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

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
20th 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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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 of you who are returning to the
celebration of Sunday Mass as we ease out of lockdown. 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.

PLEASE NOTE the parish office will be closed from Wednesday 16th September and will re-open again on Monday 28th. This newsletter covers 2 weeks; please keep your copy handy for next weekend.

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 Beginning next Saturday and over the following Saturdays, our children will (after such a long wait) receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time in their lives. Please keep our children and their families very much in your prayers during these coming weeks.

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. Please keep our young men and women in your prayers. For further details see the website at https://cathedralbrentwood.org/confirmation-2020/.

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.

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.

NEW OCTOBER TIMETABLE

Please note that from 1st October, the Cathedral will be open as follows:

Sunday: Masses at 8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 11.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

The Cathedral will be closed between 1.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. for cleaning

Monday: Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.
    Individual Prayer 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Tuesday: Individual Prayer 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Wednesday: Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.
    Individual Prayer 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Thursday: Individual Prayer 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Friday: Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.
    Individual Prayer 10.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Saturday: Cathedral will be closed until 5.00 p.m. for cleaning
    Vigil Mass: 6.30 p.m.

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.

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. in September.

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 are very aware of the financial burdens and restraints that some parishioners face during this difficult time of COVID-19. Sadly, as a parish we are also experiencing a gap in our finances. There is a big loss of revenue due to fewer numbers attending Sunday Mass and restrictions on hall lettings.

We thank you in advance for your generosity and 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.

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standing order or pay via online methods. More information at cathedralbrentwood.org/donations/.

**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**

**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.

VACANCY St Benedict’s College, Colchester are seeking a Lay Chaplain. For further details about the role, please contact Mrs Jo Santinelli, Principal on 01206 549222 and for further details about the college, please visit www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk. The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 2nd October 2020.

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 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, Mascallos, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartwood Hospitals and St Francis Hospice.

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: 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, Barbara Elsey, Michael McDermott, Wally Moreton, John Ball, James O’Reilly, Margaret Bingham, Joseph Harthorpe, Barbara Collins, Kathleen Higgs, Alan Deery, George Rossiter, Robert Gow, Rosina Sewell, Ita Finnerity, Alan Deery, Stanley Kasprzak, Benny D’Cruz, Ellen Mary Bradley, Sarah Lambert, Catherine Wisely, Jim Smith, Anne Mannion, Catherine Gurhy, Mr Fowler, Florence Cross, Dominique Coughlin, Brenda Moran, Quan Power, Joseph Robinson, Kathleen Tangney, Peter O’Connell, Emma Short, Edward Linane, Mary Stack, Mary Nathan, William Deasy, Emily Booth, Eileen Dineen, Thomas Caden, Norman Archard, Tim Powell, Len Dawkins, Marie Brand, Florence Cowan, Patrick Hogan, T A Eldridge, Sister Brigid McDonald, Margaret Barker, Richard Peelo, Matt Collins, Bridget Herron, Roland Millett, Brenda Moran, Philomena Daly, Jo Wadsworth, William Deasy, Emily Booth, Eileen Dineen, Thomas Caden, Norman Archard, Tim Powell, Len Dawkins, Marie Brand, Florence Cowan, Patrick Hogan, T A Eldridge, Sister Brigid McDonald, Margaret Barker, Richard Peelo, Matt Collins, Bridget Herron, Roland Millett, Brenda Moran, Philomena Daly, Jo Wadsworth, Mary Belcher, Margaret Cokersill, Susan Coogan, Tudor Gibbon, Eileen Mitchell, Patrick Driscoll, Arthur Clarke, Bernard McMillan, Kathleen Kenny, May Murphy, Maria Pennell-Buck, James Kelly, Laura Saw, Julie Whitlock, Frank Keane, Angelico Domingo, Jack Power, Ann Dobson, Josephine Maurice, Irene Acott, Margaret Mills, Rosina Josephine Moss, George Graham, Frank Pamphilj, John O’Regan, Catherine O’Brien, Eldica Morris-David, John MacCool, Peter Danskin, Ettorina Harrison, Alan Lawlor, Mary Leyden, Francis Tobin, Alice Lord, Netta Jones, Victor Champion, Philip Lambert, Katherine Kinnarney and Dennis McCarthy..

HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ian Haynes, Teresa Jimenez, Ivy Lafferty, Bridget Meaney, Patrick Hogan, Joan Nolan, Bridget Meaney, Patrick Hogan, Joan Nolan, Margaret Mary Cockerell, Paddy Browne, Peggy Kerr, Hugh Duffy, Mabel Hunt, Winifred Hawser, Fr. Bernard Wakeling, Mick King, Estelle Stannard, Anne Dobson, Canon William O’Neill and Mary Quinn.

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