MOTHERS PRAYERS are held fortnightly; the next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd January at 10.00 a.m. in Clergy House. All are welcome.

PHOTOS OF OUR DECEASED LOVED ONES We still have a number of photographs awaiting collection from Clergy House; please call the office on 01277 265235 to arrange a time to come in and collect.

CHORAL VESPERS is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m. and Fridays at 6.15 p.m. (during term time). All are welcome.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK is available to anyone who is gravely ill or about to have an operation, so if you know someone who would like to receive this important sacrament then please speak to a member of the clergy or ring the office on 265235.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS: If you know anyone who is unable to come to Mass but would still like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please contact Clergy House so we can add them to our Sick Communion visits list.

GENERAL NEWS

LUNCHEON RECITAL Please join us on Wednesday 16th January at 1.00 p.m. for an organ recital to be given by Graham Thorpe from the RCM.

SPRING SPIRITUALITY TALK Mgr David Manson will be giving a talk on “The Spirituality of Pope Francis” on Saturday 19th January - 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre. Contact details: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel. 01277 265285.

GOVERNOR TRAINING Saturday 26th January - 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre. The topics are: “Preparing for OFSTED and Section 48 Inspections.” This training will be led by Debbi Botham, Diocesan Coordinator for Governance and Derek Kelly, Educational Consultant and Section 48 Inspector. Contact details: debbibotham@dioceseofbrentwood.org Tel. 01277 265284.

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE On Wednesdays 23rd and 30th January at 7.00 p.m Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Luke, the gospel being read on Sundays in 2019. These ‘Gidea Park Faith Evenings’ will take place in the hall at Gidea Park Catholic Church (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments provided. Admission free.
THANK YOU for the collection on the weekend of 29th/30th December: £3,395.58 of which £2,455.91 was Gift Aided. Also for the collection on 5th/6th January: £3,591.44 of which £2,555.03 was Gift Aided. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the parish.

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION next Sunday for the work of Pax Christi (the Peace of Christ) which aims to support initiatives for peace and reconciliation in communities, societies and countries where there is division, discord and violence. Bishop Malcolm McMahon, National President, writes:

Working nationally, with a team of 4 staff members and volunteers, a huge amount is achieved through the outreach work and the resources that are produced. Many parishes take special collections on or around Peace Sunday for Pax Christi. I am thankful for this generosity and ask you to support us again this year. Pax Christi has made a deliberate choice not to be a charity in order to have the freedom and flexibility to take action which might otherwise be limited by constraints placed on charities - so your support is all the more important.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO NOMINATE A CHARITY or worthwhile project that the parish can support during this coming year through our PACE (Parish and Community Events) social events? In the past we have raised awareness of and supported Bridge2Aid, Little Havens Hospice and most recently the project of sending our four ambassadors to World Youth Day in Panama and Costa Rica.

Would you or others be happy to speak about your charity and raise its profile in the parish community during this coming year? Would you be willing to get involved in the parish social events to promote your charity? Please write to Fr Martin by the end of the month with information about the charity or project you are proposing. He and the PACE teams will consider all proposals received.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 am MASS this week; the following week will be hosted by the PACE Team; there will be no coffee morning held next week.

PLEASE PRAY for Mercedes Payne who died recently; funeral details are not yet known. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY Noah Newman, Marleigh Wade, Kian Kelly and Henry Challice who will be baptised this weekend in the Cathedral; please remember them and their parents “the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of Faith”.

CAN YOU HELP FR MARTIN for about an hour with serving tea and coffee on the evenings of the Marriage Preparation Course (Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. on 17th, 24th and 31st January and 7th February)? If you are able to help, please put your name and contact details on the sign-up sheet in the Cathedral narthex or the back of Holy Cross Church. Thank you in advance for any help.

A WEEKLY HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION will commence on Monday 14th January from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. This is a time to be still and rest before our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. Silent adoration before the Holy Eucharist exposed in a Monstrance on the Altar is a great tradition of the Church. There will be the hymns and prayers but the emphasis will be on silent meditation during the hour. In the words of St John Vianney “We know that God is there in His Holy tabernacle; let us open our hearts to Him; let us rejoice in His Presence: this is the best prayer”.

WORLD YOUTH DAY HERE THEY COME! Thanks to your generosity and all our fundraising efforts throughout the past year, we have managed to raise all the funds to send our four World Youth Day ambassadors – Grace, Ian, Alice and Katherine – to Panama and Costa Rica from 22 – 27th January. They will travel with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service and, in the presence of Pope Francis, join hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from across the globe to share their faith, build friendships and deepen their love of Christ.

NEW PARISH GROUP FOR MARRIED COUPLES Are you married? Newly married? Are you married with children or maybe you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary? Would you like to meet other married couples in the parish? Would like to pray with them, bringing all the joys and challenges of married and family life to God? Would you like to socialise with people who share your faith and similar values? If you are answering “yes” to any of these questions then come along to an informal meeting in Clergy House on Monday 28th January 2019 at 7.30 pm. To give us an idea of numbers, please write your names and details on the sheet in the Cathedral narthex and at Holy Cross.

OUR ALTAR SERVERS ALBS are in very poor condition and we are looking to replace them with new albs. Our altar servers, past and present, have such an important role serving at Mass and it is important that they are dressed properly. However, to replace all forty albs is extremely expensive. Each alb costs around £50 to replace. If you have served in the past, have had a child who has served or want to show your appreciation of our altar servers, would you be willing to buy an alb or give something towards the purchase of a new alb? Any donations, big or small, would be gratefully received. Cheques made payable to “Brentwood Cathedral” and placed in an envelope marked ALTAR SERVERS ALBS can be handed in to Clergy House.
LOVE IN ACTION  "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36 I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." 37 Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38 And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39 And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40 And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of these my brothers, you did it to me.' (Matthew 25:35-40)

Do you want to live the love of Christ for the weakest, poorest and most vulnerable? Do you have a care for our common home, the earth? Do you want to live more simply and walk more justly with God? Do you want to develop a better understanding of the social teaching of the Church? If so, please come along to an informal meeting on Wednesday 30th January at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral Parish Hall.

PARISH WELCOME SUPPER This will be held on the evening of Friday 1st March at 7.00 p.m. to welcome all newcomers who have joined our Parish in the last 18 months. Come and join the clergy and representatives of our many Parish groups for an informal supper to get to know more fellow parishioners. The supper will be in the parish Hall and is being organised by the Parish Pastoral Council. If you are new to the Parish, or know someone who is, and interested in coming to this free event, please put your name and contact details in the sign-up sheet in the Cathedral Narthex and at Holy Cross by 17th February.

250 CLUB RENEWAL - Renewals are due now please. If you pay in one annual instalment by cash, cheque or Direct Credit online, this will be due by 31st January please. If I already have your email address I will forward a renewal form to you in this way. Alternatively, forms will be available in the Narthex, on the Parish website, by email or, if you are unable to collect one from the church, please contact me and I will arrange to send one to you. New and renewal forms along with payment can be returned to Clergy House for my attention. Should you receive an email in error, please advise me so that I can remove you from the mailing list. Also, please contact me if you are unsure how you make your payment. Thank you for your continued support. Joanna Murphy – email joanna4austin@yahoo.co.uk or call 230675/07734 733417.

AT THE BEGINNING OF JANUARY we welcomed to the Cathedral parish, Jonathan Burden, a young man training for the priesthood at St Mary’s College, Oscott, Birmingham. Jonathan will be on pastoral placement with us for two weeks. Please make him feel very welcome. Pray for him, for all who are presently training for the priesthood and that more men may discern their personal vocation to serve God and the people of God as priests of His Church.

If you have ever thought that you might have a vocation to the priesthood, permanent diaconate, monastic or the religious life, why not speak to Fr Martin, Fr Patrick or one of the Cathedral deacons.

DO YOU HAVE UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS that are lying around your house and would make good raffle prizes at parish events? Would you be willing to donate them to our PACE (Parish And Community Events) team for use in their fund-raising efforts? If you are able to donate any unwanted gifts, please leave in the boxes in the Cathedral narthex and at the back of Holy Cross Church or drop off at Clergy House during office hours and on a Sunday.

WHY IS OUR CRIB STILL UP? For the secular and commercial world, Christmas begins sometime in October and ends on Boxing Day. They have now set their sights on Easter and chocolate eggs are already in the shops!! But for Christians, Christmas begins on 25th December, the birth of Christ, the Son of God, and continues until the 8 January when we celebrate His baptism. The Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the official Christmas season. But in some countries it is not unusual to retain some Christmas decorations until the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (Candlemas) on February 2. This corresponds to a longstanding custom in which the eve of Candlemas was the day for removal of Christmas decorations, especially those made of greenery. This tradition is witnessed by poet Robert Herrick (1591-1654) in his poem “Ceremony upon Candelmas Eve”:

“Down with the rosemary, and so down with the bays and mistletoe;
Down with the holly, ivy, all, wherewith ye dress’d the Christmas Hall.”

Our Crib offerings are for the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society that helps the most vulnerable children and their families in the East End and Essex. If you haven’t done so already please help support their important work by making an offering at the crib.

SLEEPY BISCUITS Thank you to all the sleepy biscuit bakers for the fabulous biscuits. The children enjoyed them enormously and slept better than ever this Christmas night! Your support is greatly appreciated, many of you giving year after year, thanks so much to you all. This wonderful parish tradition would not be possible without you. Thank you also to Sam Waite who so generously gave of her time to organise the bakers so brilliantly for us once again.

If there are any bakers who want their sleepy biscuit tin or container returned, please pick them up from Clergy House as soon as possible.

"Down with the holly, ivy, all, wherewith ye dress'd the Christmas Hall."
SERVICE TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS and PARISH DIARY
BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL and HOLY CROSS

Saturday
12 January

9.15 a.m. Cathedral Philip Harris R.I.P.
11.00 a.m.–12 noon Sacrament of Reconciliation
12.30 p.m. Cathedral Baptism of Noah Newman and Marleigh Wade
2.00 p.m. Cathedral Baptism of Kian Kelly and Henry Challice
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross Iris Green R.I.P.

Sunday
13 January

8.00 a.m. Cathedral Loretta Souza R.I.P.
9.30 a.m. Cathedral Michael Pompilii R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Marillac Tom Carr R.I.P.
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Myles Dempsey R.I.P.
4.00 p.m. Conf Centre Fr Martin’s Baptism Meeting (1 of 5)
4.00 p.m. Cathedral Confirmation Programme – Session 3
6.30 p.m. Cathedral People of the Parish

Monday
14 January

9.15 a.m. Cathedral John Pett R.I.P.
7.30 p.m. Cathedral Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction

Tuesday
15 January

9.15 a.m. Cathedral Mary Thompson R.I.P.
7.30 p.m. Clergy Hse Finance Committee Meeting

Wednesday
16 January

9.15 a.m. Cathedral Fred Hulls R.I.P.
1.00 p.m. Cathedral Lunchtime Organ Recital
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers

Thursday
17 January

9.15 a.m. Cathedral Intentions of Eileen Murphy
5.30 p.m. Grange Tom Carr R.I.P.
7.45 p.m. Conf Centre Marriage Preparation Course (2 of 5)

Friday
18 January

9.15 a.m. Cathedral Gina and Pierino Cavellini R.I.P.
6.15 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers

Saturday
19 January

9.15 a.m. Cathedral Intentions of the Selo-Ojeme Family

11.00 a.m.–12 noon - Sacrament of Reconciliation
12.30 p.m. Cathedral Wedding Service for the marriage of Michelle Chardin and Nick Laidler
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross Josephine Capps R.I.P.

Sunday
20 January

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) (Peace Day)

8.00 a.m. Cathedral Joan McCreary R.I.P.
9.30 a.m. Cathedral Marie Scott R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Marillac Intentions of Lal Walshe
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Kevin McQuillan R.I.P.
1.00 p.m. Cathedral Baptism of Joshua Rooke and Maximilian Myler
4.00 p.m. Cathedral Baptism Preparation Course (2 of 5)
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Anthony and Charlie Ward R.I.P.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:- Please pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners and friends, including: Lawrence Allum, Sheila Barnett, Bridget Barron, Hermine Bayley, Carmen Blackett, Sr Eileen Bolger, Stacey Bosley, Josephine Brooks, Toni Bryson, Beryl de Prazer, Charles Carlton, Phil Carr, John Carroll, Michael Clifford, John Collins, Linda Cooper, Sharon Cornel, David, Patricia Decup, Baby Arthur Fleming, Rebecca Florendo, Ron Fuhr, Concetta Hall, Tom Horan, Rita Hornsb, Ann Hurcumbe, Jess, Joseph, Billy Jones, James Joseph, Mary Kavanagh, Brian Kelleher, Veronica Kelleher, Marion Kelly, Ronald Lee, James Mackevey, Tony Maule, Anita McDonald-Liggins, Diarmaid McMahon, Betty McManimon, Baby Michael, Eliane Moss, Kathleen Murnane, Michael Murphy, Barney O’Driscoll, Maura O’Flynn-Iffland, Phoebe O’Flynn-Lynch, Kathleen O’Harte, Siobhan O’Leary, Babs Page, Mercedes Payne, Debbie and Brian Perrett, James Quilligan, Mary Robinson, Ted Rogers, Anne Rowe, Pat Shaw, Robin Shenton, Daisy Simpson, Bernard Slater, Rosemary Spooner, David Spring, Marie Stack, Sarah Storer, Patricia Swadling, TCT, Mark Thompson, Tim, Donald Walker, Fr John Warrington, Maria Walls, Celine Wells, Wendy, Louisa Whiteman, and all our sick in Marillac, Mascalis, Brentwood Community, The Beecbes, Queens, Nuffield and Hartwood Hospitals and St Francis Hospice.

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Florence O’Brien, Peter Greenwood, Maurice Faulkner, Annie Underhill, Grace Ruston, Louis Moulding, Elizabeth Lovwell, James Nolan, Massimo Giuseppe Di Stasio Campbell, Patrick Wood, Timothy O’Keefe, Bernard Regan, Thomas Gurhy, Jimmy Reilly, Arthur Speed, Patrick O’Reilly, Sister Gertrude Connolly, Jeremiah O’Sullivan, Margaret O’Riordan, Winifred Hawkins, Patricia Clarke, Heather Wischer, Patrick Murphy, Eileen Murray, Jessie Matthews, George Porter, Dennis Mulcahy, James Rochford, Edna Rose, Mary Eleanor Hazell, Hill Sinclair, Phyllis Partridge, Jane Hoey, Mary Kiley, Edith Clarke, Barbara Taylor, Kevin McQuillan, James Quinn, Herbert Crowder, Valentine McCarthy, Anne Seager, Ernest Benson, Mary Coakley, May Glen, Dora Foster, Mgr David Donnelly, Sr Mary Stephen, Eva Wheeker, Michael Dinery, Ramon Porta, Winifred Hopkins, Elvet Hopkins and Dora Foster,

HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Helen Elliot, Mary O’Brien, Roy Wood, Norah Wheelan, Nora Shale, Gerald Leo Brady, Mary Brophy, Caroline Amstredt, Bernard Donnelly and Josephine Capps.

Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time:

- Ss. Peter and Paul
- Bridget Barron R.I.P.
- James Joseph R.I.P.
- Michael Scott R.I.P.
- Sheila Barnett R.I.P.
- John Carroll R.I.P.
- Michael Clifford R.I.P.
- Linda Cooper R.I.P.
- Sharon Cornell R.I.P.
- Patricia Decup R.I.P.
- Baby Arthur Fleming R.I.P.
- Roberta Florendo R.I.P.
- Ron Fuhr R.I.P.
- Concetta Hall R.I.P.
- Tom Horan R.I.P.
- Rita Hornsb R.I.P.
- Ann Hurcumbe R.I.P.
- Jess R.I.P.
- Joseph R.I.P.
- Billy Jones R.I.P.
- James Joseph R.I.P.
- Mary Kavanagh R.I.P.
- Brian Kelleher R.I.P.
- Veronica Kelleher R.I.P.
- Marion Kelly R.I.P.
- Ronald Lee R.I.P.
- James Mackevey R.I.P.
- Tony Maule R.I.P.
- Anita McDonald-Liggins R.I.P.
- Diarmaid McMahon R.I.P.
- Betty McManimon R.I.P.
- Baby Michael R.I.P.
- Eliane Moss R.I.P.
- Kathleen Murnane R.I.P.
- Michael Murphy R.I.P.
- Barney O’Driscoll R.I.P.
- Maura O’Flynn-Iffland R.I.P.
- Phoebe O’Flynn-Lynch R.I.P.
- Kathleen O’Harte R.I.P.
- Siobhan O’Leary R.I.P.
- Babs Page R.I.P.
- Mercedes Payne R.I.P.
- Debbie and Brian Perrett R.I.P.
- James Quilligan R.I.P.
- Mary Robinson R.I.P.
- Ted Rogers R.I.P.
- Anne Rowe R.I.P.
- Pat Shaw R.I.P.
- Robin Shenton R.I.P.
- Daisy Simpson R.I.P.
- Bernard Slater R.I.P.
- Rosemary Spooner R.I.P.
- David Spring R.I.P.
- Marie Stack R.I.P.
- Sarah Storer R.I.P.
- Patricia Swadling R.I.P.
- TCT R.I.P.
- Mark Thompson R.I.P.
- Tim R.I.P.
- Donald Walker R.I.P.
- Fr John Warrington R.I.P.
- Maria Walls R.I.P.
- Celine Wells R.I.P.
- Wendy R.I.P.
- Louisa Whiteman R.I.P.