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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**Sunday 1st September 2019**

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**SUNDAY MASS**

Holy Cross: 6.30 p.m. (Vigil)

Cathedral: 8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m. (Family Mass), 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

**WEEKDAY MASS**

Cathedral: 9.15 a.m.

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Please ensure that you are aware of the position of all the emergency FIRE EXIT doors in the Cathedral.

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**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 weekends of:

- 3rd/4th August: £3,622.21 of which £2,630.86 was Gift Aided.
- 10th/11th August: £3,250.87 of which £2,597.46 was Gift Aided.
- 17th/18th August: £3,104.05 of which £2,150.38 was Gift Aided.
- 24th/25th August: £3,320.39 of which £2,515.75 was Gift Aided.

Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings and for your support of the parish.

**APPEAL OF SISTERS OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY** will take place at all Masses this weekend. The members of this Religious Institute who live as a community of sisters are active where the Church most needs them, especially in the care of women and children and the underprivileged. We welcome Sr Mary Sebastian Ogwuike who will give the appeal. Please give as generously as you can and if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering using one of the Gift Aid envelopes in the Cathedral narthex and at the back of Holy Cross.

**COFFEE AFTER 9.30 a.m. MASS** today will be hosted by the PACE Team; next week will be the turn of the Altar Servers. Why not come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat?

**THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE** supports Catholic schools throughout the country and works with government to safeguard our Catholic schools. A second collection will be taken next weekend to support its work.

Catholic schools make up 10% of the national total of maintained schools. There are more than 2200 Catholic schools, academies and colleges in England and Wales educating over 850,000 pupils.

Many of us have had the privilege of receiving a Catholic education or we have children attend or will attend a Catholic school. Please give as generously as you can and if you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering.

**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 **this Wednesday 4th September** 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: 18th September, 2nd October, 30th October, 12th November, 27th November and 11th December.
A NEW MUSIC GROUP ‘PS150’ has been formed to play at the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass on the third Sunday of every month. What does PS150 mean? It refers to Psalm 150:

1 Praise God in his sanctuary...
3 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
   praise him with the harp and lyre,
4 praise him with timbrel and dancing,
   praise him with the strings and pipe,
5 praise him with the clash of cymbals...
6 Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.
Praise the LORD.

We are looking for adults who play instruments or enjoy singing to join this new group and help enrich and strengthen the music at this Mass. If you are interested in joining the group, please speak to Sarah Conrad or email her on sarahconrad@hotmail.co.uk.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL CAR PARK is for people who are praying or attending services in the Cathedral and those who have business in the Cathedral offices or who are attending meetings. Sadly, this has been abused by many people who use the car park as a convenient parking spot or who leave their cars and go off to work. Sadly, when challenged about parking, some of these people have been verbally abusive and threatening.

In recent months, we have employed people to man the main entrance to the Cathedral car park on a Saturday morning from 8.00 a.m. – 12 noon. This has ensured that people who are attending a sacramental celebration such as Mass, a baptism or a wedding can park easily. Also, those who are attending a meeting or conference have use of the car park. This trial has worked well and has deterred shoppers and others from parking here.

From the beginning of September, we are going to trial a similar system on weekdays. People who are not using the Cathedral, the Cathedral offices or halls will be issued with an initial warning and their license plate number will be recorded. If they park here again, they will be issued with a £100 fine through a Car Park monitoring company.

If you regularly attend Morning Mass and come by car, it would be helpful to have a note of your license plate number in order to ensure that you do not receive a warning notice. If you are happy to do so, please pass it on to Mo, the parish secretary.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of the following who all died in recent weeks:

Christina Casey; Christina’s Funeral Service was celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesday 28th August.
Peter Cervi; Peter’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday 30th August.
Mary Sheehan; Mary’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday 2nd September at 11.30 a.m.
Malcolm Clark; Malcolm’s Funeral Service will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Tuesday 3rd September at 10.30 a.m.

May they rest in the peace of Christ and may those who grieve their loss be comforted by the Lord.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2019-2020. There will be an Information and Registration Meeting for Parents and Candidates this 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.

THE CHAPTER OF CANONS MASS will take place in the Cathedral at 12 noon on Monday 9th September. All are welcome to attend.

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.
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 25th September. If you are interested in practical ways of living your faith and helping those most in need, please come along.

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/ricia-a/ for full details of the course.

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 next weekend, 7th/8th September; please do keep him in your prayers and give him a warm welcome to his first parish.

“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 cathedralallarewelcome@gmail.com or call 07941 471503.

AFTERNOON TEA A lovely afternoon is promised with a raffle with gorgeous treats and items to purchase on Sunday 6th October from 3.30 – 6.00 p.m. – why not come along and join us? Tickets will be on sale from next weekend and will be available to purchase from Patricia Whiteley by email smithy40@btopenworld.com or phone 07970 460918 for this hugely popular event; tickets are £18 each and this includes a glass of fizz on arrival and a selection of delicious sandwiches and homemade cakes and scones. Go on, spoil yourself! For further information, please contact Patricia as above.

ARE YOU INTERESTED in finding out more about our speakers for the ‘BE INSPIRED’ parish event on Thursday 10th October, organised by the Love in Action group?

Over the next few weeks, we will be introducing our panel, starting with Edward de Quay, the Environmental Adviser for the Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales. Edward is working on a long-term plan for all the diocese with a group led by Bishop John Arnold from Salford Diocese who has set up a Laudato Si project, creating a space for practical action to care for our common home which will help to leave a sustainable world for future generations. Edward will give the parish an overview of the ten-year « journey to 2030 » and answer our questions.

Find out more on the Cathedral website from the Love in Action page by clicking on Details under our REIMAGINE OUR COMMON HOME poster. Green Guardians, the newly formed parish group which is part of Love in Action, is organising this event. For more information, email us at greenbrentwoodcathedral@gmail.com.

READERS, COUNTERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS The new rota starts this weekend; please check dates and ensure that you find cover if you cannot minister. If you have not received the new rota by email please let Ann know. Messina21@btinternet.com or call on 01277 213593. Printed copies are now available in the narthex or at the back of Holy Cross Church. NB Current rotas can be found on the Cathedral webpage under Parish - Rotas.

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

TRAUMA TEDDIES Thank you so much for the knitted teddies donated for the emergency services so far; 40 were delivered recently and I already have a further 20 ready to go. Current knitters, please carry on if you can......no pressure! Patterns are available for any new knitters interested; please call Liz Hart on 01277 228419. Thank you.

MOTHERS PRAYERS are held fortnightly; our next meeting will be this Wednesday 4th September at 10.00 a.m. in Clergy House. All are very welcome.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION - 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 for this school.

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.

Fr Martin will be available only at the following times in Clergy House to see parents who are known to him and who are practicing their faith every Sunday; there will be no need to make an appointment:

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS
Tuesday 15th October ~ 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS
Wednesday 13th November ~ 4.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Thursday 14th November ~ 6.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

Please ensure you make a note of these dates in your diaries now if they relate to you.

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 Murmane, 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, Mascalls, 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.

GENERAL NEWS

UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP The Upper Room Prayer Group will next meet on Thursday 12th September 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.

THE DEACON IN THE CHURCH A study day on the permanent diaconate has been arranged at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, 11 Church Hill, Epping, CM16 4RA on Saturday 14th September 2019 from 9.30 to 1.00 p.m. (preceded by Mass in the church at 9am). The event is aimed at all those interested in finding out more about the permanent diaconate and the role it might play in the future of our diocese, and at anyone who may feel a sense of calling to this ancient yet very modern ministry in the Church. All are welcome. For further information email alanmair63@gmail.com.

VACANCY An exciting opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic Health and Safety Advisor to join our team in delivering high quality health and safety advice and support to the Diocese of Brentwood. This is a varied and interesting role providing support to the Diocese across a range of health and safety activities. Further information and a full job description can be obtained by contacting leighbuckley@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Application is by CV with covering letter to the email address above. Applications for this role should be received no later than 8th September 2019 and interviews are scheduled to be held week commencing 16th September 2019.

HOME FROM HOME FOR THE ELDERLY a charity that aims at providing affordable care to the elderly, would very much appreciate someone with fundraising experience to help with organising fundraising events. If you can assist, please contact Aminta Hall on 07702 063535.
SERVICE TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS and PARISH DIARY

Saturday 31st August through to Sunday 8th September 2019

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.

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8.00 a.m. Cathedral Bernie McMahon R.I.P.
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Wednesday
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7.30 p.m. Clergy Hse Millennials “Thinking Faith” Meeting
8.00 p.m. Cathedral Youth Mass

Thursday
5 September
9.15 a.m. Cathedral John Buggle R.I.P.
10.30 a.m. Cathedral The Brentwood School Start of Year Service (1 of 2)
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CATHEDRAL AND HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES
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CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Paul Shale, Anna Wade Smith, Ian Weston, Joanna Lynch, Heidi Kerrigan, Mary Fairchild, Joan Geeves, Edward Dillon, Esther Metcalfe, Carol Christine Spooner, Bill Dowling, Veronica Ball, Joyce Allen, Josie Scully, Valerie Barber, Wolfgang Sarasse, Frederick Howlett, Dorothy Norah Gregory, Mary O’Toole, Catherine Wild, Mary Towler, Kathleen Nugent, Bernard Gordon, Thomas Gilham, Sister Stephen OSU, Christopher McKeon, Edward Bohannon, Sheila Julia Weston, Ann Dimery, John and Mary Banks, Michael O’Sullivan, Giacomo Panza, Toby Milburn, Thomas Flynn, Alfred Seager, Wilfred Pollard,
Josephine Magorrian, Jack Permain, J. Maurissen, Margaret Shepherd, Michael Maling, Hannah McDonnell, Caroline Avis, Dan Murphy, Gerry Shanley, Doris Lawlor, David Fairman, Bridget O’Carroll, Donald Clayton, Mary Caddell and Marie Maher.

**HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Winifred Hawser, Canon John Walsh, Norah Costello, Jessica West, Marjorie Raven, John Brien, Edward Houghton, Sir Geoffrey Nightingale, Mary Towler, Daniel Kelly, Agnes Galcius, Edmond Horgan, William Coles, Eddie Connor, Chris Williams, Rosina Williams, Jim Connor and Mary Guilfoyle.