CATHEDRAL OF ST MARY AND ST HELEN
HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
30th August 2020

SUNDAY MASS
Cathedral: 6.30 p.m. (Vigil)
Cathedral: 8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m.,
11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

MONDAY AND FRIDAY MASSES
Cathedral: 9.15 a.m.

Please use Brentwood Cathedral website to:
enter your details for “track and trace” purposes;
read the latest newsletter;
make an online offering to support the running and work of the Cathedral;
access all up to date information about the parish.

Go to www.cathedral-brentwood.org

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

A WARM WELCOME to those who are returning to the celebration of Sunday Mass as we ease out of lockdown and to those who are joining us for the first time. Week on week, the number of people participating in the celebration of Mass has been steadily rising. It is a blessing to see the parish family coming together again to give thanks to God and to receive His graces, especially, in Holy Communion.

Please continue to respect all the safety guidelines. In this way, we will minimise the risk of infection and make our community a place where people, young and old, can feel secure worshipping God. Thank you for your co-operation and concern for the well-being of the whole community.
SACRED MUSIC helps to raise our hearts and minds to God and gives Him glory. Our recent celebrations of Mass have been bereft of music and given the sacred music we enjoy at the Cathedral this has been a great loss. However, this is about to change. Over the coming weeks, choral and instrumental music will be slowly re-introduced to deepen and ennoble our worship.

Unfortunately, the present Government and church guidelines do not allow for congregational singing. We pray that before too long this will change and we will all be able to sing a new song to the Lord.

THE PROMS on Monday 31st celebrates the music of Vienna. The tenor at this performance is Robert Murray who was a chorister here at Brentwood Cathedral and whose musical talents were nurtured by Andrew Wright and Angela Harris. You can listen to this Prom on Radio 3 at 19.30.

A CHILD’S COT A refugee family are in dire need of a cot for their children. If you have one and are willing to donate it to them, please contact Mary Stretch on 07859 028172

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available on request. Please do not hesitate to contact Clergy House to arrange a time to meet for confession with either Fr Martin or Fr Gary.

FACEMASKS. It is now a legal requirement that facemasks or coverings are worn when entering all places of worship. Please make sure that you bring your facemask with you and that you wear it so that it covers both your mouth and nose.

PARISH OFFICE The parish office has now reopened. However, you should only come to the office if it is a very urgent matter or, if you have an appointment with a member of clergy; otherwise, we would ask at this time that you email or phone instead.

Until further notice, the parish office opening hours will be Monday through to Thursday (8.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.) each week. Emails and enquiries will be dealt with as swiftly as possible.

PLEASE NOTE the parish office will be closed on Monday 31st August.

MASS TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES Sunday Masses are now being celebrated in the Cathedral. For weekday Masses which are not currently being celebrated in the Cathedral, these are being said by our priests in private for the intentions. The full list of intentions can be found on the Cathedral Website.

WEEKDAY MASSES will be celebrated every Monday and Friday at 9.15 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of those who died recently: Konrad Joy.

May they all 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 on Bank Holiday Monday.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL APPLICATIONS. If you are applying for a primary or secondary Catholic school with your child starting in September 2021, please make sure that you bring your Mass registration card with you when you come to collect your Certificate of Catholic Practice. This will clearly show your practice before lockdown.

Fr Martin will be available only at the following times in Clergy House to see parents who are known to him and who are practicing their faith every Sunday. If you have chosen not to practise your faith, please apply directly to the Catholic school of your choice.
If you have decided to apply for a non-Catholic school and it requires Fr Martin’s confirmation of the practice of your Catholic Faith please bring relevant document.

**SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**
Monday 26th October - 4.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

**PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS**
Wednesday 25th November - 4.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
Thursday 26th November - 4.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

Please note that if you plan to send your daughter or son to the Brentwood Ursuline High School that you do not require a Certificate of Catholic Practice from Fr Martin for this school.

**CYCLING TO THE CATHEDRAL:** are you one of the many people who have taken up cycling during lockdown? Have you thought about leaving the car at home and cycling to the Cathedral? Last year we installed bike racks in the Cathedral car park (beside the parish hall) and so there are now plenty of spaces available for you to secure your bike whilst visiting the Cathedral. For those able to cycle it is a great physical activity which helps to reduce traffic congestion and care for our common home.

**GREEN GUARDIAN GROUP** 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. 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 send them to greenguardiansbrentwood@gmail.com so that we can post them on Instagram.

**PARISH FINANCES** 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 in advance for the offering that you give today. There will be boxes available at the exits for you to place your offering in as you leave. Contributions can also be made online via a page on the Brentwood Diocesan website at and selecting General Offertory.

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.

For more information on the present state of parish finances go to https://cathedralbrentwood.org/donations/.

Thank you for your continued support.
COVID-19 AND THE CATHEDRAL

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, just arrive fifteen minutes or so before Mass begins.

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. 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 must I do when I arrive? Sanitise your hands. Please use a single pump of the hand sanitiser.

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.

Please wait to be seated by one of the ushers. Once you are seated, please do not move from your seat.

8. 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.
9. **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 alternatively, go online for the newsletter.

10. **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.

11. **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://cathedrallbrentwood.org/mass-attendee/. It is very simple to do and will only take a few moments of your time.

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**GENERAL NEWS**

**PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE** We sadly lose loved ones throughout our life journey and sometimes sooner than expected, which is why it is vitally important to ensure your wishes are reflected and your loved ones protected through your legal will. We all have a duty of care to ensure our loved ones are safe and secure now and, in the future. For independent and professional advice, please feel free to call James Scurfield on 07715 112163

**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 bolognese, 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.

**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, 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, Mascalls, 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: Catherine Connolly, John Torrent, Arthur Wood, Roman Blake, Frank Keane, Paul Shale, Anna Wade Smith, Ian Weston, Joanna Lynch, Heidi Kerrigan, Mary Fairchild, Joan Geeves, Edward Dillon, Esther Metcalfe, Carol Christine Spooner, Bill Dowling, Veronica Ball, Joyce Allen, Josie Scully, Valerie Barber, Wolfgang Sarasse, Frederick Howlett, Dorothy Norah Gregory, Mary O’Toole, Catherine Wild, Mary Towler, Kathleen Nugent, Bernard Gordon, Thomas Gilham, Sister Stephen OSU, David T Bradley, Christopher McKeon, Edward Bohannon, Sheila Julia Weston, Ann Dimery, John and Mary Banks, Michael O’Sullivan, Giacomo Panza, Toby Milburn, Thomas Flynn, Alfred Seager, Wilfred Pollard, Josephine Magorrian and Jack Permain.
HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jean Courage, Tadeusz Antczak, Arthur Wood, Sydney Gosling, Winifred Hawser, Canon John Walsh, Norah Costello, Jessica West, Marjorie Raven, John Brien, Edward Houghton, Sir Geoffrey Nightingale, Mary Towler, Daniel Kelly, Agnes Galcius, Edmond Horgan, William Coles, Eddie Connor, Chris Williams and Rosina Williams.

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