THANK YOU for your continued cooperation. Doing things in an ordered fashion means that we can minimise the risk of infection and maximise the numbers of people who can attend Mass. Please do read the information below for details of the things that we must all continue to do at every celebration of Mass.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the most important things to remember at this time? If you or a member of your household have any of the symptoms of Covid-19 you should stay at home. Please do not come to the Cathedral. If you have been advised to isolate or are particularly vulnerable you should stay at home. If you are 70+ years old you should follow the Government guidelines.

2. Do I have to “book” in order to attend? No. However, family households and individuals will have to arrive in very good time before Mass begins in order to ensure a seat.

3. Will I be able to sit in my usual spot or wherever I like? No. You will have to wait to be seated by an usher. You will have no choice in where you sit. Available seats in the Cathedral will be filled up row by row in an orderly fashion as ushers seat family households, couples and individuals. In this way, we will maintain social distancing and ensure that we can safely seat the maximum number of people.

4. Will I be able to use the toilets? No. The toilets will be locked. Please make sure that you go to the toilet before coming to Mass.

5. Will the Cathedral be cleaned? Yes. The Cathedral is cleaned every day and on Saturday and Sunday there will be an especially
thorough clean of the Cathedral. We are employing a professional cleaning company to do this work. The Cathedral will also be cleaned by ushers between each Mass.

6. **Which doors must I use to enter the Cathedral?** The doors of the Cathedral narthex and the doors at the toilet/west end of the Cathedral.

7. **What is the first thing that I must do when I arrive?**
Sanitise your hands. Please use a single pump of the hand sanitiser.

8. **And the next thing?** Please put on your face mask or covering which needs to cover your nose and mouth. This **must** be worn throughout the celebration of Mass for the safety of the whole community.

9. **And then what will happen?** You must wait to be seated by one of the ushers. We are seating people in order to maximise the numbers of people we can have in the Cathedral and to ensure social distancing. Once you are seated, **please** do not move from your seat.

10. **Will I be able to receive Holy Communion or come up for a blessing?** We are now able to receive Christ’s Body and Blood but at this point under “one kind”, that is, the consecrated host which, of course, contains the fullness of Christ’s divine life and love. You will be guided by the ushers, row by row, and in an orderly and prayerful fashion to receive Holy Communion.

Please maintain social distancing as you process to receive our Lord.

Please receive our Lord’s Body on the throne made with the palms of your hands. You cannot receive on the tongue at this time.

Hold your arms at full length and have your palms flat so that the priest or Minister of Holy Communion can place the Body of Christ onto your palm for you to consume reverently.

Holy Communion will be distributed in silence.

If you are coming up for a blessing please stand a good distance away from the minister with your hands across your chest and you will receive a simple blessing in silence.

If you are not receiving Holy Communion or a blessing, you must also come up and follow the people on your row back to your seat. In this way, people will not have to step over or pass close to you as they return from receiving Holy Communion.

11. **Which doors must I use to exit the Cathedral?** The main doors of the Cathedral, the doors of Mercy behind the choir stalls and the emergency fire doors at corner of the west end of the Cathedral. Please leave the Cathedral in an orderly fashion, being particularly aware of social distancing. Please hand sanitise as you leave. Please take a newsletter home with you or go online for the newsletter.

12. **What about my offering for the running and support of the parish?** Some people have experienced financial hardship during the lockdown and face uncertain financial futures. Our parish has also experienced the challenge of very reduced finances which is a serious concern. We thank you for the offering you give today. There will be boxes for you to place your offering in as you leave. If you want to support the parish by standing order or give online, please see the Cathedral website or newsletter for more information.

13. **How can I assist any “track and trace” requests?** When you go home, if you can, please record your name, a contact number and the Mass you attended on the Cathedral website at:
https://cathedralbrentwood.org/mass-attendee/. It is very simple to do and will only take a few moments of your time.

**GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

**MASS TIMES:**

**SUNDAY MASS**
- Cathedral: 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 (Fridays only at present)**
- Cathedral: 9.15 a.m.

**MASS TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Sunday Masses are now being celebrated in the Cathedral. Any weekday Masses which are not currently being celebrated in the Cathedral are being said by our priests in private for the intentions. The full list of intentions can be found on the Cathedral Website.

**PLEASE NOTE**

the parish office will be closed on Monday 3rd August.

**WEEKDAY MASSES** will be celebrated every Friday at 9.15 a.m. Please remember that:

i) you must stay at home if you or a member of your family have Covid-19 symptoms or if you are particularly vulnerable

ii) you must wear a mask and make sure it covers your mouth and nose.

iii) you must hand sanitise when you enter and leave the Cathedral.

iv) you must wait to be seated. You cannot sit where you wish at this time.

v) once seated, you cannot move to another seat.

vi) you must keep social distancing rules at all times

From 10th August, Mass will also be celebrated on Monday mornings at 9.15 a.m.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the souls of parishioners who died recently: Michael Murray and Imelda Reynolds.

_May they rest in the peace of Christ and rise again in glory._

**INDIVIDUAL PRAYER IN THE CATHEDRAL.**

The Cathedral will be open for private prayer every weekday from Monday - Friday from 9.00 a.m. - 7.00 p.m. Please note that the Cathedral will be closed for private prayer at the weekends as we clean and prepare for the celebration of Sunday Mass.

**CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS** help people to have an overview of the spiritual and pastoral life of the Church in this country and the world. For the time being, we are not going to stock newspapers in the Cathedral narthex. If you would like to order a newspaper and collect it from Clergy House please let the Parish Office know and provide your name and contact details. _If there is enough interest, we will be able to provide this service._

Alternatively, you can also subscribe online; details are:

The Tablet at https://www.thetablet.co.uk/subscribe

The Catholic Herald magazine at https://catholicherald.co.uk/subscribe/


**PARISH FINANCES**

During this time of the Covid-19 pandemic, a number of parishioners have enquired about making online donations to support the continued running of the parish. Contributions can now be made via a page on the Brentwood Diocesan website at and selecting General Offertory. The information sent via this website is secure and covered by GDPR.

https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=brentwood
You can, if you prefer, make a payment directly into the parish bank account using online banking. You will need to set up the Brentwood Cathedral Parish as a payee on your online banking app or internet page. The Parish Bank details are as follows:

- **HSBC PLC, High Street, Brentwood, Essex**
- **Account Name:** Brentwood Cathedral
- **Sort Code:** 40-13-22
- **Account Number:** 30217492

If you use this method, please put your Surname and Initial as a reference. If you are part of our Gift Aid scheme, then please also add your Gift Aid number (GA); for example: SmithJ GA 999. By entering this reference our Gift Aid Organiser will be able to make sure that your donation is increased in line with the Gift Aid regulations.

If you don’t pay tax you can still set up a standing order or pay via online methods. Alternatively, you can deliver your offertory envelopes though the presbytery letterbox with cheques made payable to Brentwood Cathedral Parish. For more information on the present state of parish finances go to: https://cathedralbrentwood.org/donations/.

Thank you for your continued support.

**GREEN GUARDIAN GROUP** Get ready to share your nature photos! During lockdown many of us have sought pleasure from the natural world and this summer the Brentwood Cathedral Green Guardian group would love you to share your photos and videos with us. Maybe you have built a bug hotel, spotted a hedgehog in your garden, taken delight in a double rainbow - the possibilities are endless and however you have found joy in God’s creation please share them with us so we can post them on our Instagram account. We will be posting different activities over the summer to give you some ideas, so be sure to follow us on Instagram (@bcgreenguardians). Please tag us in your photos or alternatively send them to greenguardiansbrentwood@gmail so that we can post them on Instagram. And if you haven’t taken that photo/video just yet then this summer is a perfect time to appreciate the glory of our common home and to share that joy with others. Happy snapping! #faithinourfuture.

**ROSARY DURING THE PANDEMIC** The Mothers Prayer Group (evening group) started praying the rosary by zoom at the beginning of lockdown. We pray for special intentions and are happy to include yours (please do email Brentwoodprayers@gmail.com). You might also like to pray at the same time as we are praying - 6.30 p.m. every evening.

**FEEDING THE HOMELESS (PROJECT 58.7)** The St Helen’s Ladies Group is working with Churches Together in Basildon who provide hot meals for the homeless six days per week all year-round and a shelter for sleeping through the winter months. Every third Monday of the month, even during lockdown, the St Helen’s Ladies Group has been working in teams shopping and cooking to provide 20 to 30 hot meals which are then taken to Basildon where volunteers from St Martins church distribute them to the homeless. For more information please contact Maddy Edwards (07710 187292).

**THE UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP** continue to meet via WhatsApp and pray for each other and for prayer intentions. For more information please contact by text to Chris on 07974 702771 or Gabrielle on 07817 515207. Alternatively, call Liz Hart on 01277 228419.

**GENERAL NEWS**

**LOURDES IN YOUR LIVING ROOM** - hundreds of people from across the Diocese watched and prayed at Masses and liturgies last week, and enjoyed the social content too. Everything is on www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodcys, in case you missed it. Thank you for great generosity as over £4500 was raised by the “18 Hour Challenge” to be split between the BCYS, and CAFOD’s coronavirus appeal, “Summer of Hope”.
VACANCY The Ursuline Sisters in Brentwood urgently require a Care Manager (maternity cover) and 2 Care Assistants for our team providing care for 8 Sisters resident in the Grange. The Care Manager post is for 25 hours per week. Applicants should have General Nursing qualifications, have experience managing a care team and hold a full driving licence. Experience caring for the elderly is essential. Some weekend, evening and on-call work will be required. Care Assistant applicants should have previous experience. Bank and part time shifts are available. Salaries dependent on post and candidate. Please telephone 01277 260156 for application forms.

BRENTWOOD FOOD BANK Stocks are still very low at the Food Bank; goods specifically requested are instant mash, tinned potatoes, tinned meat pies, tinned goods - ham, spaghetti, hot dogs, meatballs, chicken in sauce, curries, mince onion, beef stew, beef casserole, ravioli, all day breakfast, corned beef, macaroni cheese, salmon, spaghetti bolognaise, rice pudding, fruit and custard. Also, jams and spreads, washing powders, pump antibacterial soap, deodorant, shaving gel/foam and all cleaning products (kitchen & bathroom) if you can. You are able to make donations of food at most supermarkets and at the Doddinghurst Road Community Church as well as the Council office on the Ingrave Road.

CAFOD CORONAVIRUS APPEAL Coronavirus (Covid-19) has now spread worldwide, with confirmed cases in several countries where CAFOD work. Its spread to countries with poor health systems will be devastating. Our local experts need your support to continue protecting lives. More details about the appeal and how you can donate can be found at cafod.org.uk. Details of the appeal are also on the Cathedral website.

VACANCY – Caritas Development Officer. The Diocese is diverse, vibrant, and full of dedicated volunteers running projects which bring to life the Gospel mandate to recognise and serve Christ in the poor and those on the edges. If you have a heart for such work, and the skills to develop and strengthen it, this could be your perfect job! For further information please see: www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentcoordinator/

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK and housebound parishioners and friends, including: Bridget Barron, Hermine Bayley, Madeleine Bevan, Julia Blencowe, Ray Blencowe, Phil Carr, David, Patricia Decup, Julian Goode, Concetta Hall, Ann Hurcombe, Wong Su Hwa, Jess, Brian Kelleher, Veronica Kelleher, Lawrence, Margaret MacLeay, Tony Maule, Dennis Menezes, Kath Murnane, Michael Murphy, Harry Newman, Barney O’Driscoll, Siobhan O’Leary, Steven Poole, Anne Rowe, Helena Rowe, Geraldine Sheehan, Robin Shenton, David Spring, Tim, TCT, Louisa Whiteman, and all our sick in Marillac, Maccalls, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartswood Hospitals and St Francis Hospice.

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Father Brophy, Mrs Blaker, Louisa Torrent, Daisy Moss, Tom Cockerill, Rosemary Wong, Margaret Regan, Joy Breslin, George Jones, Violet Page, Sophie Starling, Bernadette Ketterer, Angela Birch, Joseph Harrington, Patrick Ryan, Richard Demierre, Stefan Slabczynski, Paddy Drake, Father Terry Petry, Sister Borromeo OSU, Ria Tomkins, Alice Richmond, Gerry Delaney, Catherine Howlett, Dan McMahon, Isabella Dart, Paul Foley, Maude Bucle, Thomas Cormack, Gerald Murnane, Kathleen Gordon, Hannah McDaid, Maria Kemp, William Brind, John O’Regan, Pope Paul VI, Francis Frain, Gerald Tyler, Henry Boursot, John King, Mary Ellen Neath, Francis Bourke, Catherine Stuart, John Garvey, Sheila Towers, Catherine Chasseaud, Lilian Duane, Aldhelm Monaghan, June Hyde, Michael Regan, Ernest Crowley, Basil Melder, Mortimer Costello, James Slevin, Francis William Barry, Miss Wade, Mary Page, Robert Perry, Nellie Ward, Elmonde Changadoo and Malcolm Clarke.

HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Martin Davis, Marguerite Gurney, Georgina Bull, John Hemblade, Winnie Gosling, Annie Barker, Doris Duffy, Sheila Towers, Archibald Nash, Sean McCann, Eileen Wild and George Frederick Jones.
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