TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
18th 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 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/
If you would like a new missal please contact the Cathedral office as we now have a small stock available for sale at a cost of £8.00 each; alternatively order direct from www.ctsbooks.org/ or call 0207 640 0042.

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.

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.”

A sincere thank you to our wonderful team of First Holy Communion catechists. They have given so generously during the preparation of our children and for giving so generously of their time while we celebrate our First Holy Communion Masses.

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.

Please pray for the repose of the souls of those who died recently: Patricia Swadling and Donal Hinchin (past parishioner latterly of Eastbourne). May all our dead rest in the peace of Christ and rise again in glory.

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CATHEDRAL 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, 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 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.

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.

ALTAR SERVERS A big thank you to the parish Altar Servers and their parents for their wonderful gifts to me on my retirement as M.C. and for their help and support in the ministry of serving at the altar. With gratitude, Eddie.

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.

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 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 significant gap in our finances which is of concern. 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.
If you prefer, you can 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/

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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.

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.
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.

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

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**GENERAL NEWS**

**ST HELEN'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL** - Admissions Policy 2022-23. The proposed Admissions Policy for September 2022 is now available via the school website. The six-week consultation period will run from Monday 5th October 2020 to Monday 23rd November 2020 (excluding half term week). Any responses should be sent by email addressed to Mrs C. Onslow, Office Manager at: admin@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk by Monday 23rd November 2020.

**BRENTWOOD URSULINE - VIRTUAL OPEN EVENINGS** The school will be holding Virtual Open Evenings for prospective Year 7 and Sixth Form students and their parents who wish to consider entry to the school in September 2021. For prospective Year 7 students the virtual open evening will go live from 30th September 2020. For Sixth Form students the virtual open evening will go live from 5th November 2020. Please contact the Admissions Officer (Miss Lester 01277 227156 ext 405) for further information.

**DIRECTOR OF DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY.** Last Friday a panel which included Bishop Alan, as well as young adults in the Diocese, selected Claire Bailey to serve as Director of Diocesan Youth Ministry. You can read about Claire on the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service website, www.bcys.net/newdirector, and she will begin the role in January. Please keep her, and all our Diocesan and parish youth ministry, in your prayers.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED** On Wednesday 4th November the Youth Mass from the chapel at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, streamed at 8.00 p.m. via Instagram, will commemorate young people who have died. You will find more details at www.bcys.net. If you would like the name of a young person to be read during the Mass, and a candle lit for them, please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org before 2nd November.

**MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOSE COMMEMORATED AT ABBOTSWICK.** On Sunday 8th November, at 3.00 p.m. there will be a Memorial Mass on the BrentwoodCYS YouTube channel. Those who are commemorated with plaques and benches at Abbotswick will be named, and a candle lit for each of them. If you are connected to Abbotswick, and are not sure if we already have the name of your loved one, or if someone has passed away recently, please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org before 5th November.

**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=VkwyNkcwU2JRcmhDMEVMT1pnZHiUT09. 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 re-awaken 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 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.

MISSIO NEWS: LET’S THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX! Please continue to pray for our sisters and brothers overseas and all missionaries who share God’s love. Unfortunately, at the moment it’s not possible for your Red Box to be collected or for you to take it to church as normal, so we need to ‘think outside the box’. Visit the website (missio.org.uk/redbox) for details on different ways you can donate.

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.

VACANCY St John’s RC School, Woodford Bridge are recruiting full time Class Assistants. Previous experience of working with children or adults with special needs is essential. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk. These are term time only positions and successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. For more information see the website at www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK and housebound parishioners and friends, including: Bridget Barron, Hermine Bayley, Madeleine Bevan, Julia Blencowe, Phil Carr, David, Patricia Decup, Fr Stewart Foster, 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, 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: Esther Jüdd, Tommy Dillon, Ronald Wyatt, John Walsh, John Sole, Florence Millett, Robert Patrick Griffin, Eileen Spinks, Martin Davy, Rev T Mullins, Florence King, Bryan Stratford, Jesús Delgado, Muriel Dowson, Alice Lieto, Eulalia Jewell, Mary Connaughton, Alex Brooks, Katelyn Hope Henry, Mrs White, Robert Jacobson, Irene Brind, James Cooke, Martin Holland, Maria Dillon, Sister Ethelburga, John Outhwaite Jnr, Charles Baldock, Yvonne Kimber, Jeremiah Keohane, Sister Pauline Drohan OSU, Finn Ambrose Vesey, Lawrence Wigglesworth, Arthur Cross, Andrew Oskiera, Sheila Leader, Elisabeth Tait, Jeremy McNamara, Gwyneth Joyce, Kate O’Brien, Mark Quinn, Bridget Dowsey, Lilias Woods, Pat Williams, Janina Frankiewiez, Mary Ongley, Bridget Hennessy, Alfred Keenan, Patrick McKenna, Frank Shenton, Lilian Cairns, Luke Kenny, Joan Ketterer, Margery Dobson, Matthew Masterson, Laura Browne and Sister Vincent Russell OSU.

HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Alfred Pearman, Ernest John Soce, Sister Gabriel, Irene May Brind, Agnes Lyons, Frederick Dobson, Rose Jolly, Gweneth Joyce, Julie Costello, Father John Galcicus, Charlotte O’Keefe, Brendan Motley, James O’Connell, Jeannie Hayles and Mgr Daniel Shanahan.

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