SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
16th February 2020

If you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember ~
that your brother has something against you — GO AND FIRST BE RECONCILED with him.

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.

LAST SUNDAY NIGHT Fr Martin's sister, Maura Stone, died. For the last twelve years she has lived with stage IV cancer. She had just turned fifty years old.

Of your kindness please offer a prayer for the repose of her soul in the eternal love of the Lord. Pray for her husband, Andy, who is the Headteacher at Holy Family School, Walthamstow and remember in prayer their sixteen year old son, Sean, Fr Martin and his elderly mother.

READERS, COUNTERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Please let Ann know your availability for the period 14th March - 7th June by tomorrow Monday 17th February - a quick response would be greatly appreciated. NB-This period includes the Easter Triduum please also indicate which Mass you can cover over Easter 01277 231593 or messina21@btinternet.com.

LENTEN LECTURES REFRESHMENTS Would you be willing to help with teas and coffees at some or all of the four Lenten Lectures on Wednesday evenings in March? If you can help, please sign up on the sheets in narthex and at the back of Holy Cross.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES will be held on Fridays in Lent, beginning on 28th February, for the whole of Lent (apart from Holy Week) in the large Cathedral Parish Hall from 12 noon until 2.00 p.m. All are very welcome. Voluntary donation. All proceeds to Caritas Anchor House.

WALK WITH ME LENTEN BOOKLETS are a helpful way to focus daily our attention on the Lord during the season of Lent. £1.00 each.

CHILDREN’S LENT POSTER is a fun, colourful and informative way to introduce Lent to the younger members of our community. Cost 20p.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME MEAL We were delighted to meet and welcome new parishioners to the parish at our meal last Friday evening. We hope they will be happy in their new spiritual home and play their part in building up His Kingdom. Thank you to Helen Brown.
and Oliver Rowe for organising and running the evening. Sincere thanks to Julia Messenger for providing the supper.

**THE BLESSING OF ENGAGED COUPLES** who are getting married this year takes place at the 11.30 a.m. Mass today. We pray that the Lord may strengthen their love for each other and give them the grace to witness to His sacrificial love in our world.

**GLOBAL HEALING** For anyone who was unable to make the recent parish discussion evening and wishes to watch the Global Healing film, it is available to download at [www.ourcommonhome.co.uk](http://www.ourcommonhome.co.uk).

**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 Maria Ratschitz, which is our twinned parish in the diocese of Dundee, South Africa. Fr Tom, the parish priest, is hoping to build a toilet block at a parish outstation. Thank you for your prayers and support for the people of Maria Ratschitz; please be as generous as you are able.

**PRAY** for the repose of the soul of Tom Cusack who died recently. Tom’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Thursday 27th February at 11.00 a.m. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

**COFFEE after 9.30 a.m. MASS** today will be hosted by the St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) team; the following week will be the turn of the CAFOD team. Why not join us in the parish hall?

**THANK YOU** for the collection on the weekend of 8th/9th February: £3,329.75 of which £2,346.30 was Gift Aided; also for the collection for Lourdes Sick and Helpers Fund: £237.93 of which £65.00 was Gift Aided. Thank you for your generosity and for Gift Aiding your offerings.

**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.

**CALLING ALL KNITTERS** We continue with our knitting for the premature baby unit Broomfield Hospital and for the Seafarers at Tilbury; new knitters are always welcome! Also thank you to everyone who donated items for the homeless, some of which were shared with the Mother Teresa Sisters. Adele 01277 232948.

**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.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

**THE ANNUAL LOURDES MASS** will be celebrated at Brentwood Cathedral this 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 this Monday 17th February. All are welcome.

**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.
**MOTHERS’ PRAYERS** The next meeting is on **Wednesday 26th February** at 10.00 a.m. in Clergy House. 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, Concerta 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 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**

**LUNCHEON ORGAN RECITAL** Eric Chan from the Royal College of Music, London will be giving an organ recital in the Cathedral on **Wednesday 19th February** at 1.00 p.m. All are welcome.

**THE GOD WHO SPEAKS** study day at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park 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 01708 449914.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR TRAVELLERS** Following on from Racial Justice Sunday, there will be a special meeting on **Tuesday 10th March** at 7.30 p.m. at Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay for anyone who is interested in assisting with the Sacramental Preparation of Traveller children for First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please contact Father Dan Mason, the National Catholic Chaplain for Gypsies, Roma and Travellers on 01277 624891.

**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.

**VACANCY – DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY, DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD**. This significant role will help to strengthen our ever growing and vibrant youth ministry. Closing date 16th March. Full
details at www.bcys.net/jobs or call Fr Dominic Howarth on 01277 373959.

**VACANCY - ASSISTANT MANAGER, WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK.** Closing date 2nd March. Full details at www.bcys.net/jobs or call Joe Beattie on 01277 373959.

**VACANCY – HEADTEACHER.** St Mary’s Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch. Closing date 21st February; for further details contact the school on 01708 448430.

**VACANCY at The Campion School for a part time Workshop Technician – Design & Technology Department.** 14 hours per week over 2 days x 40 weeks per year. Please apply on line (via JobsGoPublic) no later than 12 noon on Monday 24th February. For further information, call the school on 01708 452332.

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SERVICE TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS and PARISH DIARY

**Saturday 15th February through to Sunday 23rd February 2020**

**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.

**Sunday**
- 16 February
  - 8.00 a.m. Cathedral  Tom Carr R.I.P.
  - 9.30 a.m. Cathedral  Christina Bruce R.I.P.

**Monday**
- 17 February
  - 9.15 a.m. Cathedral  Rev John Francis Harding (F)
  - 12.00 Noon Cathedral  Chapter of Canons Mass
  - 7.30 p.m. Cathedral  Holy Hour

**Tuesday**
- 18 February
  - 9.15 a.m. Cathedral  In Thanksgiving (Blackett Family)

**Wednesday**
- 19 February
  - 9.15 a.m. Cathedral  James and Catherine Cassidy (F)
  - 1.00 p.m. Cathedral  Lunchtime Organ Recital

**Thursday**
- 20 February
  - 9.15 a.m. Cathedral  Pauline Sexton R.I.P.
  - 5.30 p.m. Grange  Deceased members of the Florendo/Blackett Family
  - 7.30 p.m. Sm Hall  Journey In Faith Group (JIF) – Session 5

**Friday**
- 21 February
  - 9.15 a.m. Cathedral  Michael and John Dillon R.I.P.

**Saturday**
- 22 February
  - 9.15 a.m. Cathedral  In Thanksgiving (Selo-Ojeme Family)
  - 11.00 a.m. - 12 Noon Cathedral  -Sacrament of Reconciliation
  - 6.30 p.m. Holy Cross  Deceased family members of Terry and Connie Halligan

**Sunday**
- 23 February
  - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
    - 8.00 a.m. Cathedral  Margaret Bailey R.I.P.
    - 9.30 a.m. Cathedral  People of the Parish
    - 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

- 4.00 p.m. Cathedral  Baptism Preparation Course (3 of 5)
- 6.30 p.m. Cathedral  Eric Howard R.I.P.
ANNIVERSARIES
BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL and HOLY CROSS

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CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: John Gillett, Brigid Danaher, Mrs Bryant, John Burey, Daniel Keneally, Mary March, Yolande Bodley, Hélène Whitman, Mrs D Smithe, Catherine Walsh, Charles Kerrigan, Barry Ramsay, Patrick Carroll, Annie Baxter, Margaret Carey, Alfred Hicks, Rose Ovel, Thora Ross, Stella Williams, Joseph Sandle, John Joseph Gillett, Hannah McCarthy, Javis Stanley Rogers, James and Margaret Farrow, Yung-Soon-Kwa-Foong, Sister de Lourdes Slevin, Robert Bird, Joan Cutter, Marie Mills, Joan O'Connell, John Skidmore, Sister M Benedict, Mary Devereux–Cooke, Rose Donovan, Reginald Maishman, Daniel Connolly, Elizabeth Mary O'Sullivan, Walter Aylett, Patrick O’Grady, Victor Wheal, Sister Theresa Flanagan OSU, Clovis Nozarick, Jack Thompson, Jurek Peterson, Albert McNamara, John Gilfoyle, George Taylor, Louisa Avis, Mary Bailey, John and Joanne O’Brien, Amelia Rochford, Margaret Murphy, Muriel Fairman, Jarlath Wills, Alison Moss, Fr Joseph Savage, Peter Twiss, Sidney Weston, Mary Adams and Hilary Sully.

HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Norah Wheelan, Nora Shale, Gerald Leo Brady, Mary Brophy, Caroline Amstad, Bernard Donnelly, Josephine Capps, Michael Lynch, Winifred Havers, Mrs. Duane, Richard Siren, Mabel Watchman, Canon Arthur Holmes, Theresa Day and Teresa Keenan.