THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
Remembrance Day
Sunday 10th 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.

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

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 2nd/3rd November: £3,892.78 of which £2,667.84 was Gift Aided; also for the second collection for Peter’s Pence: £682.43 of which £86.00 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 next Sunday 17th November (World Day of the Poor) for Caritas Anchor House. This is a homelessness charity providing residential and life-skills support for single homeless adults. Their mission is to ensure that those who walk through their doors grow in confidence and move towards leading independent, self-fulfilling lives by providing education, guidance and personal rehabilitation. James Sandison who works at Anchor House will speak at Masses next week about how we can best support their work. Please be as generous as you are able and consider Gift Aid your offering if you are a tax payer.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY Francesca Christmas, Harlem Hagan and Quinn and Bailey Payne who were baptised recently in the Cathedral; please remember the children and their parents “the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of Faith”.

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 CAFOD; next week will be the turn of the St Helen’s Ladies Group. 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.
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. Fr Martin will be available only at the following times in Clergy House:

**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.

MOTHERS PRAYERS are held fortnightly; our next meeting will be this Wednesday 13th November at 10.00 a.m. in Clergy House. All are welcome.

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 this Wednesday 13th November in Clergy House at 7.30 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 next 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 and delivered to the foodbank the following day. Thank you for your continued support.

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 next Sunday 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.

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 Caritas Anchor House, 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.

VOTING AT THE GENERAL ELECTION While Brexit may dominate the forthcoming election as Catholics we need to make sure that the candidates asking for our votes are reminded that politics has to also focus on the other critical issues. CAFOD has put together the following questions you may wish to ask local candidates:

- What will you, and your party, do to continue to tackle poverty overseas and to protect the quality of UK aid?
- The government has set a net zero emissions target of 2050. Do you support this target and how will you, and your party, make tackling climate change a priority to prevent more people being pushed into poverty by the climate crisis?
- How will you, and your party, ensure that Britain is an outward-looking, tolerant and welcoming nation in the years ahead?
- How would you and your party contribute to the availability of housing and jobs that reduce poverty and build up local community ties?

Please do take a look at the CAFOD website (www.cafod.org.uk) for further useful information on these topics and how to contact your candidates.

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. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex and at the back of Holy Cross Church.

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, Mascalts, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartswold 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) 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 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.

iv) You may want to 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

ST HELEN’S SCHOOLS’ PARENTS ASSOCIATION Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th November at 7.30 p.m. in the Junior School Hall. We invite all our St Helen’s parents and guardians to come along, hear about our fundraising efforts over the last year and to elect our new committee. We urgently need someone with a bookkeeping or accountancy background to join our merry band as our new Treasurer and as this will be the last year for many of our current members with Year 6 children, we would like some new members on board to learn the ropes! Please come along to support us. Please contact Nina or Nicole at sthelenspta@gmail.com for further information.
CAFOD’S DIOCESAN MEMORIAL MASS in honour of supporters, friends and loved ones who have died will take place this year this 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. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Chris Driscoll at brentwood@cafod.org.uk or call 01268 551293 or 07776 493162.

UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP will next meet this 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.

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 alternatively, email jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

HUTTON AND SHENFIELD CHORAL SOCIETY are performing Karl Jenkins, The Armed Man and Rutter, Mass of the Children in the Cathedral on Saturday 16th November from 7.30 p.m. They will be joined by the Aurelian Ensemble and the Junior Chapel Choirs of Brentwood School. Tickets are £18 and available on 07935 240686 or via the HSCS website.

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.cbcew.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.

SUMMER LOURDES 2020 with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. Open to anyone currently in school year 10-13. We travel on Saturday 25th July, return Saturday 1st August. Cost £600 includes return coach travel, hotel accommodation, insurance and all meals in Lourdes. This amazing experience comes just once a year – full details are at https://bcys.net/events/summer-lourdes-2020-pilgrimage/. Applications close on January 10th 2020; places will be allocated on 14th January and no deposit is required until then. Bursary support is available for those in financial hardship.

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES is growing in numbers and we are looking to recruit pilgrims who can offer medical support, either doctors or nurses, but also pilgrims who would be happy to assist in other ways such as acting as a companion to a pilgrim during the week. We will be holding an information evening at St Augustine’s Church, Chelmsford on 26th November at 7.30 p.m. For further information, please contact Cathy O’Connor cathy@brentwoodlourdes.com/01206 735623 or Patrick Parsons Patrick.parsons@btinternet.com/01621 851875.

CALAIS LIGHT the Refugee Action convoy which takes people to Calais to volunteer with refugee charities urgently needs a new volunteer Administrator. It is general digital work (emails/Google forms) but we need someone prepared, daily, to keep on top daily of tracking bookings and emailing volunteers with booking documents and details. 2hrs /week all told. Our next trip will be on 31st January 2020. For more details, please contact Mary: 07859 028172.

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SERVICE TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS and PARISH DIARY

Saturday 9th November through to Sunday 17th November 2019

Saturday
9 November
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Mary Thompson R.I.P.
9.15 a.m. Cathedral First Holy Communion Programme
11.00 – 12 Noon Cathedral Sacrament of Reconciliation
12.15 p.m. Cathedral Baptism of Amaya Bruno-Hardy and Jack Tuttiett

Sunday
14 November
11.00 Cathedral J. Thompson R.I.P.
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**ANNIVERSARIES**

**BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL and HOLY CROSS**

**Saturday 9th November through to Sunday 17th November 2019**

**CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: 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, Nora Wixon, Henry Ball, Mary Carey, Mary Knowles. Canon Denis Petry, Monica Tidman, Sydney Smith-Evans, Michael Bernie, Sean Burke, Pamela Skorzewski, Patricia Pound, William Bryant, Maurice Edwards, James McKenty, Maurice Bellia, Raymond Shepherd, Muriel Sargood, Winifred Butterwick, Vincent Arthur Samuels, Geraldine Giordani, Joe Browne, Kay Shelley, SisterThecla Duffy, Estelle Renton, Christine King, Elizabeth Slater, William Letford, Mary Banning, Valentine Coughlan, Sister Lucy O’Reilly OSF, Kathleen Baldock, Edna Cutler, Michael Kenneally, Jack Joyce, Joyce Buckley, Jacqueline Daly and John Duffy.

**HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Eva Birchall Scott, John Caddell, Joseph Collis, Vittorio Mari, and Edna Hunt.