



Our Lady
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Wanstead

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22nd – 24th Sunday Year A

30th August - 13 September 2026

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

FRONT COVER IMAGE: “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.” Digitally mastered photo by Kevin Carden, 2014.

STRONGER TOGETHER IN CHRIST: YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Centred on Christ, this is an informal space where young adults (18 - 35 years), can meet 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 meet in Clergy House on Sunday 30th August 3.30 p.m. All welcome. Just come along.**

MOTHERS PRAYER GROUP Two grandmothers founded Mother's Prayers in England in 1995 after feeling called by the Lord to pray in a special way for their children.

Meetings take place on the **first Monday of each month** after the 9.00 a.m. Mass. Our first meeting in the parish hall will be on **Monday 7th September at 9.30 a.m.** The meeting lasts approximately 45 minutes. You are most welcome to join us.

MARCH FOR LIFE on Saturday 5th September

www.marchforlife.co.uk/2026-event-page/ If you are interested, meet Fr Martin at Wanstead tube station at 11.30 a.m. and travel with him up to Westminster.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of

- *Baby Melia* whose Funeral Service takes place on Wednesday 2nd September at City of London Cemetery 11.00 a.m.
- *Stephen McKenna* whose Memorial Mass takes place on Wednesday 9th September at 12.30 p.m.

HOLY COMMUNION FORMATION 2026-27 for children going into Year 4 in September and who are resident in the parish.

Year 5+ parish children will be prepared separately. *Registration forms are now available in the church entrances. Deadline September 13th. Forms will not be accepted after this date.*

EDUCATION SUNDAY on Sunday 13th September offers an opportunity for us to thank Almighty God for all who are involved in Catholic education, to celebrate the achievements of the past and to ask Our Lord to bless pupils, teachers and all staff in the academic year ahead. *There will be a retiring collection to support the work of the Catholic Education Service. <https://www.catholiceducation.org.uk/>*

CALLING ALL PARISH BAKERS! There will be a special **World Youth Day Bake Sale** after the 9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 27th September and all the proceeds will go to sending our young parish representative, Justin, to World Youth Day in Seoul next year.

Please bring your cakes, biscuits etc to Clergy House in the days leading up to the Sale or bring your baked offering on the day. *Please come along to the Bake sale and support our efforts to get Justin to World Youth Day.*

IN MEMORY OF ANN SILCOCK The family of Ann Silcock, a long standing member of the parish community who died in 2024, have kindly and most generously donated the “big six” candlesticks that now sit on either side of the tabernacle. They further draw our attention to the Lord’s real presence as the sacred heart of the community of faith that was so important to Ann during her earthly life. *Thank you so much to the Silcock family.*

Eternal rest grant unto, Ann, and may she be welcomed into the mansions of the saints.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT will resume on Friday 11th September from 9.30 - 11.00 a.m. and 7.00 - 8.00 p.m.

“In a world where there is so much noise, so much bewilderment, there is a need for silent adoration of Jesus concealed in the Host. Be assiduous in the prayer of adoration...It is a source of comfort and light, particularly to those who are suffering.”

Pope Benedict XVI

Thank you to all those who regularly come and spend time in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC FESTIVAL 2026 - SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER comes to London. It will take place on Saturday 10th October 2026 and if you want to travel up with others, we will leave from Wanstead Station at 10.30 a.m.

12pm noon The Adoremus Mass celebrated by Archbishop John Wilson, Archbishop of Southwark.

After Mass: The Eucharist: *Our sacrament of hope in dark times*
A keynote address by Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP.

Time for packed lunches/picnic lunches

3pm Eucharistic Procession to Westminster Cathedral

5 pm. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at Westminster Cathedral

For more information, please go to www.cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-2026/ and see posters at the entrances to the Church. *If you would like to attend, please sign up on the sheets in the narthex and give a contact email or phone number.*

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The group will meet in Clergy House on Sunday 27 September at 3.30-4.45 p.m. Fr Gary Dench, a canon lawyer, will give a talk about *the purpose, development and importance of Canon Law* followed by questions, discussion and refreshments. *All welcome. Just come along.*

“SEA SUNDAY” SECOND COLLECTION raised the sum of £677.56 thank you for your generous offering.

SVP RAFFLE TICKETS Thank you to everyone who has bought SVP raffle tickets and supported us. Just a friendly reminder to anyone who still has raffle tickets to return: please make sure that all ticket stubs and money are returned by 14th September.

JOURNEY OF FAITH (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) 2026 -27 www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/sacraments/journey-in-faith/

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Have you been coming to Mass, but have never taken the step to become Catholic? Are you a baptised Catholic, but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? Have you joined us from a different religious background or no religious background and would like to find out more about Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, and His Church?

If you (or someone you know) answers “Yes” to any of these questions, you are invited to find out more through a process called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) or the Journey in Faith.

Just drop Fr Martin an email expressing your interest and he will get in contact with you.

A SCHOOL CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE may be required by parents applying to a Catholic Primary or Secondary schools. If you are a practicing Catholic (that is, coming to Sunday Mass here at Our Lady of Lourdes and known to Fr Martin) please collect a Certificate of Catholic Practice from Fr Martin on **Thursday 8th October between 5.00 -7.00 p.m. at Clergy House. Fr Martin will *not* give out certificates at any other time.**

PLEASE NOTE that Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School and Trinity Catholic High School do *not* require a Certificate of Catholic Practice. If you are applying to another Catholic school please check whether it requires a Certificate of Practice.

BCCS NOTICE— ‘The Priests’ Fr Eugene O’Hagan and Fr Martin O’Hagan invite you to join them at a one-off charity weekend hosted by and in support of the Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society 9th-10th October at The Lawn, Rochford. For full details and to purchase tickets, please visit www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/ or contact Julie Abbott on 07912 277413

**PLEASE SUPPORT THE RUNNING, WORK
AND MISSION OF THE PARISH.**



Contributions to the parish can be made by standing order or bank transfer. If you are a taxpayer, *please* Gift Aid your donations. Go to www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com/offerings-and-donations/ for more information and forms.

You can also give online via the Diocesan website at [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?Parish=wanstead)

Parish=wanstead or by scanning the QR code shown here with your smartphone and selecting “General Offertory.”

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WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday 30th August Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Mary Swallow RIP

9.30 a.m. Mass—Rebecca Adejonwo Akinrele RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass— ‘Mam’ Rees RIP

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

Monday 31st August

9.00 a.m. Mass—Jim Purcell RIP

Tuesday 1st September St Sebbs

NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 2nd September

9.00 a.m. Mass—Lisa Rhoads RIP

11.00 a.m. Funeral Service of baby Melia—City of London

Thursday 3rd September St Gregory the Great

9.00 a.m. Mass—Miriam Camilleri RIP

Friday 4th September

9.00 a.m. Mass—Anthony Gorni RIP

No Adoration

Saturday 5th September

NO MORNING MASS

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Enzo and Luca Pacheco

PLEASE NOTE NO CONFESSIONS

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—John & Martha Koh RIP

Sunday 6th September —Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Education Sunday

9.30 a.m. Mass—Elizabeth Wastell RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass—Francine family Ints.

5.00 p.m. Mass—People of the Parish

WEEKDAY AND SUNDAY MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 7th September

9.00 a.m. Mass—Timothy J Murphy RIP

Tuesday 8th September Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
NO MORNING MASS

Wednesday 9th September

9.00 a.m. Mass—Esther Uzoka RIP

12.30 p.m. Funeral Mass for Stephen McKenna

Thursday 10th September

9.00 a.m. Mass—Marie Francis RIP

Friday 11th September

9.00 a.m. Mass—Clare Philomena Murray RIP

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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

Saturday 12th September

NO MORNING MASS

10.45 a.m. Baptism of Rory Bigley-Bell

CONFESSIONS 5.00—6.00 p.m.

6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass—Moise Suso RIP

Sunday 13th September

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

9.30 a.m. Mass — Sr Mary Pat O'Driscoll RIP

11.30 a.m. Mass — Nigel Davies RIP

5.00 p.m. Mass — People of the Parish