



Our Lady
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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

THE TRIDUUM: THE THREE GREAT DAYS

On Holy Thursday, we gather at the supreme supper. Jesus takes the ordinary things of bread and wine and with a few words and gestures he creates his masterpiece, his Eucharist. It contains everything: creation and history; the divinity Christ had from his Father and the humanity received from his mother, Mary; his life, the hidden and public years, his preaching and miracles, his Baptism and Transfiguration, his friends and followers; his coming death, resurrection, ascension and Pentecost, even the Coming still to come. All is made real and alive in the Eucharist.

And he gave and gives it all to us. It wasn't left in a long-gone Upper Room or filed on a memory-stick or cloud. The Room grew wider than the world. He gave it to the apostles for them to do in memory of him. He instituted the priesthood for this very end. He gave the Gift through his priests to the whole body of believers to eat in faith and love. "For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes."

On Good Friday, the Lord is lifted up over us: in Scripture, in a Crucifix and in the Sacrament. And we believe, we adore, we are drawn. And we will go out at the end, knowing He has come to us, He has touched us, our ears and eyes, our imaginations and hearts, our bodies and souls. On Good Friday, His presence in our lives is renewed. The force of His love makes itself felt. It is good day, indeed, a day of remarkable grace.

At the Easter Vigil and on Easter Sunday, we allow the great reality of the Lord's Resurrection to break upon us. "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad."

On the third day after his crucifixion and death, Jesus of Nazareth was raised from the dead, not a reanimated corpse, not a ghost or a spirit, not a consoling idea, not a fuzzy feeling he was still around, but transformed in his body and soul, raised to a realm beyond the reach of death, present to his Father, present to us.

This is our faith. We are proud to profess it.

The Risen Christ is present in his Church, in the sacrament of his Body and Blood, in the lives of humble believers. He is able to be known and loved. Jesus Christ is the Conqueror of sin and death and the hope of the world.

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 OFFERINGS are your personal gift to the parish priest. If you are a tax payer and wish to gift aid your offering, please use one of the gift aid Easter Offering envelopes in the church entrances or alternatively, the contactless payment machines.

EASTER EGGS for the Redbridge Foodbank. A huge and sincere thank you for your generosity. This will bring a little Easter joy to the children of families struggling to make ends meet.

KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA YOUTH PAINTING COMPETITIONS: Reflecting on the meaning Easter, our children and young people (aged 4-18) are invited to share their 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.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS on sale after Sunday Masses.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 takes place in Seoul from August 3-8 next year. This gathering of young people with the Pope happens every three years in a different part of the world. It's an opportunity for them to meet each other, share their experiences, deepen their faith and renew their commitment to Christ www.wydseoul.org/en

A group of young men and women from our Diocese will be travelling with the *Brentwood Catholic Youth Service* to Seoul. Among them will be Justin Vaitulevicius, one of our senior altar servers. He will be representing our parish at World Youth Day.

But we need to support his fundraising efforts to raise some £3000 that will cover the costs of flights, accommodation, food, etc. The Wanstead Knights of St Columba already have some fundraising initiatives in mind.

Let us get behind Justin in these coming months and do everything we can to make sure that he is at *World Youth Day* as our parish representative, lifting our community to Almighty God.

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 26 April at 3.30-4.45 p.m. All very welcome. Just come along.
Any queries, contact Nilani nilani90_7@hotmail.com

PRAYER AND MEDITATION group 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 to 9.00 a.m. All welcome.

ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION/FUNDRAISER Thank you to everyone who came to the event and for raising the fantastic sum of £556.35 for Teenage Cancer Trust.

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

The fourth Sunday of Easter is Good Shepherd Sunday and the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

Every person has a personal vocation. Discerning what that vocation is the key to understanding who we are and our purpose in life. If you wish to consider what definite service the Lord may have in mind for you go to:

www.ukvocation.org

www.brentwoodvocations.co.uk

***There will be a retiring collection on 26th April
Good Shepherd Sunday to promote the work of vocations in
our Diocese.***

**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/
- 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 SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 22nd March 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
*Baptisms of Wilfred Samuel Spain
And Fergal Huw Spain*
5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

Monday 23rd March

- 9.00 a.m. Mass —Greg Edwards Ints.

Tuesday 24th March

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 25th March

- 9.00 a.m.—Wendy Keeling (née Low) RIP

Thursday 26th March

- 9.00 a.m. Mass—Jude Oronsaye Ints.
From 6.30 p.m. Confessions

Friday 27th March

- 9.00 a.m. Mass—Mary Murphy RIP
9.30 a.m. Stations of the Cross led by Our Lady of Lourdes
School

NO MORNING ADORATION

NO EVENING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

7-8.00 p.m. Evening Adoration

Saturday 28th March

NO MORNING MASS

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

- 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass —Joe Davighi & Mya Goschalk Ints.

29th March Palm Sunday

- 9.30 a.m. Mass—Mary Pamplin RIP
11.30 a.m. Mass—Diana Branley RIP
5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 30th March

9.00 a.m. Mass—John Worsley RIP

Tuesday 31st March NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 1st April

9.00 a.m. Bernadette Peace RIP

Thursday 2nd April Maundy Thursday

NO MORNING MASS

8.00 p.m. Mass of the Last Supper
with washing of feet

Watching at the Altar of Repose until Midnight

Friday 3rd April Good Friday

3.00 p.m. SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

6.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday 4th April Holy Saturday

NO MORNING MASS

CONFESSIONS 10.00-11.00 a.m.

NO EVENING MASS

8.00 p.m. The **EASTER VIGIL**

Sunday 5th April EASTER SUNDAY

9.30 a.m. Mass—Helen & Eamonn O'Donovan RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Dairmud Manning RIP

Baptism of Alexander Amalor

NO EVENING MASS

Monday 6th April EASTER MONDAY

9.00 a.m. Mass—Bridie Hurley RIP

Tuesday 7th April NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 8th April

9.00 a.m. Mass—Marie Francis RIP

Thursday 9th April

9.00 a.m. Mass—Salvatore Perna RIP

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Friday 10th April

9.00 a.m. Mass—Pemite Family Ints.

Saturday 11th April

NO MORNING MASS

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass —Michael O’Hynes

Sunday 12th April Second Sunday of Easter

9.30 a.m. Mass—Ryan Ezeah Ints.

11.30 a.m. Mass—Edward Burns RIP

5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

Monday 13th April

9.00 a.m. Mass—Reginald & Jean Davis RIP

Tuesday 14th April

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 15th April

9.00 a.m. Mass—George & Catherine Crowhurst RIP

Thursday 16th April

9.00 a.m. Mass—Edward Joseph Raynor RIP

Friday 17th April

9.00 a.m. Mass—Theresa Bridget Doyle RIP

Saturday 18th April

NO MORNING MASS

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion Mass

2.00 p.m. Baptism celebrated by Fr Stewart Foster

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass —Anthony Eustace RIP

Sunday 19th April Third Sunday of Easter

9.30 a.m. Mass—John Docherty RIP & Carmel Docherty Ints.

11.30 a.m. Mass—John Francis Duffy RIP

5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish