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

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (B) 10th January 2021

LATEST GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE REGARDING COMMUNAL WORSHIP AND LIFE EVENTS

You are allowed to leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, or for a funeral or an event related to a death. You may also attend a burial ground or a remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony.

You must follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and you must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship.

Weddings, funerals and religious, belief-based or commemorative events linked to someone’s death are all subject to limits on the numbers that can attend, and weddings and civil ceremonies may only take place in exceptional circumstances.

Thus, the celebration of Mass can continue however:

If you are feverish or unwell DO NOT attend the Cathedral.

Please hand sanitise upon entering and leaving the Cathedral.

Always wear a face covering. It must cover both your mouth and nose at all times, except for the consumption of Holy Communion.

Your temperature may be checked on arrival.

Please social distance at all times when in the Cathedral.

Please use the Government Track & Trace system using the QR code on display in the Cathedral or on our website.

When leaving the Cathedral, please use all available exits and do so in an orderly fashion, social distancing at all times and, making sure to have a real care for every member of the community.

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation at this time.
PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Stanley Smith who died recently. 
May he rest in the peace of Christ and rise again in glory.

MASS INTENTIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES can be found at mass-intentions (cathedralbrentwood.org). All intentions will be said by our Priests in private celebration of Mass during the lockdown period.

JANUARY TIMETABLE

**Saturday:** No Morning Mass or individual prayer 
Vigil Mass: 6.30 p.m.

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

**Monday:** Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m. 
Individual Prayer 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Individual Prayer 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m. 
Individual Prayer 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

**Thursday:** Individual Prayer 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

**Friday:** Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m. 
Individual Prayer 10.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m.

THE PARISH OFFICE During this present lockdown, Mo, the parish secretary, will be working from home. Therefore, please only come to the parish office if it is a very urgent matter; otherwise, we would ask at this time that you email, write or phone instead. Emails will be dealt with as swiftly as possible during this time.

2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES Please visit the Cathedral website (cathedral-brentwood.org) where you will find important new information about the plans for our 2021 programmes for both

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

fhc-2021 (cathedralbrentwood.org)

and

Journey in Faith course for adults

rctx-2021-course (cathedralbrentwood.org)

Information about Baptismal Preparation and Marriage Preparation to follow. Please see Cathedral website and social media for updates.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Thank you to all those who are able to cover. You all should have received by email the new rotas for January to March 2021.

It is important that you ensure you put your date in the diary as there is only one Reader or Eucharistic Minister per Mass. Please turn up at least 5 minutes early to inform the Ushers that you are present. Ann 01277 231593/messina21@btinternet.com.

THE CRITICAL STATE OF PARISH FINANCES We are very aware of the financial uncertainty that some parishioners are facing during this difficult time of COVID-19. Sadly, as a parish we are also experiencing a very significant gap in our finances which is of serious concern. Unlike other businesses and institutions, there is no financial help for parishes. We depend entirely on the generosity of parishioners to cover running costs and the activities of the parish.
If you are not attending Mass at this time, we do ask you to think seriously about what you give and how you might best do so.

A contactless payment machine has been installed in the Cathedral narthex for donations. The machine is very easy to use and allows you to support the work of the Cathedral at this time by online giving.

To use: please hand sanitise and touch screen to begin.

Contributions to assist the Cathedral can be made online via the Brentwood Diocesan website:

https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations/?parish=brentwood

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); e.g. 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/

Thank you in advance for your generosity and any support that you can provide the Cathedral parish at this time.

AUSTEN IVEREIGH LIVESTREAM EVENT On Saturday 30th January from 11.00 a.m. until 12.30 p.m., Dr Austen Ivereigh will speak about the book he recently co-authored with Pope Francis. ‘Let us Dream’ presents the Pope’s vision for the post-pandemic future. How should we move forward from the multiple coronavirus crises? To access this livestream event please go to www.ssppilford.org.uk and click on live stream remote services. The event, which is sponsored by Gidea Park parish in conjunction with Brentwood Interfaith, will be available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org.

Questions for Austen may be emailed in advance to adriangraffy@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2021 is planned for Sunday 25 - Friday 30 July. However, because of Covid-19 it is not possible to know yet whether a pilgrimage will be practical or in what form. Therefore, any decisions and announcements regarding the Diocesan Pilgrimage, and our young people intending to travel with the BCYS, will be made in January. Until then, do keep the dates for the pilgrimage in your diaries.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK and housebound parishioners and friends, including: Bridget Barron, Hermine Bayley, Madeleine Bevan, Phil Carr, Matthew Conrad, 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, Stephanie Murray, Harry Newman, Barney O’Driscoll, Siobhan O’Leary, Steven Poole, Anne Rowe, Helena Rowe, Geraldine Sheehan, Robin Shenton, Stanley Smith, 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: Isabelle Flynn, Ellen Edwards, Ethel Richards, Hubert Lassey, Peter Simona, Paul Charlick, Mary Baker, Reanne Sheward, Eliza Cross, George

**HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Julia Bunn, Cecilia Payne, Myra Ingram, James Doyle, John McCann, Herbert Mantell, Helen Elliot, Mary O’Brien and Roy Wood.

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