FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
9th February 2020 Racial Justice Sunday

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

RACING JUSTICE SUNDAY celebrates the contribution of Gypsies, Roma and Travellers within our parishes and encourages all of us to recognise their dignity, rights, and to be more welcoming towards fellow Catholics who come from the travelling communities.

READERS, COUNTERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS please let Ann Camp know your availability for the period 14th March - 7th June by Monday 17th February. This period includes the Easter Triduum so please indicate which Mass(es) you are available to cover. Email messina21@btinternet.com or call 01277 231593.

“GREEN GUARDIANS” MEETING is this Wednesday 12th February at 7.30 p.m. in the small parish hall in order to finalise the “Hope for the World” plan for Lent that show how small changes in our daily lives can make a difference to the care of the planet. All welcome.

THE PACE QUIZ NIGHT was a huge success. Thank you to all who worked so hard to put it on, to all who came and, above all, to Alex Pashley, the quiz master. The event raised the fantastic sum of £705 for Caritas Anchor House. The next PACE event will be on 1st May and is aimed at the young people of the parish so save the date.

GIFT AID SCHEME Ahead of the end of the tax year, we are considering our gift aid claim. Please get in touch with Lorna Green, the gift aid organiser, on 01277 205923 or philandlorna@aol.com, if any of the following circumstances apply to you:
• you are no longer a tax payer or became a non-tax payer in 2019/20;
• you wish to leave the gift aid scheme;
• you signed up to the gift aid scheme, but were unable to make payments during the year.

As a housekeeping exercise, if those within the scheme are no longer donating, their record is terminated. It can always be reinstated at a later stage. Please contact Lorna if this applies to you. Many thanks for your continued support and for making a real difference to our parish finances.
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 Cathedral narthex or the back of Holy Cross Church.

GENERAL NEWS

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

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

PRAY for the repose of the soul of Thomas King and Tom Cusack who died recently. Thomas’ Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Tuesday 11th February at 12.00 noon. Tom’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Thursday 27th February at 11.00 a.m. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE WELCOME INTO THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH Milana and Isabella Hanna and Harry Wiggett who were baptised last Saturday. Pray for them 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 Parish Pastoral Council (PPC); the following week will be the turn of the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) team. Why not join us in the parish hall?

THANK YOU for the collection on the weekend of 1st/2nd February: £3,687.82 of which £2,526.47 was Gift Aided; also for the collection for Home Missions £363.25 of which £56.00 was Gift Aided. Thank you for your generosity and for Gift Aiding your offerings.

CHURCHES TOGETHER BRENTWOOD thank all parishioners who came to make this recent event such a success. Thank you to our Love in Action and PACE team members and all the volunteers for your help and support in running the day.

250 CLUB WINNERS our congratulations go to Celine Wells (October draw, £50), Colin Savidge (November draw, £50), Lorraine Cowley, Joanna Murphy and John Anderson (December draw, £300, £100 and £100 respectively).

If you would be interested in joining the 250 Club or still need to renew your membership, please contact Pat Austin - email pat@familyaustin.co.uk or call 01277 824363 / 07733 103588.

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

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.

MOTHERS’ PRAYERS The next meeting is on Wednesday 12th February at 10.00 a.m. in Clergy House. All are welcome.

MILLENNIALS “THINKING FAITH” GROUP is for anyone aged 18 – 40. The next meeting is this 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.

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 the second of our “training” sessions on Saturday 15th February from 10.00 – 11.00 a.m. in the Cathedral
**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 **next Sunday 16 February**. Thank you for your prayers and support for the people of Maria Ratschitz.

**THE ANNUAL LOURDES MASS** will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral **next 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.

**THE NEXT CHAPTER OF CANONS MASS** will take place in the Cathedral at 12 Noon on **Monday 17th February**. All are welcome.

**FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT** will run from **24th February until 8th March**. During this time please consider swapping one of your shopping items for a Fairtrade product. Fairtrade ensures fair prices, living wages and decent working conditions for farmers and workers in developing countries. Our actions in Brentwood can support and sustain the livelihoods of those living in the poorest communities.

‘**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 on **Friday 6th March**, any time between 1.00 and 3.00 p.m.

**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 and have it signed by a member of the 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.

**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, Mascalles, 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.

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**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP** The Upper Room Prayer Group will next meet this **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, Gidea Park at 10.30 a.m.- 3.00 p.m. on **Saturday 29th February**. Fr Victor 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 call 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.uk 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.

VACANCY Campion School is looking to appoint casual Examinations’ Invigilators. To apply go to www.thecampionschool.org.uk or email cnoddings@thecampionschool.org for more information.

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SERVICE TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS
and PARISH DIARY

Saturday 8th February through to Sunday 16th February 2020

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

Monday
10 February
St Scholastica
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Brian McGrath R.I.P.
7.30 p.m. Cathedral Holy Hour

Tuesday
11 February
OUR LADY OF LOURDES,
Principal Patroness of the Diocese
(World Day for the Sick)
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Intentions of Maura O’Donoghue
12 Noon Cathedral Requiem Mass for the late Thomas King R.I.P.

Wednesday
12 February
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Veronica Williams R.I.P.
6.30 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers

Thursday
13 February
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Cathedral Benefactors (F)
5.30 p.m. Grange Maureen Leeming R.I.P.
7.30 p.m. Clergy Hse Millennials “Thinking Faith” Meeting
7.45 p.m. Cathedral Upper Room Prayer Group
Friday
14 February
SS CYRIL, Monk & METHODIUS, Bp
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Freddie and Kitty Howlett R.I.P.
6.15 p.m. Cathedral Choral Vespers

Saturday
15 February
9.15 a.m. Cathedral Intentions of Mrs L Walshe
11.00 a.m. – 12 Noon Cathedral Sacrament of Reconciliation
6.30 p.m. Holy Cross Barry and Maisie Ramsay R.I.P.

Cathedral
SATURDAY INTENTIONS:
Mrs L Walshe

Sunday
16 February
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
8.00 a.m. Cathedral Tom Carr R.I.P.
9.30 a.m. Cathedral Christina Bruce R.I.P.
10.00 a.m. Marillac Katherine Barry R.I.P.
11.30 a.m. Cathedral Peter Cahill R.I.P.
3.00 p.m. Cathedral Annual Lourdes Mass
6.30 p.m. Cathedral People of the Parish

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ANNIVERSARIES
BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL and HOLY CROSS

Saturday 8th February
through to Sunday 16th February 2020

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: 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, Michael Haxton, Edward Woods, Margaret Foley, Mary Gunnell, Betsy Garrett, Rose Walmsley, Daniel Walsh, Christopher Woodward, John Dobson, Gwendoline Rowland-Hill, Stella Pegler, Sister Aloysius OSU, Brian Rodgers, Teresa Gormley, Alphonsus Apicella, Trevor Nuttall, Mary Deasy, Patience Vaughan, Mary Kopczynska, Katherine Smith, Leonard Lovewell, Mable Fortoni, Stanley King, Charles Conlon, William Vaughan, James Dobson, Louisa Moore, Catherine Spindler, Mary Marshall, Thomas Connolly, James Regan, Jack Connaughton, Peter McCaul, Thomas Noquet, James O’Neill, A Buckle, Mary Redmond, Florence Whiteland, Joaquina Porta, John Gillett, Brigid Danaher, Mrs Bryant, John Burey, Daniel Keneally, Mary March, Yolande Bodley, Hélène Whitman, Mrs D Smithe, Catherine Walsh, Charles Kerrigan and Barry Ramsay.

HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jerry Moran, James Stack, Maud Whaley, Edith Wild, Edward Woods, William Horge, Charles Wild, Ivy Timmins, Pam Penton, Sister Philomena DC, Bridget McLaughlin, Albert Buckle, Mary Redmond, Geraldine Chaplin and Barry Ramsay.