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

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
4th October 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.

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 of you who are returning to the
celebration of Sunday Mass.

The reported increase of infections in Brentwood and beyond is a
reminder to all of us of the importance of following the safety
guidelines while in the Cathedral. Thank you for your continued
co-operation and understanding.

If you are using the NHS Test and Trace app on your phone,
please remember to scan the QR code which is clearly displayed
at the Cathedral entrances and on the Cathedral website.

Alternatively, you can record your name, a contact number and
the Mass you attended on https://cathedralbrentwood.org/mass-
attendee/
FACEMASKS  It is now a legal requirement that facemasks or coverings are worn when in a place of worship. These need to cover your mouth and nose.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER IN THE CATHEDRAL. The Cathedral will be open for private prayer every weekday from Monday - Friday from 9.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m.

Would you like to join the great team keeping the Cathedral open for private prayer Monday to Friday? If you are in good health and have an hour or two to spare in the week and would like to know more, please contact heatherleathley1@gmail.com or phone the parish office.

You don't need to commit to the same hours every week.

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 Please continue to pray for our children who (after such a long wait) will receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time in their lives. Please also remember their parents, “the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of faith.”

Also, a sincere thank you to our First Holy Communion catechists for their preparation of our children and for giving so generously of their time while we celebrate these First Holy Communion Masses.

CONFIRMATIONS Sadly, our young men and women were unable to have their adult faith strengthened 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/.

OCTOBER TIMETABLE

Please note that 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 at this time, but we still have this year’s First Holy Communions, Confirmanons, 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 consider how best to all prepare our children, young people and adults for the sacraments in January 2021. Please keep an eye on the Cathedral website, newsletter and parish social media for further updates.

**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.

**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.

**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: Eric Rose, Jean Penton, Marie-Louise O’Neill Udrzal and Donal Hinchin (past parishioner, latterly of Eastbourne). *May all our dead rest in the peace of Christ and rise again in glory.*

**SOUP ON ZOOM** - our parish CAFOD Family Fast Day soup lunch is moving online! If you would like to drop into the soup lunch on Friday 16 October from 12 noon onwards please email greenbrentwoodcathedral@gmail.com for the Zoom invite.

This year CAFOD Family Fast Day is seeking to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal following the coronavirus. Please pray for all those affected and you can donate online through the CAFOD website or on the link on the Cathedral website at: https://cathedralbrentwood.org/green-guardians/.
Thank you for your support.!

**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** 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 are attending one of the following meetings please note the following:

i) Fr Martin will meet one parent in the Cathedral sacristy
ii) Please wear a face mask
iii) Please social distance
iv) Please hand sanitise when you enter the Cathedral and when you leave

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 https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=brentwood and selecting General Offertory. Contributions can also be made online via a page on the Brentwood Diocesan website at https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=brentwood and selecting General Offertory.

Contributions can also be made online via a page on the Brentwood Diocesan website at and selecting General Offertory. 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. 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/](https://cathedralbrentwood.org/mass-attendee/).

**GENERAL NEWS**

**THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE** has a number of opportunities coming up for young people and those accompanying them, including Youth Mass on Instagram this week (7th October), and “BCYS voices” on YouTube, beginning with Fr Paschal Uche in November, considering the pain and problem of racism, and the potential for us, as young Catholics, to build the world in the image of Jesus Christ - where everyone is welcomed, valued and loved, in all the beautiful diversity of every race. More details at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) and on Instagram and YouTube @BrentwoodCYS.

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BRENTWOOD** have arranged a service of Christian Unity to be held via Zoom on Thursday 29th October at 7.30 p.m. which is open to everybody. Zoom logon details are as follows. Please click the link below to join the webinar: [https://zoom.us/j/93590055422?pwd=VkwyNkcxU2JRcmhDMEVMT1pnZHdiUT09](https://zoom.us/j/93590055422?pwd=VkwyNkcxU2JRcmhDMEVMT1pnZHdiUT09). Passcode: 299441.

**REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE - Retrouvaille** offers the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It has saved many hurting marriages, even bringing reconciliation to couples that have already separated or divorced. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 12th - 15th November, please call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com.

**JOHN O’ GROATS TO LANDS END CHALLENGE** Paul Turrell and Simon Fanning have recently walked from John O’ Groats to Land’s End to raise funds for Haven House children’s’ hospice. The hospice relies heavily on donations and fund-raising events and their income has been hit badly as a result of ‘Covid 19’. The challenge was completed on Wednesday 30th September. They would appreciate any donations that you can afford for this worthy cause. Please see a link to Haven House below, and a link to Simon’s blog that showed their progress. Thank you in advance for your generosity
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.

THE CAMPION SCHOOL OPEN EVENING The school will hold a virtual Open Evening presentation on Thursday 24th September online at www.thecampionschool.org.uk for applications for admission in September 2021.

VACANCY at St Helen's Catholic Junior School Academy for a Welfare / Admin Assistant - Monday to Friday 8.30 to 14.00 - 27.5 hours per week and also an Assistant Cook - Monday to Friday 9.30 to 14.00 - 22.5 hours per week. Please contact the school office for more details on 01277 213962.

VACANCY Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford is looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own work load. The post is for 10 hours a week, over 3 days (preferably Monday, Wednesday and Friday). Closing date is noon on Friday 9th October 2020. CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information (as well as Job Description) please contact Fr Mark Reilly on 01268 733219 or email wickford@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

VACANCY St Peter’s Primary School, Billericay are seeking a Learning Support Assistant, permanent contract, 27.5 hours per week, Monday to Friday term time only. For further information please call the school on 01277 653770.

VACANCY Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster are seeking a Finance Officer, part time from December 2020, 35 hours per week term-time only plus two weeks, Monday to Friday (8.15 am to 4.15 pm). Contact the School for an application form and further details or look at the ‘Job vacancies’ section of the school website www.sacredheartofmary.net.

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, Mascal, 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: 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, Dennis McCarthy, Mary Ryan, Ann Donkin, Henry Wells, George Adams, Patrick Sullivan, Mason Joseph Smith, Josephine Rochford, Jonathan Antony Prince, Sadie Connolly, James Irwin, Frank Hayes, Erick Clitherow, Beryl Dolan, Mary Lancaster, Yvonne Jarvis, Evelyn McCann, Michael Slater, John Scully, Mary Rochford, Mary Wagstaff, Mary Kelly, William Hogan, Brian McDonagh, Desmond Delaney, Germaine Degioanni, Evelyn Groves, Sheila Padmore, June Smith, Cesarina Biagioni, Katerina Caperoe, Mr Doe, Nina Padmore, Bernard Vaughan, Ellen Ryan, Mary Middlemess, Mary McElroy, Evelyn Evenden, Joan Gutteridge and John Cutler.

HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rose Salmon, Robert O'Brien, Philip Moloney, John Lee, Thomas Gallagher, Eileen Cahill, Agnes Cuddihee, Edith Fowler, Mollie Lee, John Gallagher, Fr. Anthony Bull, Mary Disney, Helen Harvey, Gladys Platel, Jean Ingram and John Fuhr Snr.