THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)  
(Sunday of the Word of God)  
26th 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.

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 can also be found on the  
parish website.

THANK YOU for the collection on the weekend of 18th/19th January: £3,767.73  
of which £2,641.22 was Gift Aided; also for the second collection for Pax Christi:  
£512.43 of which £295.20 was Gift Aided. Thank you for your generosity, for Gift  
Aiding your offerings and for your continued support of the parish.

THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION next weekend (postponed from last  
September) for Home Missions. The Home Mission Office is a national organisation  
that helps the local Church engage in the vital mission of Evangelisation. Our  
donations to the second collection will enable them to help the local Church share  
the joy of the Gospel throughout England and Wales. For more information about  
the Home Mission Office please visit www.homemission.org.uk.

WHY IS OUR CRIB STILL UP? For the secular and commercial world, Christmas  
begins sometime in October and ends on Boxing Day. They have now set their  
sights on Easter and chocolate eggs are already in some shops.  

For Christians, Christmas begins on 25th December, the birth of Christ, the  
Son of God, and continues until the 8th January when we celebrate His baptism.  
The Baptism of the Lord marks the end of the official Christmas season. But in  
some countries, it is not unusual to retain some Christmas decorations until the  
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (Candlemas) on 2nd February.  
This corresponds to a longstanding custom in which the eve of Candlemas was  
the day for removal of Christmas decorations, especially those made of greenery.  
This tradition is witnessed by poet Robert Herrick (1591-1654) in his poem  
“Ceremony upon Candelmas Eve”:

"Down with the rosemary, and so down with the bays and mistletoe;  
Down with the holly, ivy, all, wherewith ye dress’d the Christmas Hall."

Our Crib offerings are for the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society  
that helps the most vulnerable children and their families in the East End and  
Essex. If you haven’t done so already please help support their important work  
by making an offering at the crib.

DO YOU HAVE UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS that are lying around  
your house and would make good raffle prizes at parish events? Would you be  
will king to donate them to our PACE (Parish And Community Events) team for  
use in their fund-raising efforts this year? We would be very grateful to have  
them; if you are able to donate any unwanted gifts, please drop them off at  
Clergy House during office hours and on a Sunday.
WANTED: PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY Please return any unwanted palms that you may have left from last year by Friday 31st January. We will burn these palms which will create pure palm ash and we will only use these ashes on Ash Wednesday. There is a box in the narthex or alternatively, they can be dropped off in Clergy House. Thank you.

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 soul of Thomas King who died recently; Thomas’ Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Tuesday 11th February at 12.00 noon. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

WE WELCOME INTO OUR PARISH COMMUNITY James Taylor Fineberg and Jamie Beck 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 today will be hosted by the Scouts; the following week will be the turn of the HCPT Group 8 team. Why not join us?

NEW READERS AT THE CATHEDRAL AND HOLY CROSS We are always looking for people who are willing to proclaim God’s Word for the assembly of the faithful during Mass. A clear, confident reading voice and a desire to communicate God’s living word are all you need. If you are interested or want to find out more, just come along to one of the following “training” sessions in the Cathedral on:
   - Saturday 8th February from 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.
   - Saturday 15th February from 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

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 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 next 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. All are very welcome.

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT on Friday 31st January from 7.00 - 10.00 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Tickets are £5 each and we will be raising money for the 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. Please come along and join us and help raise some money for our chosen charity, Caritas Anchor House.

MOTHERS PRAYERS are held fortnightly; our next meeting will be on Wednesday 5th February at 10.00 a.m. in Clergy House. All are welcome.

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 helps us rethink our consumer behaviour for the benefit of our local community and the global world.

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 at our next event to find out how as individuals and a community we can make a change for the better. 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.

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

‘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.
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.

SLEEPY BISCUIT CONTAINERS If any bakers would like their sleepy biscuit tin or container returned, please call the office to arrange a time to come in and collect it as soon as possible. Please be aware that any unclaimed containers will be taken to a charity shop on Friday 14th February.

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 Thursday 13th February in Clergy House at 7.30 p.m. and will be led by Fr Stewart Foster, Diocesan archivist and church historian, who will be discussing the “The Protestant Reformation in Essex and its consequences”.

THE ANNUAL LOURDES MASS will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16th February at 3.00 p.m. This is an opportunity to give thanks for graces received in Lourdes and to seek prayers for the sick. During the Mass, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated.

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. Thank you for your continued support. Pat Austin - email pat@familyaustin.co.uk or call 01277 824363 / 07733 103588.

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.

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, Brian, 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, Mascal, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Harthorpe 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

YOUTH MASS will be celebrated on Wednesday 5th February 8.00 p.m. in Brentwood Cathedral. Anyone aged 14+ is very welcome; the February Mass includes a live interview with Rob Green, a former Campion pupil who – using his own resources – went to Greece last summer and worked in a refugee camp for a month. Hear his fascinating story, and be inspired about some unusual Lenten resolutions. More details available from www.bcys.net.

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-thomasmoresouthend.sch.uk if you would like to attend. There will also be opportunity for refreshments.

MONTHLY PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING Sion Community, on behalf of the Diocesan Service Team, hold a monthly Praise and Worship evening on the last Sunday of each month. The next one will be on Sunday 23rd February. Everyone is very welcome to join us at Sion Community, ‘SENT’, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood CM15 9BX at 7.30 p.m. for an evening of contemporary Christian worship. If you have any queries, contact us on admin@sioncommunity.org.uk, call 01277 215011 or see our website: www.sioncommunity.org.uk.

YEAR OF THE GOD WHO SPEAKS Our third study day for the Year of the Word will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) at 10.30 on Saturday 29th February, when Fr Victor Darlington, lecturer on John’s Gospel at St John’s Seminary, Wonersh, will give two talks entitled ‘John Among the Gospels’, providing a fresh reading of the Fourth Gospel. The day will conclude at 3.00 p.m. Admission is free, but please book by email to GPMstudydays@gmail.com or by phone to 01708 449914. Refreshments will be available but please bring your own packed lunch.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY is holding its Annual Charity Ball at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on Saturday 7th March from 7.00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues and help raise vital funds for BCCS. As tickets for this event sell out quickly, please contact Julie asap to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544 / 07912 277413 or please email jabbott@bccs.org.uk.

LENTEN REFLECTION AND REVISION RETREAT, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, 27th-29th March. In school year 11-13? Struggling to find a quiet space to study for GCSEs, BTEC or A-levels? The weekend retreat will include reflective prayer, generous time for personal study, and relaxed social time, and will conclude with Mass. 8.00 p.m. Meals included. Cost £35.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick on Friday 3rd – Saturday 4th April. The evening begins at 8.00 p.m. with a film and talk; or arrive at 11.00 p.m. for Mass. Sleepout midnight – 7.00 a.m. In this freezing weather, it is very difficult for those who are sleeping on the streets.

The Sleepout is a powerful way to understand what it feels like to sleep outside, while raising money for homeless charities. Groups should register by emailing frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org; individuals can register on www.bcys.net. Open to anyone aged 15-105 (those aged 15-18 must be part of a group, and have parental consent).

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE Bishop Alan, supported by our Youth Service, will lead a pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26 - 31 July, flying from Southend Airport. This is a wonderful opportunity, including for the frail and those with needs, to pray at the Grotto, grow in faith, and enjoy the company of fellow pilgrims. Some brochures and booking forms are available in the parish or you can contact the tour operator, Tangney Tours, directly: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood or call 01732 886885.

ADULT QUIET RETREAT Enjoy the peace, prayer and stillness of Walsingham House at Abbotswick for a long weekend this summer; Friday 7th August (5.00 p.m.) to Monday 10th August (11.00 a.m.). Optional programme including Mass, Adoration, Reconciliation and social time; accommodation and all meals provided; single en-suite £225; twin en-suite £150 per person. There may be a bursary available for anyone in financial hardship. Full details from josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.net, and on the website www.bcys.net. Maximum of 18 people – places will go quickly!

#FrDominic5000at50 Fr Dominic is turning 50 in September, and to mark the moment he is solo cycling 5000 km between now and then – all without leaving Walsingham House at Abbotswick! He is raising money for the BCCS, Help Refugees, HCPT and Walsingham House and you can find all the details at https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50 where you can donate online. If you prefer, send cheques payable to “Fr D Howarth” to FrDominic5000at50, Walsingham House.

VACANCY St Benedict’s Catholic College are seeking a Lay Chaplain. The main purpose of the role will be to provide spiritual and pastoral support to the students and staff of the college and members of the wider college community, bearing witness to the mission statement and maintaining and enhancing the distinctive Catholic nature of the college. Further details available from the school; please call 01206 549222. Applications will only be accepted on the college application form (which can be downloaded from our Website) and should be emailed to Mrs Angela Jones at a.jones@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk. CVs will not be accepted.

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SERVICE TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS and PARISH DIARY

Saturday 25th January through to Sunday 2nd February 2020

Saturday
THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Ap
25 January
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Keely Louise Pohl R.I.P.
11.00 – 12 Noon Cathedral Sacrament of Reconciliation
11.00 p.m. Halls CTB Unity Gathering and Bring & Share Lunch
5.00 p.m. Cathedral Choristers Awards
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross Deceased Members of the Ingram Family R.I.P.

Sunday
THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
(Sunday of the Word of God)
26 January
8.00 a.m. Cathedral Dennis Eldridge
9.30 a.m. Cathedral Intentions of Baby Jack
10.00 a.m. Marillac Intentions of Mary Dolan
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Frank Van Duren R.I.P.
4.00 p.m. Cathedral Baptism of Onome Otite
6.30 p.m. Cathedral People of the Parish

Monday
27 January
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Ian Charley R.I.P.
1.50 p.m. Cathedral BUCHS Rehearsal
7.30 p.m. Cathedral Holy Hour

Tuesday
St Thomas Aquinas, Pr
28 January
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Bridie Ruthford R.I.P.
10.45 a.m. Cathedral Feast of St Angela Mass for BUCHS
6.00 p.m. Cathedral School Governor Event (Education Department)

Wednesday
29 January
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Veronica Williams R.I.P.
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers

Thursday
30 January
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Michael Ryan R.I.P.
5.30 p.m. Grange Reginald Lynch R.I.P.
7.45 p.m. Conf Centre Marriage Preparation Course (4 of 5)

Friday
31 January
9.15 a.m. Cathedral John O'Donnell R.I.P.
6.15 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers
7.00 p.m. Hall PACE Quiz Night

Saturday
1 February
9.15 a.m. Cathedral David T Bradley R.I.P.

No Confessions Today

10.30 a.m. Cathedral Mass for Consecrated Life
12.30 p.m. Cathedral Baptism of Harry Wiggott
2.00 p.m. Cathedral Baptism of Milana and Isabella Hanna
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross People of the Parish

Sunday
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
(World Day for Consecrated Life)
2 February
8.00 a.m. Cathedral Ann Irvine R.I.P.
9.30 a.m. Cathedral Alan Deery R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Marillac Martin Clarke R.I.P.
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Intentions of the McCullough Family
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Joan Dowding R.I.P.

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ANNIVERSARIES

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL and HOLY CROSS

Saturday 25th January through to Sunday 2nd February 2020

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Thomas Hennessy, Irene Fitzpatrick, Hannah Major, Margaret Talbot, Emily May Mansfield, Fr John Hibbert, Kathleen Henderson, Maisie Ramsay, Basil Browne, William Cunningham, Patricia Jackson, Margaret Mary Hicks, Mary Quinn, Lydia Caperoe, Catherine Andrew-Kean, John Bridge, Sister Anne White, June Hickman, Timothy Turner, Bishop Patrick Casey, Bill Brennan, Vicki Barrett, Margaret Sims, Mary Ridgewell, Anne Wilson, Michael Sherlock, Desmond MacCarthy, Alice Connolly, Ellen Simmons, Maria Watson, Kathleen Hawes, Alison Moss, Eric Free, Michael Asleen, Alice Crisp, Peter Frith, Florence Ashdown, Mary Olivia Jarmin, Doris Webb, Sister Augustine OSU, Olive Gallagher, Lynette O'Leary, Mary Doolan, Edward Giles, Christopher Winberg, William Gilsenan, Kathleen Dynes, Philomena Kenneally, Eddie Carolan, William O'Connell, Mary Brooks, Ellen Barrett, Elizabeth Smith, William Stephenson, Sister Paul OSU, Margaret Unaick, Joanna O'Brien, John Boardman, Stanley Milne, Margaret Farrow, Martin Roughneen,

No Confessions Today
Susanna Mary Smith, Mary Eda Smith, Christine Hill, Leslie Cole, Francesco La Capria, Joan Butler, Charles Conlon, Isabella Doyle and Gary Ebsworth.

**HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alice Monaghan, Helen Monaghan, Margaret Daly, James Sullivan, John Coburn, Fr. Gerard Ellis, Elizabeth Ann Stack, William Gilsenan, Fr. Joseph Touhey, Canon William Toft, James Bishop, John Cantillon, John Stuart, Richard Lynch, Mary Brady, Alice May Willis, Joe Barringer, Mildred Williams and Jane Sullivan.