THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)
Sunday 17th 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: £3,417.44 of which £2,443.45 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 (World Day of the Poor).
“How many times do we see poor people rummaging through garbage bins to retrieve what others have discarded as superfluous, in the hope of finding something to live on or to wear! They themselves become part of a human garbage bin; they are treated as refuse.” With strong words, Pope Francis encourages all of us to consider the poorest and most vulnerable, and you will find the full text of his message on www.vatican.va. Our Diocese has a website full of charitable action projects that all need volunteers – have a look at www.caritasbrentwood.org.

We will be taking a collection today for Caritas Anchor House, a Catholic charity based in Newham, working with over 140 homeless people every day. You can read more about their amazing work at www.caritasanchorhouse.org and James Grech who works at Anchor House will speak at some Masses today about the charity’s work. Please be as generous as you are able and consider Gift Aid your offering if you are a tax payer by using one of the Anchor House envelopes.

PARISH WELCOME SUPPER This will be held on the evening of Friday 7th February 2020 at 7.00 p.m. to welcome all newcomers who have joined our Parish in the last 18 months. Come and join the clergy and representatives of our many Parish groups for an informal supper to get to know more fellow parishioners. The supper will be in the parish Hall and is being organised by the Parish Pastoral Council. If you are new to the Parish, or know someone who is, and interested in coming to this free event, please put your name and contact details in the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and Holy Cross by 24th January.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY Amaya Bruno-Hardy and Jack Tuttiett 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”.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 a.m. MASS this week will be hosted by the St Helen’s Ladies Group; there will be no coffee next week as the hall will be being prepared for our Advent Celebration event. Why not join us for a cuppa and a chat?
PARISH ADVENT CELEBRATION Our Advent Party will be held next 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. For more information please email at brentwoodpace@gmail.com or call Dawn on 07875 281215. 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.

MOTHERS PRAYERS are held fortnightly; our next meeting will be on Wednesday 27th 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 on Wednesday 27th November in Clergy House at 7.30 p.m.

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.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH will take place on Friday 6th December. We will start with Mass at 12 noon followed by lunch. Please enter your name and contact number on the list in the Narthex or at the back of Holy Cross Church if you would like to join us. Please indicate if you require transport. Any queries please speak to Mo in the office.

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

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS Please be aware that if you wish to continue receiving the Universe or Catholic Times after January 2020, there will be a requirement for you to sign up for this on a quarterly basis; this new system has been implemented by the newspaper provider and is unfortunately is out of our control. Any queries, please speak to Mo in the office.

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.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL CAR PARK A number of people including local residents have complained to Fr Martin about the reckless way that some people are parking on a Sunday. It appears that a parishioner even decided to park on the pavement outside the Cathedral!

Please do not park so that the entrances of the Cathedral are blocked. There must be clear access to the Cathedral building in the case of an emergency evacuation of the Cathedral or the emergency services needing to access the Cathedral.

Please consider leaving your car at home or using one of the nearby car parks. If you do bring your car to the Cathedral, please park considerately and responsibly.

CATHEDRAL PARISH HALLS and ST PETER’S HALL BOOKINGS: Please email Dawn Cocker 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, MASCalls, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartshoer 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

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL to be given by Tsz Kei Yeung from RCM London on Wednesday 20th November at 1.00 p.m. in the Cathedral. All welcome.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR at the Campion School will be on Saturday 23rd November from 10.00 a.m. until 2.00 p.m.

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.

THE CAMPION SCHOOL SENIOR CITIZENS’ PARTY will be held at the school on Sunday 15th December between 1.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. If you would be interested in attending, contact Clergy House before Tuesday 26th November.
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 Zaphiriu-Zarif, 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.

ADVENT TALKS SERIES: How to defend your faith without raising your voice. Most of us have been challenged at some point to speak about or defend our faith. This could have been whilst in the pub, on a chat with our friends or even with other people who go to church. At times, it can be difficult to find the correct words or courage to speak out. To help with this, we will be hosting a series of talks taking place over five Wednesdays during Advent 20th November to 18th December at 7.00 p.m. There is no charge; for full details and to register, please visit: https://www.sttheresastansted.org/events.

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.

LIGHTING UP BRENTWOOD 12.00 noon - 6.00 p.m. on Saturday 30th November. We would be very grateful for volunteers to help serve free tea/coffee/mince-pies in the High Street, to share Christ’s love in our town. If you can give an hour to serve, perhaps with a friend, please sign the list in the Narthex. We are enormously indebted to Chris Boyland from the Baptist Church for striving to keep Christ in Christmas in our town, through his liaison with the Council on behalf of the Churches Together In Brentwood, but he very much needs our help on the day. Men and women are needed to help set up staging. If you can volunteer for setting up at 9.00 a.m. outside the Slug and Lettuce or taking down at 6.30 p.m. or to help with loading up on Friday 29th at 7.00 p.m. at Trinity Church we urgently need to know what help will be available. Please email directly: chris.boyland@promegasystems.com or cpl@magnolia58.co.uk.

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT in the beautiful chapel at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Join us on Thursday 19th December at 6.00 p.m. for a reflective time of Advent and Christmas music, interspersed with scripture readings, poems and inspiring words about Christmas. After around an hour in the chapel we will move to the main house for mince pies, mulled wine and luxurious hot chocolate. Tickets are just £10, and there are a maximum of 60 tickets available. All money raised will support young adults travelling to Lourdes next Easter with HCPT – The Pilgrimage Trust – to help children with additional needs. For tickets email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or phone 01277 373959 and ask for Joe.

VACANCY The Campion School are seeking a Relief Kitchen Assistant; hours 8.00 a.m. – 2.30 p.m. daily, term time only. For more information email the school at cnoddings@thecampionschool.org. Closing date Friday 29th November.

SERVICE TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS and PARISH DIARY

Saturday 16th November through to Sunday 24th November 2019

| Saturday | St Edmund of Abingdon (Rich), Bp |
| 16 November | Secondary Co-Patron of the Diocese |
| 9.15 a.m. | Cathedral | Deceased Members of SVP (Brentwood Conference) R.I.P. |
| 11.00 – 12 Noon | Cathedral | Sacrament of Reconciliation |
| 6.30 p.m. | Holy Cross | Jan and Agnieszka Borsuk R.I.P. |
| 7.30 p.m. | Cathedral | Hutton & Shenfield Choral Society Concert |
| Sunday | THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) |
| 17 November | (World Day of the Poor) |
8.00 a.m. Cathedral People of the Parish
9.30 a.m. Cathedral Maura Kenny R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Marillac Intentions of Brendan Gilhooly
11.30 a.m. Cathedral James and Sheila Hennessy R.I.P.
1.00 p.m. Cathedral Baptism of Ines McManamon
4.00 p.m. Cathedral Baptism Preparation Course (4 of 5)
6.30 p.m. Cathedral John Duffy R.I.P. (First Anniversary)

Confirmation candidates return from Retreat to Walsingham House at Abbotswick today

Monday
18 November
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Anthony Prince R.I.P.
1.15 p.m. Cathedral Ursuline Prep School - Rehearsal
7.30 p.m. Cathedral Holy Hour and Exposition

Tuesday
19 November
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Pat Hawser R.I.P.

Wednesday
20 November
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Marian Tormey R.I.P.
1.00 p.m. Cathedral Lunchtime Organ Recital
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers

Thursday
21 November
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Lewis Taylor (F)
5.30 p.m. Grange Intentions of Kathy Bramham

Friday
22 November
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Hannah Reddington R.I.P.
12 Noon Cathedral Nuptial Mass for the marriage of Hayley Scott and Mark Upward
6.15 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers

Saturday
23 November
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Margaret Pett R.I.P.
11.00 – 12 Noon Cathedral Sacrament of Reconciliation
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross People of the Parish

Sunday
24 November
8.00 a.m. Cathedral Robert Westmacott R.I.P.
9.30 a.m. Cathedral Maureen Clarke R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Marillac Paddy and Joan Dowding R.I.P.
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Intentions of the Mellen Family
1.00 p.m. Halls Advent Celebration Event

5.00 p.m. Conf Centre Fr Martin’s meeting for Wedding Couples
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Hilda J Baker R.I.P.

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ANNIVERSARIES
BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL and HOLY CROSS
Saturday 16th November through to Sunday 24th November 2019

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: 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, John Duffy, Mr Doyle, Henry Sewell, Mr Masterson, Daisy Winifred Wynn, Michael O'Grady, John Bell, Jean Bradley, Ann Margaret Romain, Mary Kenny, Charles Ballock, Agnes O'Driscoll, Mary Ketterer, Mary Matthews, Eddie Wilton, Anthony Prince, Mary Davey, Luigi Fortoni, Herbert John Turner, Audrey Roper-Nunn, Daniel Harris, Fritz Seaman, Adam Lawley, Breda Lillis, William Garrett, Revd Mother Clare OSU, Alice Wiggett, John O'Sullivan, Alice Cook, Joan Onglely, Edward Johnson, Lew Taylor, Nellie Hirst, Paul Ashton, Robert Westmacott, Margaret Pett, Sheila Slater, Jane Jowers, Ellen McDonald, Sister Helen Reilly OSU, Mary Donnelly, Patrick Rea, Michael Burke, Brian Riley, Elizabeth Nolan, Sister Anastasia OSU and John Outhwaite.

HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Edna Hunt, Moira Kilgannon, Pat Hawser, Edward Richards, Charlie Willis, Jerry Healey, Sr Patricia Dormer OSU, Francis Thorpe-Tracey, Elizabeth Young, John Joseph Meaney, Elizabeth Stuart, Thomas Groves, Kath Stevenson, Constance Reader and Mary Moran.