



Our Lady
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Wanstead

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7th Sunday Easter - The Most Holy Trinity

17th - 31st May

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

Front Cover: PENTECOST SUNDAY is on 24th May. In his homily on this day in 2024, the late Pope Francis said:

“...we surrender to the Spirit, not to worldly power. We tirelessly proclaim peace to those who desire war, proclaim forgiveness to those who seek revenge, we proclaim welcome and solidarity to those who bar their doors and erect barriers, we proclaim life to those who choose death, we proclaim respect to those who love to humiliate, insult and reject, we proclaim fidelity to those who would sever every bond, thereby confusing freedom with a bleak and empty individualism. Nor are we intimidated by hardship, derision or opposition, which, today as always, are never lacking in the apostolate (cf. Acts 4:1-31).”

BAKE SALE Thank you to all the parish bakers and all who supported the bake sale on Sunday 10th. Thanks to your generosity it raised £284.98 which will go towards raising funds to send Justin to World Youth Day in Seoul next year.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDRENS' SOCIETY Thank you to all the children who recently received Holy Communion for the first time and gave so generously to support the work of the BCCS which delivers delivering vital mental health and emotional wellbeing services in schools across Essex and East London.

The children and their families donated £583.70

For more information about the BCCS and how you might support them go to www.bccs.org.uk

STRONGER TOGETHER IN CHRIST: YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Centred on Christ, this is an informal space where young adults (18 - 40 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.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of

- *Esther Uzoka* whose funeral service will take place at Forest Park Crematorium on Monday 1st June at 10.30 a.m.
- *Anne Farrell* who died recently. Funeral details to be confirmed.
- *James Purcell* who died recently in Cambridge Nursing Home. Funeral details to be confirmed.

May they be welcomed into the mansions of the saints.

Fr Martin warmly invites all the children who recently received HOLY COMMUNION for the first time to join the parish community at a special

MASS OF THANKSGIVING on Sunday 7th June at 9.30a.m. the Feast of Corpus Christi (the Body and Blood of Christ)

The children are invited to wear their Holy Communion clothes. Benches will be reserved for them at the front of the church.

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 WELCOME LUNCH sheets in the entrances to the church. This will help us for catering purposes.

HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION 2026-27 Meeting on Saturday 4th July 9.00-10.00 a.m. in the parish centre for parents who wish their children to receive preparation for Holy Communion. *It is important that parents attend this meeting.*

www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/sacraments/sacrament-of-the-eucharist/

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.

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.

GUARDING SUNDAY, THE DAY OF THE RISEN LORD Sunday is our Sabbath day when we turn our attention to God, anchor our lives in His divine life and rest a little in His presence. Fr Martin is happy to help people as best he can but respectfully asks parishioners to kindly not “doorstep” him after Sunday Mass and present with documents, references or forms that require his details and signature or complex requests that require a bit of thoughts.

Unless it is a matter of real urgency, please contact Fr Martin during the week and, given the many other demands of the parish, he will reply in due course and offer assistance where he can. In our society, keeping God’s commandment to keep the Sabbath Day holy may be a challenge but to do so is essential for our spiritual well-being.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM marks the beginning of a child’s relationship with Christ. This is also an opportunity for parents to thank God for the gift of their child and to strengthen or rekindle their own relationship with Christ by the practice of their own faith, that is, by participating in the celebration of Sunday Mass. Only in this way do they become “the first and best teachers of the faith” by what they say and do.

If you wish to have your child baptised, please phone the parish office and register for the next formation sessions. You will be asked to confirm that, at least, one parent is a baptised Catholic and to provide your address. For more information go to www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/sacraments/baptism/

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@brcdt.org

RECOLLECTION FOR WOMEN at St Teresa's Church, Newbury Park, IG2 7JA on Saturday 6th June, 12.30 to 2pm.

The Recollection comprises of a priest led meditation, examination of conscience, rosary, opportunity for confession, spiritual reading, 2nd meditation followed by benediction.

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 17th May Seventh Sunday of Easter
6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass - John Francis Garvey RIP
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

Monday 18th May - THE ENGLISH MARTYRS
9.00 a.m. Mass — Herbert Jeffers RIP

Tuesday 19th May
NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 20th May
9.00 a.m. Mass — Helena O'Reilly RIP

Thursday 21st May
9.00 a.m. Mass — Patricia Aiyudubie RIP

Friday 22nd May
9.00 a.m. Mass — John Gallagher RIP
Adoration 9.30-11.00 a.m. & 7-8.00 p.m.

Saturday 23rd May
NO MORNING MASS
CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.
6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass —Noreen Wallace Ints.

Sunday 24th May PENTECOST SUNDAY
9.30 a.m. Mass— People of the Parish
11.30 a.m. Mass— Esther Wey RIP
Blessing of the young men and women on the
Confirmation Formation
5.00p.m. Mass—Judge J. C. Connor RIP

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 25th May- Mary, Mother of the Church

9.00 a.m. Mass—Maureen Simmonds RIP

Tuesday 26th May - St Philip Neri, Priest

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 27th May - ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY

9.00 a.m. Mass—Marita Jordan RIP

**Thursday 28th May OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**

9.00 a.m. Mass—Roz Treacher RIP

Friday 29th May

9.00 a.m. Mass—Deceased members of the Stackerd family

Adoration 9.30-11.00 a.m. & 7.00 -8.00 p.m.

**Saturday 30th May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
MARY**

NO MORNING MASS

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Theo and Evia Summerfield

CONFESSIONS 5.00 - 6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass— Mary Lovett RIP

Sunday 31st THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

9.30 a.m. Mass—Miriam Camilleri RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Francis D'Souza
and Alzira Rita D'Souza RIP

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish