WE REMEMBER OUR DEAD and the communion that we still enjoy with them during the forthcoming month of November. We also pray and offer Masses for the repose of their souls in the eternal life of God.

Why do we offer Mass for the dead? We believe that there exists a living communion between us and our brothers and sisters “who have gone ahead of us marked the sign of faith”. Just as we pray for each other and share each other’s burdens on earth, we can offer prayers and sacrifices to help the departed souls undergoing purification, and no better prayer could be offered than that of the holy sacrifice of the Mass. The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains:

From the beginning the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them — above all the Eucharistic sacrifice — so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God. The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead.

Let us help and commemorate them. If Job’s sons were purified by their father’s sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.

It is a deep and ancient instinct for Catholics to pray and offer Mass for the dead. St. Ambrose (d. 397) preached, "We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord." St. Augustine (d. 430) recorded the dying wishes of his mother, St. Monica in his Confessions: “One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.” Pope St. Gregory (d. 604) said, "Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them."

How do you offer a Mass for a deceased person?

i) Please write the name of the deceased on an envelope and mark "RIP"

ii) There is no payment for having a Mass said for a deceased loved one, but you may wish to make an offering. In this way you participate more intimately in the sacrifice of the Mass offered, by making a sacrifice of your own, and, you help support and provide for the physical needs of the clergy.
iii) Please hand your envelope to the office and, Mo, the parish secretary, will allocate a date and time for the Mass to be said either in the parish or the Mass will be offered by a priest elsewhere. Sometimes Mass intentions will be sent to priests in other parts of this country or abroad who have very few Mass intentions of their own.

iv) You may want to send a Mass card to the family of the deceased. Mass cards are available in the Cathedral narthex, at the back of Holy Cross or from the parish office.

THE BOOK OF THE DEAD If you would like the names of deceased loved ones written in our Book of the Dead and displayed in front of the Cathedral altar, please clearly write their names on the sheet in the Cathedral narthex and at the back of Holy Cross. Please note the book already contains all names which have been given up to November 2018.

NOVEMBER DEAD ENVELOPES During November, please write and place the names of your deceased in these envelopes. The names of your deceased will be placed before the altar at every Mass and those "who have gone ahead of us marked by the sign of faith" will be raised up before the Lord in prayer. Please place the name(s) of your deceased loved ones with any donation in the 'Month of the Holy Souls' envelope and hand it in to Clergy House.

THE PARISH MASS OF REMEMBRANCE will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 3rd November. At this Mass we will remember all our deceased family, friends and parishioners who have died during the past year and all our deceased who we lift up to the Lord in prayer. Candles will be available for you to light and to help remember your deceased. The Mass will be followed by the blessing of the graveyard.

As we prepare to celebrate the feast of All Saints (1st November) and All Souls (2nd November), let us keep in our prayers all of our faithful departed.

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.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS Have you made your First Holy Communion? Would you like to serve at Mass and play a really important part in our Sunday celebration? If so, we are putting on four special training sessions for any children who are interested. These will take place in the Cathedral at 8 a.m. on Saturdays 26th October and 2nd, 9th and 16th November. For further information or to register your interest, please call Eddie Wadsworth 01277 222960.

THANK YOU for the collection on the weekend of 12th/13th October: £3,404.76 of which £2,428.53 was Gift Aided; also for the second collection for Prisoners Sunday: £474.24 of which £47.00 was Gift Aided. Thank you for your continued generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings and for your support of the parish.

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION TODAY for World Mission Sunday. World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope’s charity for world mission, you will help missionaries share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can. If you are a taxpayer, please use the Gift Aid envelopes. For more information, visit missio.org.uk.

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**COFFEE AFTER 9.30 a.m. MASS** this week will be hosted by the S.V.P. group; next week will be the turn of the Cub Scouts. Why not come along and join us for a cuppa and a chat?

**JUST A REMINDER!** It’s nearly that time when we get an extra hour in bed; the clocks will go back at 2.00 a.m. next **Sunday 27th October**.

**AFTERNOON TEA** We are now able to confirm that the amount raised at the recent Afternoon Tea was an incredible £1,912.90; a huge thank you goes to Pat and her team for all their hard work. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**HOLY HOUR OF SILENT PRAYER** before the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Monday from 7.30 – 8.30 p.m. The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will also be available during this time.

**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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** Would you like to find out more about the work of the SVP in our parish? SVP members and associates visit people locally and offer friendship, practical help and sometimes financial support. We work on a voluntary and confidential basis. We meet as a group every few weeks to pray, agree visits and to determine the level of help required. We then arrange to visit people who ask for assistance, in their homes, in care homes and sometimes in hospital. If you would like to find out more please email Anne Scurfield: annescurfield8@gmail.com. For more information about the work of the SVP in England and Wales go to www.svp.org.uk.

**PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS (PACE) NEWS** The PACE team will be reviewing the current fundraising schedule to better accommodate the desires of the parish and the needs of the charities and services that the events support. We are always looking for new volunteers and fresh ideas. If you think you could help please email brentwoodpace@gmail.com.

**MOTHERS PRAYERS** are held fortnightly; our next meeting will be on Wednesday 30th October at 10.00 a.m. in Clergy House. All are very welcome.

**LOVE IN ACTION GROUP** promotes the social teaching of the Church in our parish community. This group usually meet on the last Wednesday of every month at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral Conference Centre; however, the next meeting will be on **Thursday 31st October**. If you are interested in practical ways of living your faith and helping those most in need, please do come along.

**‘ALL ARE WELCOME’** On **Friday 1st November**, between 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. come along to the parish hall for a drink and cakes/biscuits. Relax, chat and meet friends, old and new. Everyone is welcome from parents/carers with babies to those in retirement, parishioner or not. There will be an area for young children with a few books and toys. Feel free to bring a guest along with you. It won’t cost you a penny. If you have any questions or would like to be involved please email CathedralAllAreWelcome@gmail.com or call 07941 471503.

**CALLING ALL RED BOXES!** Please will you hand any full or nearly full Red Missio Boxes into clergy house by **Thursday 7th November at the latest**. Replacement boxes are available in the Narthex on the second shelf down.

**OUR NEW MUSIC GROUP ‘PS150’** plays at the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass on the third Sunday of every month. They will be playing again on **17th November**.

We are looking for adults who play instruments or enjoy singing to join the new ‘PS150’ 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.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS.** If you are going to apply for a primary 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.

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:

**PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**

**Tuesday 12th November** (please note this is a revised date)
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.
CATHEDRAL PARISH HALLS and ST PETER’S HALL BOOKINGS: Please email Dawn Cockerton at patrickdawn8@aol.com or phone her on 07756 765567.

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, Steven Poole, Anne Rowe, Helena Rowe, Robin Shenton, David Spring, 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

LIFT UP YOUR VOICE! Our Lady of Lourdes, Cambridge Park, Wanstead, E11 2PR from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m. Registration from 7 p.m. Tuesday, 29th October 2019. Cost £7.50. Book on line at rscm-eel.org.uk, or e mail shirleytimmins@btinternet.com or leave a message on 01277 233302.

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING at Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School on Wednesday 6th November from 6.30 – 8.30 p.m. with Headteacher’s talk at 6.30 p.m. For more information please email admin@buchs.co.uk or call 01277 227156.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE AND COMMEMORATION of loved ones, Sunday 10th November, 2.30 p.m. at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. If you are the friend or family member of someone who is remembered at Abbotswick, you are very welcome to join this Mass, where the names of all those commemorated there will be read out, and a candle lit for each of them. For more details email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone 01277 373959.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY is holding a Christmas Craft and Gift Fair at Mill Hall, Rayleigh on Sunday 3rd November from 10.30 – 4pm. There is free-parking at the venue and admission is only £1.50 for adults and free for children under 14. There will be over 40 stalls selling all manner of gifts and crafts so come along and pick up a few early Christmas presents, enjoy some refreshments while helping us raise vital funds for our work. If you have anything to donate which we can sell on our own stall, we would love to hear from you. Please email Alison agolder@bccs.org.uk.

UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP The Upper Room Prayer Group will next meet on Thursday 14th November in the Upper Room of the Cathedral from 8.00 – 9.15 p.m. A time of prayer, praise, reflection and intercession. For details please call Chris 07974 702771 or Gabrielle 07817 515207.

THE SCRIPTURES IN ADVENT – FR NICHOLAS KING SJ The second event of the ‘Year of the God who Speaks’, which runs from 2019-2020 and is promoted by the Bishops of England and Wales, will be a study day on ‘The Scriptures in Advent’, to be given by the renowned biblical scholar, Fr Nicholas King SJ, at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) from 10.30 until 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 23rd November. Admission is free, but please reserve your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com or by phone to 01708 449914. Copies of the newly-published ‘Revised New Jerusalem Bible’ will be on sale at the discounted price of £30 (RRP £39.99). Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch. There is ample free parking at the church, which is three minutes’ walk from Gidea Park station. Easy connections by bus and by TfL to Stratford, Liverpool Street, and Brentwood.

LONDON MARATHON 2020 Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the London Marathon taking place on Sunday 26th April 2020. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Libby Phillips for further details on 01268 784544 / lphillips@bccs.org.uk. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 15th November and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1600 (excluding Gift Aid).

VACANCY Brentwood Catholic Youth Service seeks an Events and Pilgrimages co-ordinator to cover maternity leave for 16 hours/week from January to October 2020. We seek a practicing Catholic with experience in events organisation, experience leading and motivating volunteers, experience of pilgrimage to Lourdes, and proficiency in Word and Excel. Full details at www.bcys.net/cover. Closing date for applications: 28th October at midday.
SERVICE TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS
and PARISH DIARY

Saturday 19th October through to Sunday 27th October 2019

Saturday
19 October
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Mary Connaughton R.I.P.
11.00 – 12 Noon Cathedral Sacrament of Reconciliation
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross Glori Cory R.I.P.

Sunday
TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
( World Mission Day )
20 October
8.00 a.m. Cathedral People of the Parish
9.30 a.m. Cathedral Padraig Fahy R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Marillac Intentions of Sean McGovern
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Trevor Nuttall R.I.P.
4.00 p.m. Cathedral Baptism Preparation Course (3 of 5)
4.00 p.m. Hall Confirmation Programme – Session 1
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Basile Nsabimana

Monday
21 October
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Tom Carr R.I.P.
2.50 p.m. Cathedral BUCHS Rehearsal
7.30 p.m. Cathedral Holy Hour and Exposition

Tuesday
22 October
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Hon Frederick Petre R.I.P. (F)
10.45 a.m. Cathedral BUCHS Feast of St Ursula Mass

Wednesday
23 October
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Jan and Agnieszka Borsuk R.I.P.
1.00 p.m. Cathedral Lunchtime Recital
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers

Thursday
24 October
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Joan Boddy R.I.P.
5.30 p.m. Grange Hon Frederick Petre R.I.P. (F)

Friday
25 October
9.15 a.m. Cathedral James and Sheila Hennessy R.I.P.
6.15 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers

Saturday
St Cedd, Bp, Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese

Sunday
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
27 October
8.00 a.m. Cathedral People of the Parish
9.30 a.m. Cathedral Jacqueline Sweeney R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Marillac Sean McGuire R.I.P.
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Phyllis Keeble R.I.P.
5.00 p.m. Cathedral Reception of the mortal remains of the late Patrick Sullivan R.I.P.
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Stephen Hegarty R.I.P.

ANNIVERSARIES

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL and HOLY CROSS

Saturday 19th October through to Sunday 27th October 2019

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rev T Mullins, Florence King, Bryan Stratford, Jesús Delgado, Muriel Dowson, Alice Lieto, Eulalia Jewell, Mary Connaughton, Alex Brooks, Katelyn Hope Henry, Mrs White, Robert Jacobson, Irene Brind, James Cooke, Martin Holland, Maria Dillon, Sister Ethelburga, John Outhwaite Jnr., Charles Baldock, Yvonne Kimber, Jeremiah Keohane, Sister Pauline Drohan OSU, Finn Ambrose Vesey, Lawrence Wigglesworth, Arthur Cross, Andrew Oskiera, Sheila Leader, Elisabeth Tait, Jeremy McNamara, Gwyneth Joyce, Kate O’Brien, Mark Quinn, Bridget Dowsey, Lilias Woods, Pat Williams, Janina Frankiewiez, Mary Ongley, Bridget Hennessy, Alfred Keenan, Patrick McKenna, Frank Shenton, Lilian Cairns, Luke Kenny, Joan Ketterer, Margery Dobson, Matthew Masterson, Laura Browne, Sister Vincent Russell OSU, Hetty James, Jenny Hayes, Ann Dubock, Mary Boyle, Dennis Furlong, Giragos Sabbagh, John Kiely, Mary Clark, Stephen Hegarty and Dennis Furlong.

HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sister Gabriel, Irene May Brind, Agnes Lyons, Frederick Dobson, Rose Jolly, Gweneth Joyce, Julie Costello, Father John Galcius, Charlotte O’Keefe, Brendan Motley, James O’Connell, Jeannie Hayles, Mgr Daniel Shanahan and Mary Magdale Previdi.