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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
2nd February 2020

LATEST NEWS

THE GLOBAL HEALING VIDEO presents leading figures in the Church making a case for better stewardship of the world. This will be shown on Thursday 6th February at 7.30 p.m. in the small hall. The discussion will be led by Brenda Underwood with other members of the Green Guardians parish project. Join them and find out how as Christians we are at the heart of the ecological debate.

MARIA RATSCHITZ is our twinned parish in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa. Fr Tom, the parish priest, is hoping to build a toilet block at one of the parish outstations. The cost of building each toilet is around £300 and to help fund this work we have a retiring collection on Sunday 16 February. Thank you for your prayers and support for the people of Maria Ratschitz.

DO YOU HAVE UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS that are lying around your house? Would you give them to our PACE (Parish And Community Events) team for use as raffle prizes in their fund-raising efforts? We would be very grateful to have them. Please drop them off in the plastic boxes in the Cathedral and Holy Cross.

GENERAL NEWS

MASS TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS, CATHEDRAL DIARY and ANNIVERSARIES can be found on the noticeboard in the Cathedral narthex, the back of Holy Cross and also on the parish website.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Thomas King who died recently. His 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 THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Onome Otite who was baptised last Sunday. Pray for her and her parents “the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of Faith”.

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.
COFFEE after 9.30 a.m. MASS today will be hosted by the Lourdes HCPT Group 8 team; the following week will be the turn of the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). Why not join us?

THANK YOU for the collection on the weekend of 26th/27th January: £3,436.74 of which £2,443.70 was Gift Aided. Thank you for your generosity, for Gift Aiding your offerings and for your continued support of the parish.

THE RETIRING COLLECTION next weekend is for the Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

HOLY HOUR OF SILENT PRAYER before the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the Cathedral 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. All are welcome.

NEW READERS AT MASS We are looking for people who are willing to proclaim God’s Word. A clear, confident reading voice and a desire to communicate God’s living word are all you need. If you are interested, just come along to one of the following “training” sessions:

Saturday 8th February 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. in the Cathedral
Saturday 15th February 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. in the Cathedral

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

MOTHERS’ PRAYERS The next meeting is on Wednesday 5th February at 10.00 a.m. in Clergy House. All are welcome.

‘ALL ARE WELCOME’ gathering on the first Friday of every month between 1.00 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. in the small parish hall is for everyone from parents/carers with babies to those who are retired to enjoy some company with a hot drink and lovely cakes. Join us this Friday 7th February, any time between 1.00 and 3.00 p.m.

MILLENNIALS “THINKING FAITH” GROUP is for anyone aged 18 – 40. The next meeting is 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 reflect on “The Protestant Reformation in Essex”. Just show up. All welcome.

THE ANNUAL LOURDES MASS will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16th February at 3.00 p.m. An opportunity to thank God for graces received and to pray for the sick. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at this Mass.

2020 MASS REGISTRATION CARDS Would you like your child to start at a Catholic school in 2021? If so, you will apply for a place at a Catholic Infant, Primary or Secondary school in the Autumn of 2020. Please pick up a Mass Registration Card from the Cathedral narthex or Holy Cross Church and have it signed by a member of clergy at the end of Sunday Mass. You will need to show this card as evidence of practice if you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice. NB: The Brentwood Ursuline High School no longer requires a Certificate.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL CAR PARK Recently 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.
CATHEDRAL PARISH HALLS and ST PETER’S HALL BOOKINGS: Please email Dawn Cockerton at patrickdawn8@aol.com or call on 07756 765567.

PLEASE PRAY FOR 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, Helena Rowe, Robin Shenton, David Spring, Tim, TCT, Louisa Whiteman, and all our sick in Marillac, Mascal, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartswood Hospitals and St Francis Hospice.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK is available to anyone who is gravely ill or about to have an operation. Please contact Fr Martin or Fr Gary through the parish office.

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

HCPT GROUP 8 QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday 8th February in the Cathedral parish hall to raise money for pilgrimage to Lourdes in Easter 2020. Maximum of 8 adults per table. Children welcome. £6 per adult, £3 per child. Food available (which you must pre-order). Please email group8@hcpt.org.uk for tickets, to pre-order food and for information.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE TALK will be given by Brendan Thompson from Catholic Voices on Thursday 13th February at 7.00 p.m. at St. Thomas More High School. E-mail: Pgriffin@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk if you would like to attend.

UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP The Upper Room Prayer Group will next meet on Thursday 13th February 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.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP EVENING on Sunday 23rd February, 7.30 p.m. in the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood. Contact admin@sioncommunity.org.uk for more information.

THE GOD WHO SPEAKS study day at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Brentwood Road, Gidea Park at 10.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m. on Saturday 29th February. Fr Victoria Darlington, scripture lecturer at St John’s Seminary, Wonersh, will give two talks entitled ‘John Among the Gospels’ Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com or by phone to 01708 449914.

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. For further information call 01268 784544 / 07912 277413 or email jabbott@bccs.org.uk.

REFLECTION AND REVISION RETREAT, Walsingham House, Abbotswick, 27th-29th March. In school year 11-13? The retreat will include reflective prayer, time for personal study, and relaxed social time, and will conclude with Mass. 8.00 p.m. Meals included. Cost £35.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT FOR HOMELESS CHARITIES in the grounds of Walsingham House, 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. Register by emailing frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org or go to www.bcys.net.

#FrDominic5000at50 Fr Dominic is turning 50 and to mark the moment he is raising money for the Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society, Help Refugees, HCPT and Walsingham House by cycling 5000 km. Go to https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50 or send cheques payable to “Fr D Howarth” at Walsingham House.
THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY are seeking to appoint Trustees to their board. Further information available on www.bccs.org.uk or email Bernadette at bfisher@bccs.org.uk.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: Bishop Alan will lead the pilgrimage from 26 - 31 July. For more information www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood or contact Tangney Tours on 01732 886885.

SERVICE TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS and PARISH DIARY

Saturday 1st February through to Sunday 9th February 2020

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 Wiggett
2.00 p.m. Cathedral Baptism of Milana and Isabella Hanna
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross People of the Parish

Sunday
2 February
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
(World Day for Consecrated Life)
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.

Monday
3 February
St Anne Line
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Ann Deville R.I.P.
7.30 p.m. Cathedral Holy Hour

Tuesday
4 February
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Vincent and Mary Cassidy R.I.P.

Wednesday
5 February
St Agatha
9.15 a.m. Cathedral In Thanksgiving (Rebecca Bedding)
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers
7.30 p.m. Clergy Hse Parish Finance Committee Meeting
8.00 p.m. Cathedral Youth Mass

Thursday
6 February
St Paul Miki and Comps
9.15 a.m. Cathedral John Cremin R.I.P.
5.30 p.m. Grange John Donald R.I.P.
7.30 p.m. Hall Green Guardians Global Healing Event
7.45 p.m. Conf Centre Marriage Preparation Course (5 of 5)

Friday
7 February
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Deceased friends and relatives of Pat McCready R.I.P.
1.00 p.m. Hall ‘All Are Welcome’ Group
6.15 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers
7.00 p.m. Hall New Parishioners Welcome Meal

Saturday
8 February
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Alfonse Apicella R.I.P.
9.15 a.m. Cathedral First Holy Communion Group – Session
6
11.00 a.m. – 12 Noon Cathedral -Sacrament of Reconciliation
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross Deceased members of the Papi Family
R.I.P.

Sunday
9 February
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
(Racial Justice Sunday)
8.00 a.m. Cathedral People of the Parish
9.30 a.m. Cathedral Boghos and Rebecca Sabbagh R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Marillac Intentions of Maria Awogu
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Intentions of Kathleen Lillis
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Intentions of Obehi Selo-Ojeme

ANNIVERSARIES
BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL and HOLY CROSS
Saturday 1st February through to Sunday 9th February 2020

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Uniacke, Joanna O’Brien, John Boardman, Stanley Milne, Margaret Farrow, Martin Roughneen, Susanna Mary Smith, Mary Ead Smith, Christine Hill, Leslie Cole, Francesco La Capria, Joan Butler, Charles Conlon, Isabella Doyle, Gary Ebsworth, Sister Alfonza Ryan, Alice Mary Wilke, Leonora Whittle, Vincent Cassidy, Mason Joseph Smith, Terry Green, Anne Deville, Joseph Ball, Bertha Catherine Torrent, Michael O’Regan, Sheila McKenna, Denis O’Brien, James Forest, Breda Hilson, Daniel Flynn, Michael Neary, Deirdra Breheny, Cecily Madejczyk, John Marsh, Ernest Lacey, Ernest Marshall,
Eilis Floyd, James Reynolds, John Donovan, Eileen Reynolds, Catherine McKean, John Chapman, George Shepherd, James Booth, Wilfred Molyneux, Boulos Sabbagh, Margaret Perkins, Stanley Kaliski, Dorothy Crowley, Marianne Sinclair, Christine Grimshaw, Louisa Deltour, Edward Burton, Henry Quinn, Thomas Hayes, Charles Bell, Mary Cockram, Kathleen English, Leo Hartigan, John Lowney, Rebecca McCarthy, Elizabeth Stuart-Rose, Val Everett and Michael Haxton.

**HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: James Bishop, John Cantillon, John Stuart, Richard Lynch, Mary Brady, Alice May Willis, Joe Barringer, Mildred Williams, Jane Sullivan, Edgar Davis, Norman Timmins, Marian March, Claire Tsaviris, Desy Mara, Jane Campbell, Ernest Lacey, Winifred Mession, Gladys Davidson, Michael Tacey, Jerry Moran, James Stack, Maud Whaley and Edith Wild.