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THIS NEWSLETTER COVERS THE WHOLE OF THE MONTH OF AUGUST; please ensure that you keep your copy handy for the coming weeks. The next newsletter to be issued will be on Sunday 1st September; please do send in any items you would like included in this issue over the coming month.

PLEASE NOTE that during the month of August, the parish office will be closed on Mondays as well as Fridays.

PLEASE NOTE that Fr Martin will be away on his summer break from Monday 19th August and will return on Friday 30th August.

MASS TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS, CATHEDRAL DIARY and ANNIVERSARIES for each week can be found on the noticeboard in the Cathedral narthex and at the back of Holy Cross and on also the parish website.

THANK YOU for the collection on the weekend of: 27th/28th July: £3,607.48 of which £2,700.58 was Gift Aided. Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings and for your support of the parish.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Terence Scully who died recently; Terence’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesday 7th August at 10.30 a.m. May he rest in the peace of Christ and may those who grieve their loss be comforted by the Lord.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 a.m. MASS during the month of August:
Sunday 4th August – there will be no coffee morning today
Sunday 11th August – hosted by the Parish Pastoral Council Group
Sunday 18th August – hosted by the Altar Servers
Sunday 25th August – there will be no coffee morning today

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available in the Cathedral on Saturdays between 11.00 a.m. and 12 noon with the exception of Saturday 10th August.

MILLENNIALS “THINKING FAITH” GROUP is for anyone aged 18 – 40 who wants to deepen their Catholic Faith; pray with and meet other Catholics in the parish. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 14th August in Clergy House from 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. All millennials are welcome. Just show up.

Dates for meetings for the “Thinking Faith” Group for the remainder of the year are as follows: 4th September, 18th September, 2nd October, 30th October, 12th November, 27th November and 11th December.
THE FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY is on 15th August. This is a Holyday of Obligation. On this day we celebrate the fact that “The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”

Masses in the Cathedral will be celebrated at 7.30 p.m. (Wednesday 14th), 9.15 a.m. and 1.10 p.m. Please make a very special effort to attend one of these Masses.

LOVE IN ACTION GROUP promotes the social teaching of the Church in our parish community. This group will meet on the last Wednesday of every month at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Conference Centre; the next meeting will be on Wednesday 28th August. If you are interested in practical ways of living your faith and helping those most in need, please come along.

FR PATRICK’S FAREWELL MASS Please join us to say farewell to Fr Patrick at the 6.30 p.m. Mass on Sunday 29th September which will be followed by a reception and presentation in the Parish Hall.

If you have not yet donated to Fr Patrick’s farewell gift and would like to do so, please hand in your gift at the office. If you are a tax payer, you can Gift Aid your donation – see special Fr Patrick Farewell Gift Aid envelopes in the narthex and at the back of Holy Cross.

Fr Gary Dench will be joining us on the weekend of 7th/8th September; please do keep him in your prayers.

250 CLUB WINNERS: Our congratulations go to Bridie McDonagh (April winner), and Deacon Simon Conrad (May winner) who each win £50; also to our June winners, Tom Mc Mahon who wins £300, and Pat Ryan and Liz Murrell who each win £100. Congratulations to all.

HOLY HOUR OF SILENT PRAYER before the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Monday from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2019- 2020: Please note that the registration form and details of all the programme dates are now available for collection in the narthex and the porch of Holy Cross. Please see Brentwood Cathedral website for more details. The deadline for the registration form is Sunday 31st August 2019 (please note this date has changed).

SAVE THE DATE FOR “BE INSPIRED” the big parish event which will be held on Thursday 10th October at 7.30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Do you care about God’s creation? Are you concerned about the damage being done to the natural world? Do you want to share ideas about caring for Our Common Home as Pope Francis urges us to do, calling us to show a more passionate concern for the protection of our world?

For the “BE INSPIRED” evening we have invited a panel of expert speakers including representatives from the Bishops’ Conference and CAFOD as well as the Leader of Brentwood Borough Council to give short presentations on the pressing environmental issues we are facing and answer some of our concerns. We will also invite our local schools to tell us about the initiatives our young people are involved in locally and globally so please keep this date free for this special event. More details to follow soon!

Green Guardians, the newly formed parish group which is part of Love in Action, is organising this event. If you’d like to get involved, come along to the next meeting of the Green Guardians to be held in the parish hall on Tuesday 20th August at 7.30 p.m. or email us at greenbrentwoodcathedral@gmail.com.

"ALL ARE WELCOME" Starting on Friday 4th October, and on the first Friday of each month the ‘Love in Action’ group will be opening the doors of the parish hall between 1.00 and 3.00 p.m. for drinks and biscuits/cakes. ALL ARE WELCOME whatever their stage in life, from babies with parents/carers upwards, parishioner or not.

In the spirit of friendship drop in for as long as you like to relax, chat and meet others from our parish family and beyond. Please free to invite a guest too. We will have an area set aside with toys and books for young children to keep them entertained.

We’d love to hear from you if you’d like to be involved in the group and to help out on the Fridays, please contact cathedralallarewecome@gmail.com or call 07941 471503.

WE ARE APPEALING FOR THE FOLLOWING to sell at our annual Vintage Tea event which will be held in the parish hall on Sunday 6th October: home-made Jam, Marmalade, Chutney, Cordial; all donations will be very gratefully received. If you have any queries please email cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com or contact the parish office on 01277 265235.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2019-2020. There will be an Information and Registration Meeting for Parents and Candidates on Thursday 5th September at 8.00 p.m. in the Cathedral parish hall for those young men and women who are interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday 2020. Application packs are now available for collection in the Cathedral Narthex and at Holy Cross, Warley
To be confirmed at the Cathedral you need to:
a) have an open mind and heart for the things of God. Even if you are not completely sure about being confirmed, you need to be willing to give the course a go, be committed to it and see how the Holy Spirit moves you.
b) be at least 16 years by September 2019 (Year 12) and no older than 18 years by June 2020 (year 13). If you are older than 18, please speak to Fr Martin.
Please note the deadline for applications is Thursday 6th September 2019.

JOURNEY IN FAITH 2019-20 PROGRAMME We will be having our Welcome Supper and Introduction to the Course on Thursday 26th September at 7.30 p.m. in Clergy House.

Have you, or someone you know, ever thought of becoming a Catholic? Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith? Are you planning to marry a Catholic or are you married to a Catholic and want to have a better understanding of what they believe? Are you baptised but, for some reason, have never received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation?

If you have answered “yes” to any of the above questions then The Journey in Faith programme is designed to help you reflect in an adult fashion on the Catholic Faith; please do put your details on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or in the porch at Holy Cross and come along and join us. Please visit the following link http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org/blog-2/rcia-a/ for full details of the course.

MISSIO DAY Fr Patrick would like to invite you to spend a day with Missio on Saturday 14th September 2019. The day will commence with coffee in the parish hall at 10.30 a.m. followed by presentations by Missionary Priests on the work of Missio. At 1.00 p.m. Mass will be celebrated with Bishop Alan and Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director of Missio. Lunch will be provided following Mass. Fr Patrick will be giving a personal presentation on his visit to Kenya last October. The event will finish at 4.00 p.m. Please write your name and details on the sign-up sheet in the narthex or at the back of Holy Cross Church.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS. If you are going to apply for a primary or secondary Catholic school with your child starting in September 2020 or September 2021, please make sure that:
a) you have a Mass registration card. You can pick one up from the Cathedral narthex and at the back of Holy Cross.
b) ensure you have it signed at the end of Sunday Mass by one of the clergy.
c) ensure your name is clearly on it and that you keep it safe.
d) if you are going to apply for a non-Catholic school that requires Fr Martin to confirm your practice then please use the Mass registration card.

Please note that if you plan to send your daughter or son to the Brentwood Ursuline High School that you do not now require a Certificate of Catholic Practice from Fr Martin.

You will need to bring this Mass registration card with you when you are due to collect your Certificate of Catholic Practice. This will clearly show your practice for the last twelve months.

MOTHERS PRAYERS are held fort nightly; our next meeting will be this Wednesday 7th August at 10.00 a.m. in Clergy House; the following meeting will be on 21st August. Do join us, all are very welcome.

CHORAL VESPERS has now finished for the summer holidays and will recommence on Friday 6th September at 6.15 p.m.

CATHEDRAL PARISH HALLS and ST PETER’S HALL BOOKINGS: Please email Dawn Cockerton at patrickdawn8@aol.com or phone her on 07756 765567. Please note that Dawn is now on holiday for 2 weeks and will respond to any emails/messages on her return during week commencing 14th August.

PARISH SICK LIST REVIEW Please do call in to the office if you would like your name added to the sick list. Please be aware that, due to GDPR, we can only add a name that is given to us personally or by a member of the immediate family. We will now only be able to accept this information in the form of an email or alternatively in person at the parish office.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Please pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners and friends, including: Bridget Barron, Phil Carr, David, Patricia Decup, Julian Goode, Concetta Hall, Ann Hurcombe, Wong Su Hwa, Jess, Brian Kelleher, Veronica Kelleher, Lawrence, Tony Maule, Dennis Menezes, Kath Murnane, Michael Murphy, Harry Newman, Barney O’Driscoll, Siobhan O’Leary, Anne Rowe, Helena Rowe, Robin Shenton, Tim, TCT, Louisa Whiteman, and all our sick in Marillac, Mascalz, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartwood Hospitals and St Francis Hospice.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK is available to anyone who is gravely ill or about to have an operation. If you would like to receive this 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 visits list.
UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP The Upper Room Prayer Group will next meet this Thursday 8th August in the Upper Room of the Cathedral from 7.45 – 9.00 p.m. A time of prayer, praise, reflection and intercession. For details please call Chris 07974 702771 or Gabrielle 07817 515207.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is inviting families to join us at the Barleylands Fun Walk on Sunday 8th September to increase awareness of our work. This is a great fun, family event with a choice of walks on the Barleylands site in Billericay, the longest being no more than 2 miles and a shorter walk which is suitable for children and toddlers. There will be stalls serving cakes/biscuits and ice-cream available from 12 noon and the community walk will start at 12.45 and finish around 2.00 p.m. This is an ideal opportunity for families or parish groups to get together and have a fun afternoon while raising much needed funds for 'bccs'. For a sponsorship form and more information, go to https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events or please contact Julie on jabbott@bccs.org.uk.

STUDY DAY ON THE BOOK OF GENESIS To open the ‘Year of the God who Speaks’ Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day entitled ‘Beginning with Genesis’ on Saturday 12th October 2019 at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). The day will begin at 10.30 a.m. with the formal opening of the Year by Bishop Alan Williams. Coffee will be available from 10.00 a.m. Please bring your own lunch. The study day will end at 3.00 p.m. Admission is free but please ensure you make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com.

DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY St Joseph’s Catholic Primary, Stanford-Le-Hope (Essex) are seeking a Deputy Headteacher. Salary Range: Group 2 – Range L8-L14 (Fringe). Start date: January 2020. Are you a current or aspiring practising Catholic Primary Senior Leader looking for a Deputy Headship as part of a Catholic Multi Academy Trust? We are looking for an innovative, creative, inspirational and dedicated Deputy Headteacher to join our vibrant academy and work in partnership with the Headteacher. Visits to the academy are strongly encouraged and warmly welcome. Please contact the Trust HR Manager by email at palomaGI@Christus.org.uk to arrange a visit. Please call the school for further information. Closing date for receipt of applications is Monday 16th September (by 10.00 a.m.); shortlisting Tuesday 17th September and interviews being held on Friday 11th October 2019.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNORS to join our new Governing Body at St Aidan’s Catholic Primary Academy, part of the Good Shepherd Trust. An exciting opportunity to be part of the on-going journey to further success. Please contact Marcia Joslyn at admin@st-aidans.redbridge.sch.uk for further details.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS & TRUSTEES It is that time again when we begin to look forward to next academic year and we are looking to recruit Catholic individuals who share our passion and mission for Catholic education, that might consider serving at a local level as a Foundation Governor of St Thomas More High School or at Trust Level as a Trustee of the Assisi Catholic Trust. If you think you have the skills (particularly safeguarding, finance, human resources or legal background), dedication and motivation we would love to have you on board. Please do speak to either your Parish Priest or contact Mrs Gemma Ackred, Headteacher at St Thomas More High School and Chief Accounting officer for The Assisi Catholic Trust (gackred@assisicatholictrust.com) to find out more about the roles we have available.

SERVICE TIMES and MASS INTENTIONS Saturday 24th August through to Sunday 1st September 2019

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| 26 August | 9.15 a.m. Cathedral Sean Fleming R.I.P. |
|          | 7.30 p.m. Cathedral Holy Hour and Exposition |
Tuesday 27 August St Monica
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Tom Carr R.I.P.

Wednesday 28 August St Augustine, Bp
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Pat Hawser R.I.P.
1.15 p.m. Cathedral Funeral Service for the late Christina Casey R.I.P.
7.30 p.m. Conf Centre Love In Action Meeting

Thursday 29 August The Passion of St John the Baptist
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Val Knox R.I.P.
5.30 p.m. Grange Anne and Owen Lemass R.I.P.

Friday 30 August 9.15 a.m. Cathedral Eugene Marrinan R.I.P.
1.00 p.m. Cathedral Requiem Mass for the late Peter Cervi R.I.P.

Saturday 31 August 9.15 a.m. Cathedral Cathedral Benefactors
11.00 – 12 Noon Cathedral Sacrament of Reconciliation
2.00 p.m. Cathedral Baptism of Sophia Ippoliti
3.00 p.m. Cathedral Music Group Rehearsal
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross Peter McGrath R.I.P.

Sunday 1 September 8.00 a.m. Cathedral Bernie McMahon R.I.P.
9.30 a.m. Cathedral People of the Parish
10.00 a.m. Marillac Intentions of Siobhan and Paul
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Rocco Corbo R.I.P.
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Chris Buckley R.I.P.

CATHEDRAL AND HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES

Saturday 24th August through to Sunday 1st September 2019


HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Elizabeth Campbell, Sadie Rushbrooke, John Ernest Thornby, Harry Dobson, Bill Raven, Babs Roberts, Bridget Smith, Amanda Vella, Gerald Hayes, Edward Michael Sullivan, William Hicks, Jean Courage, Tadeusz Antczak, Arthur Wood, Sydney Gostling, Winifred Hawser, Canon John Walsh, Norah Costello, Jessica West and Marjorie Raven.