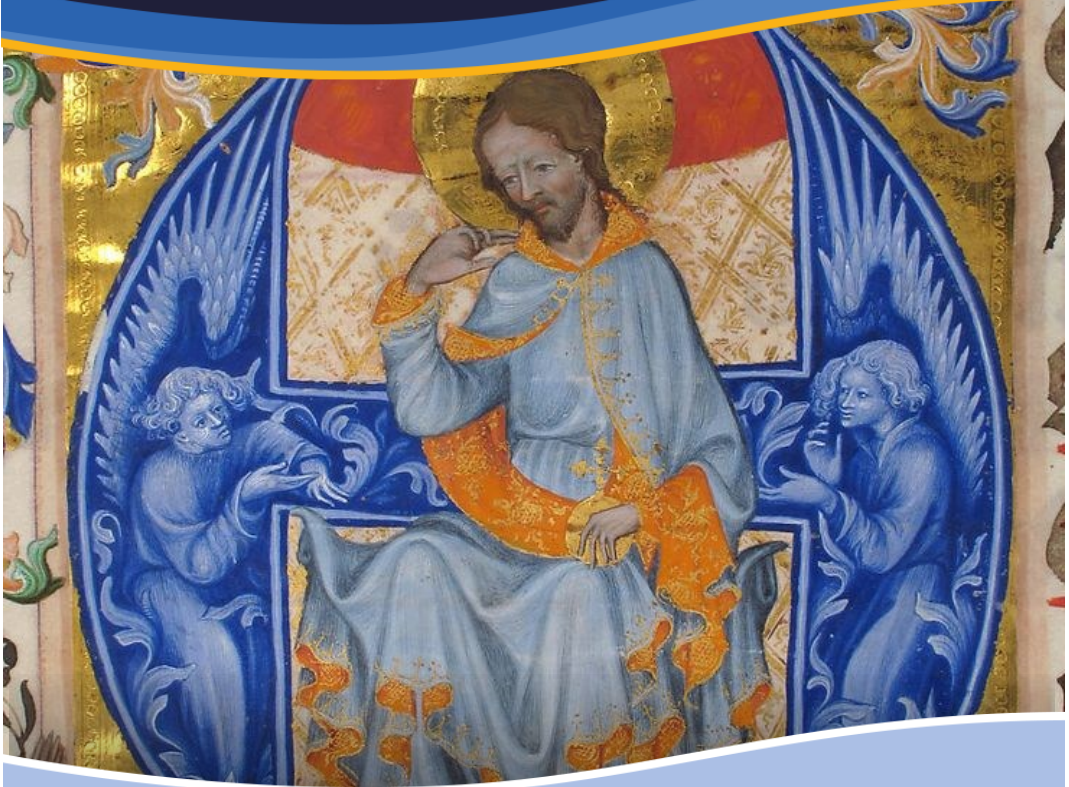




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5th Sunday - 7th Sunday Easter

3rd -17th May

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

Front Cover: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, a Holy Day of Obligation, is on Thursday 14th May.

“Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: *If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.*

While in heaven He is also with us; and we while on earth are with Him. He is here with us by His divinity, His power and His love. We cannot be in heaven, as He is on earth, by divinity, but in Him, we can be there by love.” St Augustine, homily on the Feast of the Ascension.

Vigil Mass on Wednesday 13th May at 7.00 p.m. and Morning Mass on Thursday 14th May at 9.00 a.m.

THANK YOU for your generosity. £677.77 was raised on Vocations Sunday. This will go to support the work of vocations and the training of priests for our diocese.

If you are discerning your vocation and need some guidance go to www.ukvocation.org or speak to Fr Martin

THE SISTERS OF THE ASSUMPTION have been part of the community here in Wanstead for seventeen years. As individuals and as a religious community they have contributed so much to our parish during that time, above all, by the witness of their faith and their lives of prayer. Sadly, they will be leaving us in the coming months but their mission will continue elsewhere. With deep gratitude, we pray that the Lord will richly bless them.

Sr Veronica Ann and the community warmly invite you to join them for a Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 9th May at 11am followed by refreshments in the parish centre. For catering purposes, please sign up on the *white sheets* in church porches. Many thanks.

THE MONTH OF MAY BELONGS TO MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD. Just as we thank God for our earthly mothers on Mothering Sunday, so during this month we honour Mary, the Mother of our Saviour and our mother. This year, we crown her statue in the church with the gift of flowers.

If Christ, the Son of the living God, took flesh in Mary's womb, put Himself under her care, love and protection, this month provides an opportunity for us to do so as well. This is more than a tradition. It's an invitation to slow down, to pray more intentionally, and to walk a little more closely with Mother Mary, the one who always leads us to Christ. We might do this:

i) by committing to pray the rosary (even a single decade) every day or once a week

ii) by joining parishioners and the **KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA** as they lead the Rosary every Tuesday during May starting at 7pm in the Parish Centre with the following special intentions:

First week: Vocations to Priesthood

Second week: Vocations to Religious life

Third week: The Sanctity of life and Peace in our world

Fourth Week: The Faithful Departed & The People of the Parish.

iii) by praying in the morning and evening the *Sub Tuum Praesidium*, the oldest known prayer to Mary:

We turn to you for protection,

O Holy Mother of God.

Listen to our prayers, and help us in our needs,

Save us from every danger,

O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS on Monday 4th May 12 noon at St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate E7 9QB Preacher: Cardinal Richard Moth. www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/migrants-mass-2026/

If you wish to go and travel with Fr Martin to Forest Gate, please meet at Wanstead Tube Station at 11.00 a.m.

OUR DECEASED Please pray for the soul of *Esther Uzoka* who died recently.

May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

BAKE SALE after the 9.30 a.m. Mass on 10th May—Please come and join us for tea/coffee and cake after Mass. If you would like to make some cakes, donations will be gratefully received. Please drop them into the Pastoral Centre before the 9.30 Mass.

CARITAS: OUR LADY OF LOURDES JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP
This is a new group within the parish that aims by concrete actions to promote and actualize the rich Social Teaching of the Catholic Church.

On Saturday, 7th March, Caritas Brentwood hosted its fourth annual Networking Day here in our parish. The afternoon brought together parishioners, volunteers and charity partners from across Essex and East London to share ideas, learn from one another and celebrate the many ways people are responding to need in their local communities.

For more about the Networking day go to
www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/2026-networking/

The next meeting of our Caritas parish group will be on **Saturday 16th May 9.00 - 12 noon** in the parish centre. This will be an opportunity to decide on social justice initiatives that our parish can support in practical ways. If you have a heart for justice and peace issues, just come along.

WINE TASTING 16TH MAY 8 - 10 p.m. Get a table of friends and family and come and enjoy tasting 7 wines organised by The Theatre of Wine. Tickets £24, table nibbles provided but feel free to bring your own food. To book and for more info please call 07977 863362 or email events@ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com

TEA, COFFEE and games for children after every 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass. Come and join us in the parish centre. If you would like to join the tea and coffee team, please speak to one of them after Sunday Mass.

STRONGER TOGETHER IN CHRIST: YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Centred on Christ, this is an informal space where young adults (18 - 35 years), single or married, can connect with other young adult Catholics, in order to deepen their Catholic Faith and support one another in living their faith with pride and joy.

The group will next meet in Clergy House on Sunday 31st May at 3.30-4.45 p.m. All very welcome. Just come along.

WELCOME LUNCH: ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH?

Have you arrived in the parish during the last eighteen months? If so, you are very welcome and we would like to invite you and if you have a family, your family, to a parish lunch on Saturday 20th June from 1.00 - 3.00 p.m. in the parish centre

This will be an opportunity to meet other parishioners and to get to know a little more about the life of your parish community.

If you would like to attend, please sign up on the *light green* WELCOME LUNCH sheets in the entrances to the church. This will help us for catering purposes.

HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION 2026-27 Parents' meeting on Saturday 4th July 9.00-10.00 a.m. in the parish centre for those parents who wish their children to receive preparation for Holy Communion. *It is important that all interested parents attend this meeting.* www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/sacraments/sacrament-of-the-eucharist/

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 17th-24th July led by Bishop Alan Williams. For more information on the pilgrimage and those requiring care and support, please contact Deidre Pembroke on 07977 071128 email: lourdes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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 SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter

Vigil Mass 6.30 p.m. - Betty Harte RIP
9.30 a.m. Mass—Kenneth Winger RIP
11.30 a.m. Mass—Owen Branley RIP
5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

Monday 4th May - THE ENGLISH MARTYRS

9.00 a.m. Mass — Dick Warren RIP

Tuesday 5th May
NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 6th May - St John Payne

9.00 a.m. Mass — Anna & John McGinley RIP

Thursday 7th May

9.00 a.m. Mass — Rev James V Hemming RIP

Friday 8th May

9.00 a.m. Mass — Marie Francis RIP

Adoration 9.30-11.00 a.m. & 7-8.00 p.m.

Saturday 9th May

*11.00 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass
for the Sisters of the Assumption*

12.30 p.m. Baptism and Reception into the Catholic Church
of Nadia Cilene Almeida

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass —David Reilly RIP

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 10th May Fifth Sunday of Easter

9.30 a.m. Mass— Our Lady of Lourdes School Staff Ints.
11.30 a.m. Mass— Leanne de Silva RIP
5.00p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

Monday 11th May

9.00 a.m. Mass—Anthony Fernando RIP

Tuesday 12th May - St John Houghton

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 13th May - St Erconwald

9.00 a.m. Mass—Herman Reinhardt RIP
7.00 p.m. Vigil Mass for the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday 14th May THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

9.00 a.m. Mass—Jacqueline Medjoydem RIP

Friday 15th May

9.00 a.m. Mass—Members of the Godin family
living & deceased

Adoration 9.30-11.00 a.m. & 7-8.00 p.m.

Saturday 16th May

NO MORNING MASS

9.00 a.m.- 12.00 p.m. Caritas Parish Group

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Rufus Patrick & Rory Angus Friel-Sandeman

12.00 p.m. Convalidation of Marriage

Stephen Hook & Jessica Rice

CONFESSIONS 5-6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass— John Francis Garvey RIP

Sunday 17th May Sixth Sunday of Easter

9.30 a.m. Mass—Nigel Davies RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Eileen Warren RIP

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish