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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD (A)
(Peace Sunday)
12th January 2020

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.

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 can also be found on the
parish website.

THANK YOU for the collection on the weekends of:
21st/22nd December: £3,618.09 of which £2,589.62 was Gift Aided
28th/29th December: £3,205.65 of which £2,902.96 was Gift Aided and
4th/5th January: £3,123.15 of which £2,486.40 was Gift Aided

Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings and for your support
of the parish.

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND
for Pax Christi. The work of Pax Christi is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Their vision
is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in all its
forms. Rooted in Catholic Christianity, they work with all who share our values to
abolish war and create communities of peace and justice. Please be as generous
as you are able and if you are a tax payer, please consider Gift Aiding your
donation. For more information go to http://paxchristi.org.uk/.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY CRIB DONATIONS
Every day the Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society helps children to overcome hurdles
that life places in their way. With your support, it will continue to love, help and
support those children who need their specialist care. For more information go to
https://www.bccs.org.uk/. If you haven’t given something at the crib this year,
please do consider doing so and helping the most vulnerable children and their
families.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL CAR PARK
Last Sunday at the 9.30 a.m. Mass
someone was taken ill and ushers had to call for an ambulance to take the person
to hospital. We thank the ushers for their calm and swift response. Fortunately,
the ambulance managed to access the Cathedral from the main road but this is
not always the case as this entrance is often blocked with cars.

If you are going to park at the Cathedral, please park with consideration of others and 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 responsibly.
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.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of John McCarthy and Beryl de Prazer who died recently. John’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday 13th January at 11.00 a.m. Beryl’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph the Worker Church, Hutton on Wednesday 22nd January at 11.00 a.m. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 a.m. MASS today will be hosted by the First Holy Communion group; the following week will be the turn of the St Helen’s Ladies Group. Why not join us for a cuppa and a chat?

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY Coralie, Clara and Kaiya Sullivan who were baptised recently in the Cathedral; please remember them and their parents “the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of Faith”.

ESSENTIAL MAINTENANCE WORKS There will be some extensive essential maintenance works taking place in the Cathedral and Parish Halls during the next four weeks; this will involve the conversion of the lighting system in order to run dimmable LED bulbs which, in the long run, will be easier sourced and more energy efficient. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and ask that you take care when visiting the buildings during this time.

PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS (PACE) have been reviewing the social events in order to better accommodate the desires of the parish and the needs of the charities and services that the events support.

We welcome Matt Barry, a member of PACE, this weekend who will be giving an overview of the work of the PACE team after all Masses. We are always looking for new volunteers and fresh ideas. If you think you could help or would like more information on how you can get involved, please email brentwoodpace@gmail.com or call Tracey Mutch on 07817 666163.

There will be a meeting in Clergy House on Wednesday 29th January at 7.30 p.m. for anyone interested in finding out more about PACE and getting involved with the social events in the parish. It’s a great way to meet fellow parishioners and make a difference at the same time. All welcome – just come along.

PACE charity this year which is Caritas Anchor House.
https://www.caritasanchorhouse.org.uk/.

Bring your own food/drink; glasses and plates will be provided. Please invite your friends and make up tables of a maximum of eight OR if you are a smaller number, we can allocate you to tables with other smaller groups; a good way to make new acquaintances! The questions will be aimed at those aged 16 +.

For further information and tickets please call Tracey Mutch on 07817 666163. Tickets will also be on sale after Sunday Masses from next Sunday 19th January. Please come along and join us and help raise some money for our chosen charity, Caritas Anchor House.

THE LOVE IN ACTION GROUP promotes the social teaching of the Church in our parish community and launched two successful projects last year which we hope will go from strength to strength in 2020:

‘The GREEN GUARDIANS’ team aim to raise awareness of the need to take better care of God’s creation and to live our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork as Pope Francis has reminded us. In the coming year we will promote practical ideas to help us rethink our consumer behaviour for the benefit of our local community and the global world. If you are keen to get involved or are just curious, do come to our next meeting on Wednesday 15th January at 7.30 p.m. the small parish hall.

‘ALL ARE WELCOME’ is a gathering on the first Friday of every month between 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. in the small parish hall for a chat and meeting friends, old and new. Funded by the parish and organised by a team of parishioners this monthly gathering is for everyone from parents/carers with babies to those who are retired to come and enjoy each other’s company with a hot drink and lovely cakes. Join us again in the small hall on Friday 7th February, any time between 1.00 and 3.00 p.m.

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 16th January in Clergy House at 7.30 p.m. and will be led by Fr Gary who is a millennial! Not only an opportunity to meet other young Catholics but an opportunity to meet Fr Gary and Michael Barwick, currently training for the priesthood.

MOTHERS PRAYERS are held fortnightly; our next meeting will be on Wednesday 22nd January at 10.00 a.m. in Clergy House. All are welcome.

‘CARE FOR GOD’S CREATION’ - A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY. On Thursday 6th February at 7.30 p.m. in the small parish hall we will be holding a parish discussion evening as a follow-up to our recent ‘BE INSPIRED’ event.
Based on *Global Healing*, three short film clips commissioned by the Bishops’ Conference with the help of CAFOD, we will examine how our faith helps us care for our common home.

If at times you are uncomfortable with the way we exploit and make use of the natural world without thinking of the consequences, then join us to find out how as individuals and a community we can make a change for the better.

The session will be led by Brenda Underwood and other members of the Green Guardians parish project.

**THE PARISH WELCOME SUPPER** will be held on the evening of **Friday 7th February** 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 on the sign-up sheet, which can be found in the Narthex and at the back of Holy Cross Church, by 24th January.

**250 CLUB RENEWALS** - Renewals are due now and new members are very welcome to join, support the parish and, perhaps, even win a financial prize!

For those paying by ongoing standing order either monthly or annually, no action is required. If you pay in one annual instalment by cash, cheque or direct credit online, this will be **due by 31st January** please.

If I have your email address, you should have already received a renewal form from me. Alternatively, forms are available in the narthex, by email or I can arrange to post one to you. New and renewal forms, along with payment, can be returned to Clergy House for my attention. Should you receive an email in error, please advise me so that I can remove you from the mailing list. Please also contact me if you are unsure how to make your payment or have any other queries. Thank you for your continued support. Pat Austin - email pat@familyaustin.co.uk or call 01277 824363 / 07733 103588.

**HOLY CROSS PRESBYTERY** Following an extended period of non-payment of rent, the former tenants of the presbytery had to be taken to court and served with an eviction notice. They have now vacated the property. Unfortunately, the house has been left in very poor state of repair and is currently undergoing a programme of deep-cleaning, redecoration and maintenance issues are being resolved. Sadly, this has been a significant drain on parish finances, with a loss of well in excess of £25,000, along with solicitors’ fees and now the cost of making the presbytery fit to go on the rental market again.

**2020 MASS REGISTRATION CARDS** Would you like your child to start at a Catholic school in 2021? If so you will need to apply for a place at a Catholic Infant, Primary or Secondary school in the Autumn of 2020 and you will need to ensure that you pick up a Mass Registration Card from the Cathedral narthex or at the back of Holy Cross Church and get this signed by a member of clergy each week at the end of Sunday Mass.

You will need to show this card if you want a Certificate of Catholic Practice to include with your child’s application for the Catholic school of your choice. Please note that the Brentwood Ursuline High School does not require a Certificate of Catholic practice.

**WE HAD THE PRIVILEGE** last week of welcoming to the Cathedral parish Michael Barwick, in his fifth year of training for the priesthood at St Mary’s College, Oscott, Birmingham. Michael will be on pastoral placement with us until 24th January. Please make him feel very welcome. Pray for him, for all who are presently training for the priesthood and that more men may discern their personal vocation to serve God and His Church as priests.

**LOST PROPERTY** We have many items of lost property; if you think you may have left an item in the Cathedral, please email cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com or drop a note through the door of Clergy House giving your contact details and a brief description of the item. Please be aware that any unclaimed items will be taken to a charity shop on Monday 27th January.

**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, Hermine Bayley, 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, Robin Shenton, David Spring, Tim, TCT, Louisa Whiteman, and all our sick in Marillac, Mascalls, 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.

GENERAL NEWS

SPIRITUALITY MORNING next Saturday 18th January – 10.30 a.m.-12.00 noon in Cathedral House on ‘The Spirituality of St John Henry Newman’. Speaker: Msgr David Manson. For further details, please call 01277 265285 or email: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

FRANCISCAN MEETING The next meeting will be held on Sunday 19th January – 2.00 – 3.00 p.m. Exposition in the Cathedral followed by the meeting in the Small Parish Hall from 3.00 – 4.30 p.m.

3RD BRENTWOOD SCOUT GROUP have a few opportunities for boys and girls aged 6-8 years old to join the Beaver Colony at our Scout Group. For more information, please email breda.bower@btinternet.com.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2020: The new Diocesan Directories are now available in the narthex and at Holy Cross (£2.80 each). Please place money in the wall safe marked ‘Booklets/Publications’. Thank you.

YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS – THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW Fr Adrian Graffy will lead an exploration of the Gospel of Matthew, the lectionary gospel for Sundays in 2020, from 7.00 until 8.30 p.m. on Wednesday 15th (changed from 22nd) January, and Wednesday 29th January at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. Admission is free, but please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com. Copies of the recently published ‘Revised New Jerusalem Bible’ will be on sale for £30 (reduced from the normal price of £39.99). Full details and video of earlier talks available on www.whatgoodnews.org.

HCPT GROUP 8 QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday 8th February in the Cathedral parish hall to raise money for the forthcoming pilgrimage to Lourdes in Easter 2020. Maximum of 8 adults per table. Children welcome, activities for children included. £6 per adult, £3 per child. Food available (which you must pre-order). Pepperoni Pizza (£14 - 13”, 10 slices), Cheese & Tomato (£12 - 13”, 10 slices). To book tickets or for further information, please email: group8@hcpt.org.uk.

ST THOMAS MORE SCHOOL, WESTCLIFF would like to invite those from the local parishes to come and hear Brendan Thompson from Catholic Voices talk about Our Lady of Guadalupe on Thursday 13th February at 7.00 p.m. at St. Thomas More School. We hope that those in our local community will come and hear this inspiring and informative talk – it is open to all. Please can you let Mr. Griffin know by e-mail: Pgriffin@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk if you would like to attend. There will also be opportunity for refreshments.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY Children and families from Essex and East London have direct therapeutic support to our highly experienced counselling team. We provide support directly to children, adolescents on a 1:1 basis or the whole family. We help children with various reasons including anxiety, emotional health, bereavement, behaviour, bullying, family separation and illness. Sessions take place during the day or after school at our counselling suites at our offices in Rayleigh. There is a sessional charge but support may be given if required. If you feel your child may benefit from our services or you want more information, please contact Sarah D’Lima at sdlima@bccc.or.uk / 01268 947061.

VACANCY – Health and Safety Coordinator - Salary: £25,000 - £30,000, 35 hours per week, based in Brentwood with regular travel throughout the Diocese. We are recruiting for a Health and Safety Coordinator to join the Property Office to provide health and safety support and guidance across the Diocese of Brentwood. This is an essential role within the Diocese with interesting opportunities for development. If you believe, you have the necessary knowledge and experience to be an asset to our team we would like to hear from you. Further information and a full job description can be obtained by contacting HR on 01277 265253 or by email to recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Applicants are asked to submit a CV and covering letter and should highlight how their skills and experience meet the requirements of the role. Please forward applications to recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org by 26th January 2020. Interviews are expected to be held week commencing 3rd February 2020.

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 1st to the 6th June 2020. Staying in central Rome. The cost includes transport in this country (airport transfer from/to Chingford) and Italy, return flights, Bed and Breakfast accommodation with some other meals included, a fully escorted itinerary including Mass each day and tickets for an audience with the Holy Father, and all Mass offerings and tips. £795 in shared accommodation; £895 for single rooms. For more information please call Siobhan on 07932 634589 or e-mail siobhan@parker-travel.com.

SERVICE TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS and PARISH DIARY

Saturday 11th January through to Sunday 19th January 2020

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