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

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TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
13th September 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, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY MASSES
Cathedral: 9.15 a.m.

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

A WARM WELCOME to those of you who are returning to the celebration of Sunday Mass as we ease out of lockdown. 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 slowly coming together again in this sacred place where we give thanks to God as a community and receive His abundant graces, especially, in Holy Communion.

The reported increase of infections is a reminder to all of us of the importance of following the safety guidelines while in the Cathedral. Although we are exempt from the new government restrictions, we are not exempt from acting responsibly for the good of every member of our community. Thank you for your continued co-operation and understanding.
**FACEMASKS.** It is now a legal requirement that facemasks or coverings are worn when entering all places of worship. These need to cover your mouth and nose.

**WEDNESDAY WEEKDAY MASS** at 9.15 a.m. will begin on 16th September. Many thanks to Peter and Michelle Moran and the Sion Community for agreeing to usher at this Mass.

**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.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** After the disappointment of having to postpone our First Holy Communion Masses during lockdown, we have now plans to celebrate our children receiving the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time in their lives. For more details please see the website at https://cathedralbrentwood.org/fhc/.

**CONFIRMATIONS** Sadly, our young men and women were unable to have their adult faith strengthened and deepened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost. But we now have plans for this to happen. For further details see the website at https://cathedralbrentwood.org/confirmation-2020/.

**EDDIE WADSWORTH** has served the Cathedral parish since 1947 and has also held the role of Master of Ceremonies for the past 46 years during which time he has also trained countless numbers of altar servers. He has now decided to retire from his role as MC. His gentle manner, love of Christ’s Church, and selfless service of the Cathedral parish have made him a profoundly respected and cherished member of our parish family.

The Cathedral parish community owe Eddie a huge debt of gratitude for all that he has so generously given to help build God’s Kingdom in Brentwood. As he hangs up his alb, we pray that this faithful servant will be richly blessed with good health and peace by our Lord.

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC** Are you interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith, perhaps, with a view to being received into the faith and life of the Catholic Church? Have you been baptised but never received the Sacrament of Confirmation that strengthens our relationship with Jesus? Is God now calling you to receive the graces of this sacrament? Please contact the parish office and register your interest.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION, HOLY COMMUNION and CONFIRMATION** in 2021. Do you have children (Year 3 and above in September 2020) who wish to meet Jesus in the sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion? Are you a young man or woman, at least 16 years by September 2020 (Year 12) and no older than 18 years by June 2021 (year 13) who desires to have their relationship with Jesus strengthened and deepened with the graces received in the sacrament of confirmation?

Normally this preparation would begin after the summer, but we still have this year’s First Holy Communions, Confirmations, adult receptions and baptisms to celebrate, while maintaining all the current restrictions. As you will appreciate, this will take some time to do.

Therefore, we have decided to start all preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation in January 2021. Please keep an eye on the Cathedral website, newsletter and parish social media for updates.

**FR. MARTIN’S NEW APPOINTMENT** During the past week, Bishop Alan appointed Fr Martin as the Episcopal Vicar for Adult Formation and Lay Leadership. He will continue as Cathedral Dean.

By virtue of their baptism, all lay men and women are called to holiness, to a real and living relationship with the crucified and risen Christ. They are also to be a Christian leaven in their homes, workplace and society, as well as evangelisers, making
the good news of God’s grace and mercy alive by their words, attitudes and actions to the men and women of our own age and culture.

Fr Martin’s role is to encourage and support lay people in this noble and spiritual calling from the Blessed Trinity. Please pray for him as he takes up this new appointment.

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. Over the coming weeks, choral and instrumental music will be slowly re-introduced to deepen and ennoble our celebration of Mass.

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.

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 from Wednesday 16th September and will re-open again on Monday 28th September.

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 Website.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of those who died recently: Ray Blencowe.

May all our dead 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.

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.

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 the relevant document with you to the meeting.

SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS
Wednesday 21st October - 4.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.
(please note this date has changed)

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.
PARISH FINANCES  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

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COVID-19 AND THE CATHEDRAL

1. 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.

2. Please note that the toilets will be locked. Please make sure that you go to the toilet before coming to Mass.

3. The entrances to the Cathedral are by the doors of the Cathedral narthex and the doors at the toilet/west end of the Cathedral.

4. On arrival, please wait to be seated by an usher. In this way, we will maintain social distancing and ensure that we can safely seat the maximum number of people. Please do not leave your seat or move around the Cathedral.

5. Please sanitise your hands by using 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.

6. 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 reverent 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.

PLEASE IMMEDIATELY CONSUME THE BODY OF CHRIST BEFORE RETURNING TO YOUR SEAT.

If you are coming up for a blessing please place 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.

7. The Cathedral exits are the main doors of the Cathedral, the doors behind the choir stalls and the emergency fire doors at the west end corner. Please leave in an orderly fashion, being aware of social distancing. Hand sanitise as you leave. Please make your offering in one of the boxes at the doors (you can also give online) and take a newsletter home with you or go online for the newsletter.

8. When you go home, if you can, please record your name, a contact number and the Mass you attended https://cathedralbrentwood.org/mass-attendee/.

GENERAL NEWS

GIRLGUIDING NEEDS YOUR HELP! After 10 years of leading 7th Brentwood Rainbows, Lorraine, Caroline and Kathryn are stepping down. We are looking for new volunteers to run the unit. The new leaders will be well supported by the Brentwood District Girlguiding team. It is extremely rewarding and the girls get so much from attending and taking part on all the activities. If you are interested in getting involved please contact Nichola Webber on 07813 892115 or via email: webber.nichola@gmail.com.

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.

VACANCY The Diocese is looking for a Site Manager for the Cathedral Site to manage the routine maintenance of the buildings and grounds at the Cathedral Site. A job description is available upon request but the key elements are as follows: Overall premises management, to maintain the premises in a safe and healthy condition, identify anything requiring repair or maintenance and action as required, ensure all matters are logged as appropriate and liaise with contractors as required. The expected closing date is Friday 2nd October 2020. For more information and a full job description and person specification, contact recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK and housebound parishioners and friends, including: Bridget Barron, Hermine Bayley, Madeleine Bevan, Julia Blencowe, Phil Carr, David, Patricia Decup, Julian Goode, Concetta Hall, David Hill, Ann Hurcombe, Wong Su Hwa, Jess, Brian Kelleher, Veronica Kelleher, Lawrence, Tony Maule, Kath Murmane, 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: Catherine Ryan, Mary Duffy, Mrs P Kelly, Gabrielle Young, Anthony Ratnam, Sr Carmelita Quinn OSU, Rupert Varmer, Ivy Wood, Peter Bodley, Rebecca Sabbagh, Joan Worboys, Mary Obern, Jean Bond, Paul Byrne, Rev Joseph Silva Tavares, David Wilkie, Sr Josephine Payne OSU, Sydney Porter, Ben Millerick, Margaret Webster, Terri Grainge, Cora Barry, Avril Greenaway, Ernest England, Eileen Keary, Nell Gutch, Frank Burgess, John Camp, Charmaine Gutch, Elizabeth Duncan, Olive Mary Pretlove, Joseph Wooton, Mary Leighton, Kathleen Murray, Michael Grace, Gerard O’Neill, Rev Peter
Cranshaw, Margaret Disney, Patricia Dace, Peggy Jones, Theresa Flanagan, Grace Bishop, Daphne Smith, Mrs Styles, Sister Leila Dineen, Kate Foley, Marie Taviera and Barbara Elsey.

**HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Jack Spellman, Margaret Kenny, George Baker, Alice Ford, Joan Green, Nora Quinlan, Patrick Power, Eileen Lewis, Mrs Duncan, Sarah Ewington, Brenda Rygate and Ian Haynes.

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