THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
Sunday 3rd November 2019

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.

TODAY at the 11.30 a.m. 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.

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 26th/27th October: £3,711.74
of which £2,475.09 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 Peter’s Pence; the
Peter’s Pence Collection supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Catholics
around the globe support this collection to help the Holy Father reach out to
people suffering in our world, especially those enduring the effects of war and
violence, natural disasters, and religious persecution. For more information go to
www.peterspence.va. Please be as generous as you are able.

NEW SUNDAY MISSAL Would you like a Missal with the Sunday Mass readings
for you to follow? Would you like to have all the prayers and responses for Mass?
An excellent new Sunday Missal (for use from the First Sunday of Advent, 1st
December 2019 to the Feast of Christ the King 2020) are on sale now for £7
each in the narthex of the Cathedral and at the back of Holy Cross Church.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 a.m. MASS this week will be hosted by HCPT Group 8;
next week will be the turn of CAFOD. Why not come along and join us for a cuppa
and a chat?

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.

READERS, COUNTERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Please let Ann know
your availability for the period 15th December 2019 – 8th March 2020 by Monday
11th November - a quick response would be greatly appreciated. Please also let
her know what Mass you can cover over the Christmas period. Email
messina21@btinternet.com or call 01277 231593.
**250 CLUB WINNERS:** Our congratulations go to David Worsfold (July winner), Eddie Wadsworth (August winner) and Deacon Dwight Hayter (September winner) who all win £50 each. Congratulations.

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

**ALTAR SERVERS** There will be a Pontifical Mass celebrated in the Cathedral next Saturday 9th November at 2.30 p.m. for all Altar Servers, friends and families in the Brentwood diocese. Please would servers contact Eddie for details (222960).

**MILLENNIALS “THINKING FAITH” GROUP** is for anyone aged 18 – 40 who wants to reflect, pray and meet other Catholics in the parish. The next meeting will be on **Wednesday 12th November** in Clergy House at 7.30 p.m.

**MOTHERS PRAYERS** are held fortnightly; our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 13th November** 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 Catholic school with your child starting in September 2020, please make sure that you bring your 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 is 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.

**FOOD BANK COLLECTION** Demand at the Brentwood food bank is increasing - in just one day they provided food for 54 families. To help feed the families of Brentwood in need of support we are holding a collection on **Sunday 17th November** (Saturday 16 November at Holy Cross). We are asking for donations of basic food stuffs (e.g. tinned meats, tinned vegetables, tinned fish, pasta, pasta sauces, rice) as well as essential cleaning and toiletries (e.g. washing powder, shampoo, toothpaste, deodorants). For those thinking ahead to Christmas, then festive foods/treats are also welcome (please check expiry dates). Please bring your donations on this day only as they are then taken to the foodbank the following day. Thank you for your continued support.

**PARISH ADVENT CELEBRATION** Our Advent Party will be held on **Sunday 24th November** from 1.00 – 4.00 p.m. in the parish hall. Tickets will be £2.50 each and will include a present from Father Christmas or a festive drink and mince pie for adults. Stalls will include Sweet Stall, Lucky Dip, Christmas Goodies, Biscuit Decorating, Face Painting and more; come along and join in the fun! To raise money for our homeless charities, PACE is asking you to donate your loose change for some of the activities.

Tickets will be available to purchase after Masses or on the door on the day. Would you like to get involved? This is a great Parish event and we’re looking for stall holders, additional helpers, donations of any unwanted Christmas decorations, bottle donations (wine and soft drinks) – please email at brentwoodpace@gmail.com or call Dawn on 07875 281215 for more information or if you are able to donate any items for the event. Your support is very much appreciated.

**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 **Tuesday 26th November**. If you are interested in practical ways of living your faith and helping those most in need, please do come along.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** Our annual Senior Citizens Mass and Christmas Lunch will be held on **Friday 6th December** – please put this date in your diary – more details will be given in the next few weeks.

**REPOSITORY** Christmas Cards and a variety of seasonal goods will now be on sale in the Repository after Masses each Sunday.

**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 Murnane, 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, Mascalis, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartswod 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.

**WE REMEMBER OUR DEAD** and the communion that we still enjoy with them during this 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) 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.

ii) Please hand in 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.

iii) Please send a Mass card to the family of the deceased. Mass cards are available to purchase in the Cathedral narthex, at the back of Holy Cross Church 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, then please write CLEARLY their names on the sheets in the Cathedral narthex and at the back of Holy Cross. Please note the book already contains all names which have been given in up to November 2018.

**OUR SINCERE THANKS** go to Julia Blencowe for the beautiful pictures that she has painted for us in our Book of the Dead which will be on display on the Altar throughout November.

**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.*

**GENERAL NEWS**

**THE NEXT “ENQUIRERS’ EVENING”** for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 5th November** at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires - vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

**LUNCHTIME RECITAL** Please join us on **Wednesday 6th November** at 1.00 p.m. for a Piano Recital to be given by Danilo Mascetti from the RCM London.
CONCERT - FAURE'S REQUIEM - Combined choirs of Brentwood Cathedral Girls’ Choir, Brentwood Cathedral Youth Choir, Brentwood Choral Society and Phoenix Youth Orchestra at Brentwood School Wessex Auditorium at 7.00 p.m. on Saturday 9th November. Conductor Art Wangcharoensab. Plus more works by Faure, Rutter and Parry. Tickets £15 (students £6) including programme and refreshments, available for purchase from David Brice 01277 221422 or Peter Brisbane 01277 219746 or on the door on the day.

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 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 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 please email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone 01277 373959.

CAFOD’S DIOCESAN MEMORIAL MASS in honour of supporters, friends and loved ones who have died will take place this year on Wednesday 13th November at 12 noon at St Edward the Confessor RC Church, 5 Park End Road, Romford RM1 4AT. You are warmly welcome to attend the mass followed by a short reception hosted by the Golden Club in the parish hall. A Book of Remembrance will be available for anyone who would like their loved ones held in prayer. For more information, please contact Chris Driscoll at brentwood@cafod.org.uk or telephone 01268 551293 or 07776 493162

SPIRITUALITY MORNING – Saturday 16th November from 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 noon - Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Topic ‘Preparing for the Advent Journey’. Speaker: Bishop Alan Williams, sm. For more information please call 01277 265285 or email jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

UPDATE ON THE YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS The next event will be a study day at Gidea Park led by Fr Nicholas King SJ on Saturday 23rd November on the topic ‘The Scriptures in Advent’. Full details on the website. The Bishops’ Conference has a very rich website for the Year of the God who Speaks. Go to www.cbccew.org.uk/ and follow the links. Pope Francis in his recent Motu Proprio has decreed that the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (26th January in 2020) will be kept as the Sunday of the Word of God. This is an opportunity to underline the importance of prayerful listening to the Word.

INSIGHT TO PALESTINE The Caritas Jerusalem group at Gidea Park would like to invite you to ‘Insight to Palestine’, an information evening, to be held from 7 p.m. on Tuesday 26th November at Christ the Eternal High Priest Church, Gidea Park, about the situation of Palestinians living in the West Bank and Gaza. Heba Zaphiriou-Zarifi, a Palestinian psychologist, will speak to us about the impact of living under occupation. We will end with prayers. If you would like to come, please email gideapark@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT. Join homelessness charity Caritas Anchor House for a night of festivities at their Christmas Concert – including wonderful music, and guest speaker Jeremy Paxman! CAH are based in Newham and help 140 homeless people every day. The concert takes place on Wednesday 27th November at St Margaret and All Saints Church, 79 Barking Road, Canning Town E16 4HB, 6.30 – 7.45 p.m. followed by refreshments in CAH. The church is just 2 minutes from Canning Town DLR and Tube station. For more information and tickets, contact events@caritasanchorhouse.org.uk or call 020 7476 6062.

VACANCY We have an opening for a Safeguarding Administrator, based at Cathedral House for 16 hours per week, which are flexible. As Safeguarding Administrator, you will provide an effective, efficient and professional administrative service to support the Safeguarding Team. In this role you will primarily be responsible for the processing of DBS applications. A full job description can be provided by the Safeguarding Co-ordinator at simon@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Application for this role is by CV and covering letter which should be received no later than 6th November 2019.

VACANCY From September 2020, a new post of Vice Principal at New Hall has been created, due to School expansion. Competitive salary, up to £82.117pa, excellent benefits and training provision, excellent family accommodation, staff fee remission, superb working environment. For more information and application form visit www.newhallschool.co.uk/job-opportunities or call HR on 01245 467588. Closing Date: 4.00 p.m. on Friday 15th November 2019.

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SERVICE TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS and PARISH DIARY

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**ANNIVERSARIES**

**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL and HOLY CROSS**

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**CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Vera Lacey, Fr Lawrence Wisely SJ, Helen Gallacher, Albert Edward Salmon, Hilary Helvin, Tony Sacco, Mina Nanzer, Patrick Lyons, Cornelius Coakley, Emily Clarkson, Philo Nanzer, Norbert Schlachter, Nina Falco, Rosina Green, Madge Cockerill, Patrick O’Sullivan, Johannah Oates, Walter Eady, Kathleen Braddick, John O’Keefe, Arthur Brown, Joyce Mason, Stanley Baldock, Martin Richard Merry, Margaret Mary Toal, Tom Carr, Cardinal Heenan, Deacon Norman Wiseman, Veronica de Prazer, Florence Hope, Adam Fraser, James Brennan, Rev William Philpot, Mr Rix, Charles Kyndt, Mary-Frances Floyd, Bob Richardson, Jacque Kavanagh, Pamela Bohannon, Mrs Rogers, Joan Carey, George Spindler, George Manson, Mary Thompson, William Byrne, Maeve Flynn, Peggy Thomas, Mary Cassidy, Evelyn O’Flynn, William Maskell, Evelyn O’Flynn and Nora Wixon.

**HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mollie Murray, Madge Cockerall, Patrick Lafferty, Moira Cross, Francis Ratcliffe and Mary Cole.