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The importance of silence in the celebration of Holy Mass

“The Lord is in his holy temple;
Let all the earth keep silence before him.”
Habakkuk 2:20

Jesus is truly present to us in the celebration of Mass. He speaks to us through his living word, the Sacred Scriptures. He feeds us with His own divine life, His body and His blood, in the Eucharist. Jesus stands in our midst. We recognise Him, in a profound manner, in the silences of the Mass. They open our body, mind and soul to God and allow Him to make his home in us. We experience, nothing less, than communion with Him.

We become most aware of His real presence in those times of silence that punctuate the sacred action of the Mass. They are not accidental. They are deliberate and exist in order that our love of God might mature. When we are silent we do not hear less, we hear more. We become attuned to the stirrings of our souls and the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking personally to us as individuals and as a community.

But for this to happen we need to still our anxieties, to be more attentive and less distracted, to quiet all the white noise outside and within us in order to listen for God’s presence. We need to turn off our mobile phones, remove our wireless earpods, end our useless chatter, be less physically and mentally unsettled. When these things happen then we begin to develop the habits of a listening silence and a humble stillness. Even if we never achieve a monastic silence, we can all become more present to God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Silence does not happen automatically. It is created by the work of each member of the worshipping assembly. As we come to Mass, we need to commit ourselves to cultivating the reverent silences of the Mass and to protecting them. Let us pray with the Psalmist before each Mass begins: “Truly I have set my soul/In silence and peace” (Psalm 131)

Respecting the silences of the Mass is also a measure of the respect we have for our brothers and sisters around us who seek to deepen their relationship with Jesus. When we vandalise these silences with our own noise and chatter, we show a lack of respect for the community who have come to be nourished by the silent language of God’s love.

The Roman Missal is very clear about the importance of silence in the liturgy:

“Sacred silence also, as part of the celebration, is to be observed at the designated times. Its nature, however, depends on the moment when it occurs in the different parts of the celebration. For in the Penitential Act and again after the invitation to pray, individuals recollect themselves; whereas after a reading or after the Homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise God in their hearts and pray to him.” (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 45)

Through this wise instruction, the Church helps us to understand that the meaning of each silence has a different quality depending on when it occurs during the Mass. The silences of the Mass help us to participate more fully in the mysteries we are celebrating by teaching us the ways of recollection, meditation, and praise of Almighty God.

WE WARMLY WELCOME FR GARY who joins us in the parish this weekend. We pray that his priestly ministry at the Cathedral will be fruitful and happy.

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.

PLEASE NOTE this newsletter covers two weeks; please keep your copy handy for the coming week. THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED from Monday 9th September and will re-open again on Monday 16th September.

THANK YOU for the collection on 1st September: £3,661.31 of which £2,545.41 was Gift Aided; also for the second collection for the appeal from the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary: £1,608.38 of which £947.00 was Gift Aided. Thank you for your generosity, and for your support of the parish.

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 today 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 have enjoyed that blessing. Please give generously and if you are a tax payer, please GIT AID your offering.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD (CLOtW) We are delighted that Children’s Liturgy will recommence at the 9.30 a.m. Mass from this Sunday 8th September.

Our CLOtW will meet as a single group in the Conference Centre and is for children from pre-school age (3-4 years) up to and including Year 2 children. Just as parents do at school, we would encourage parents to leave their children with the liturgy leaders for the celebration of God’s word but we do understand that parents might want to help them settle into the groups over the first few weeks. We also understand that there may be some children with particular needs that require a parent to be with them and, of course, that is perfectly acceptable. If parents do come into the session, please sit with your child and participate with them in the celebration of God’s living word.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 a.m. MASS today will be hosted by CAFOD; next week it will be the turn of the St Helen’s School PA and the following week will be hosted by the Brownies. Why not come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat?

THE CHAPTER OF CANONS’ MASS will take place in the Cathedral at 12 noon on Monday 9th September. All are welcome to attend.
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 for the High Street or who even 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 September to December, 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.

CAN YOU HELP? We are looking for helpers for the refreshments on Missio Day (14th September) and also for Fr Patrick’s Farewell Reception (29th September). If you are able to help at either event please call Roisin on 07845 120310.

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

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

MOTHERS PRAYERS are held fortnightly; our next meeting will be on Wednesday 18th September at 10.00 a.m. in Clergy House. All are very welcome.

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 18th September in Clergy House from 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. All millennials are welcome. Just show up.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL (SVP) FESTIVAL The annual SVP Festival will be held in the Cathedral on Sunday 22nd September commencing with Mass at 2.00 p.m. followed by speakers who will talk about the work of the SVP. Refreshments will be served in the hall afterwards. All welcome.

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/rcia-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.

"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 this 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.

**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.

**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'Driscol, Siobhan O'Leary, Steven Poole, Anne Rowe, Helena Rowe, Robin Shenton, Tim, TCT, Louisa Whiteman, and all our sick in Marillac, Mascalas, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartswood 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.

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SERVICE TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS
and PARISH DIARY

Saturday 7th September through to Sunday 15th September 2019

Saturday
7 September
9.15 a.m. Cathedral  John and Margaret Pett R.I.P.
11.00 – 12 Noon Cathedral Sacrament of Reconciliation
2.00 p.m. Cathedral Nuptial Mass for the marriage of Charlotte Wood and Scott Leather
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross Intentions of Pauline Brillus

Sunday
8 September
TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
(Education Sunday)
8.00 a.m. Cathedral People of the Parish
9.30 a.m. Cathedral Chris Buckley R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Marillac Pat Hardy R.I.P.
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Gino D’Achille R.I.P.
1.00 p.m. Cathedral Baptism of Jaxon and Haiden Barry
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Mark Keating and Leo Murphy R.I.P.

Monday
9 September
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Billy R.I.P.
12 Noon. Cathedral Chapter of Canons Mass
7.30 p.m. Cathedral Holy Hour and Exposition

Tuesday
10 September
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Monica Mead R.I.P.

Wednesday
11 September
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Tom Carr R.I.P.
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers

Thursday
12 September
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Mass for Apostleship of the Sea
5.30 p.m. Grange Rev John Francis Harding (F)
5.00 p.m. Halls First Holy Communion
Registration Meeting
7.00 p.m. Cathedral Receiving Ministry for Lectionary for
Tony Rowley
7.45 p.m. Cathedral Upper Room Prayer Group

Friday
13 September
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Boghos and Rebecca Sabbagh R.I.P.
6.15 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers

Saturday
EXALTATION (TRIUMPH) OF THE HOLY CROSS
14 September
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Patricia White R.I.P.
11.00 – 12 Noon Cathedral Sacrament of Reconciliation
1.00 p.m. Cathedral Missio Mass
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross Jan and Agnieszka Borsuk R.I.P.

Sunday
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
(Home Mission Day)
15 September
8.00 a.m. Cathedral People of the Parish
9.30 a.m. Cathedral Intentions of Theresa Mukanyonga and her children
10.00 a.m. Marillac Stacey Boseley R.I.P.
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Marjorie Lewis R.I.P.
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Cathedral Benefactors

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Monday
St Cornelius, P and Cyprian, Bp
16 September
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Kathleen Ward R.I.P.
7.30 p.m. Cathedral Holy Hour and Exposition

Tuesday
17 September
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Winifride Scott (F)
Wednesday
18 September
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Kathleen Murray R.I.P.
1.00 p.m. Cathedral Lunchtime Recital
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers
7.30 p.m. Clergy Hse Millennials “Thinking Faith” Meeting

Thursday
19 September
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Kathleen Ward R.I.P.
5.30 p.m. Grange Liz Fletcher R.I.P.

Friday
St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Pr and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Comps, Mm
20 September
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Angus MacEachen R.I.P.
6.15 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers

Saturday
21 September
ST MATTHEW, Ap
9.15 a.m. Cathedral George and Michael Rossiter R.I.P.
11.00 – 12 Noon Cathedral Sacrament of Reconciliation
12.30 p.m. Cathedral Nuptial Mass for the marriage of Nadia Yousif and Gearoid O’Laoithe
9.15 a.m. Halls First Holy Communion Programme – Session 1
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross People of the Parish

Sunday
22 September
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
8.00 a.m. Cathedral Tom Carr R.I.P.
9.30 a.m. Cathedral Mgr Sean Flanagan R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Marillac Bridie McManus R.I.P.
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Intentions of the Nuttall Family
2.00 p.m. Cathedral St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Mass and Festival
4.00 p.m. Conf Centre Baptism Preparation Course (1 of 5)
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Alphonse Apicella R.I.P.

ANNIVERSARIES
BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL and HOLY CROSS

Saturday 7th September through to Sunday 15th September 2019

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: 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, Marie Maher, Peter Clarke, Arthur Willis, Teresa Lynch, Abby Julia Hart, Sarah Oliver, James Byrne, Edward Swift, Katherine Wisely, Joseph Rank, Bartholomew O’Mahoney, Gerry Dowds, Francis Rudd, David Richards, Alan Wakely, Walter Cross, Tommy Mahan, Rosa Brind, Catherine Ryan, Mary Duffy, Mrs P Kelly, Gabrielle Young, Anthony Ratnam, Sr Carmelita Quinn OSU, Rupert Varmer, Ivy Wood, Peter Bodley, Rebecca Sabbagh, Joanne Worboys, Mary Oborn, Jean Bond, Paul Byrne, Rev Joseph Silva Tavares, David Wilkie, Sr Josephine Payne OSU, Sydney Porter, Ben Millerick, Margaret Webster, Terri Grainge, Cora Barry, Avril Greenaway, Ernest England, Eileen Keary and Nell Gutch.

HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jim Connor, Mary Guilfoyle, Edward Gahagan, Gerry Shanley, Patrick O’Brien, Jack Spellman, Margaret Kenny, George Baker, Alice Ford, Joan Green, Nora Quinlan, Patrick Power and Eileen Lewis.

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HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alice Ford, Joan Green, Nora Quinlan, Patrick Power, Eileen Lewis, Mrs Duncan, Sarah Ewington, Brenda Rygate, Ian Haynes and Teresa Jimenez.