kilimanjaro in aid of this charity. Please come along and give generously.

BAKE SALE Thank you to all the parish bakers and all who supported the bake sale which raised £444.72

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.

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

WALK OF WITNESS *Friday 3rd April 2026 beginning at 10.00 a.m.* We have again been asked to provide stewards for the Annual Churches together Walk of Witness on Good Friday. We need two or three extra members of the community to assist ensuring the walk arrives safely. Therefore, if anyone can offer to help can they please contact Andrew Burns on superref63@gmail.com

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE on Thursday 26th March beginning at 6.30 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 Thank you for your donations which raised £1,723.13 to support Cafod's work.

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.

The deadline for entries will be 29 March - please 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.

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.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS on sale after Sunday Masses

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.

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 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.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 26/27: applications are now open. Being on the team is a wonderful opportunity to work with young people from across the diocese, live in community and to share and deepen our faith. Applications are open to those aged 18-23 (current Yr13 and above). For more information including the application form please see the website <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email michaelkearns@brcdt.org.

CALLED TO LOVE 2 - 3 May 2026 A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May, with the option of staying Friday night.

<https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/>

THE HOUSE OF LORDS is currently debating an amendment to the Government's Crime and Policing Bill, which would allow women to self-induce their own abortions for any reason, and at any gestation. The last chance to remove this amendment will be at Report Stage, expected on the 11 or 17 March.

Please act now to stop this proposal. Find out more and use SPUC's tool to write to members of the House of Lords by going to <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/abortion-decriminalisation/>

REFERENCES FOR WORK AND OTHER POSITIONS: Fr Martin has many requests for references which he is happy to provide for people that he knows. However, it is not helpful to mention to him in passing that you have given his name as a reference or for him to receive unexpected reference requests.

Therefore, before you give his name as a referee, please make an appointment to meet with Fr Martin to discuss the position you are applying for and the nature of the reference required.

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

THE SEASON OF LENT

Sunday 8th March Third Sunday of Lent

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

Monday 9th March

9.00 a.m. Mass —Sheila Miles RIP

Tuesday 10th March

NO MORNING MASS

10.00 a.m. Funeral of Miriam Camillieri

Wednesday 11th March

9.00 a.m.—Tommy & Theresa Marren Ints.

Thursday 12th March

9.00 a.m. Mass—In Honour of Jesus' suffering in
The Garden of Gethsemane

Friday 13th March

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 14th March

NO MORNING MASS

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Theo & Léa Moodie

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass —Bridget Mulhern RIP

WEEKDAY AND MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

15th March (Mothering Sunday)

9.30 a.m. Mass—Jim Duffy RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Ann & Maurice Silcock RIP

with blessing of parents who will have their child baptised

5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

Monday 16th March

9.00 a.m. Mass—Kieran Levis RIP

Tuesday 17th March St Patrick

9.00 a.m. Mass—Bernard & Alice Markey & family Ints.

Wednesday 18th March

NO MORNING MASS

Thursday 19th March ST JOSEPH, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

Mary

9.00 a.m. Mass—Marie Francie RIP

Friday 20th March

NO MORNING MASS

11.00 a.m. Funeral of Martina Okunega

NO MORNING OR EVENING ADORATION

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

Saturday 21st March

NO MORNING MASS

10.45 a.m. *Baptism of Edmund James Harding*

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass —Noen O'Donovan RIP

Sunday 22nd FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

9.30 a.m. Mass—May & James Smyth RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—For the intentions of the donors
of the altar frontals and tabernacle veils

5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish