Rev. DWIGHT HAYTER R.I.P. Earlier this week, Dwight Hayter died. Dwight was ordained as a permanent deacon at the Cathedral in May 1992 and served the Diocese and Cathedral parish for many years before his retirement. He was a well-known, respected and popular figure both in the Cathedral parish and wider community. Please remember him in your prayers and especially his sons who grieve his loss at this time.

Heavenly Father, since the time of the Apostles you have inspired the Church to commission certain members to assist in a special way in the pastoral mission of Christ. Bless Dwight Hayter who faithfully and humbly served your Church and who has now gone to rest with you, in the hope of rising again. May he rest in peace. We ask this through Christ, our Lord.

Amen

May the Lord reward him for his ministry of service and faithfulness. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord.

Deacon Dwight’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday 26th March.

THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

LENT PARISH FOODBANK COLLECTION We will be holding our parish Lent collection for the Brentwood Foodbank this weekend. In order to maintain social distance, we have arranged for a collection point to be in the car park at each Mass. There is also be a collection box in the narthex for those who prefer to donate money instead; please make cheques payable to ‘Brentwood Foodbank’.

Please remember those who are most in need. Your generosity will help make a real difference to those struggling and hurting in these challenging times.
IMPORTANT INFORMATION: THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Now that we are in this season of Lent and preparing by prayer, fasting and almsgiving, we are now thinking ahead to the three sacred days of Holy Week. Times of Services and Masses will be as follows:

**Thursday 1st April - Holy Thursday:**
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 8.00 p.m.

**Friday 2nd April - Good Friday:**
- Stations of the Cross at 10.00 a.m.
- The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at 3.00 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross at 6.30 p.m.

**Saturday 3rd April:**
- 8.00 p.m. The Easter Vigil - the highpoint of the Church’s year

**Sunday 4th April:**
- 8.00 a.m. Mass
- 9.30 a.m. Mass
- 11.30 a.m. Mass

Apart from Stations of the Cross, please note that if you wish to attend any of the above celebrations then you will have to book through the Brentwood Cathedral website. This is because we need to have some clear idea of the numbers of people attending in order that we can safely comply with COVID-19 restrictions.

Do let people know about this booking process, especially as it is a “first come, first served” system.

You will be able to apply for a place(s) from 2.00 p.m. on Sunday 14th March. Please make a note of this date.

There will be 150 places available at each celebration.

Please apply for only one Easter Mass as this will give more people an opportunity to attend a Mass on Easter Sunday.

Places will be allocated on a “first come, first served” basis.

If you have any questions or any difficulty using the Cathedral website to apply, please do not hesitate to contact the parish office on 01277 265235 and we will do everything we can to help you.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** will take place on Fridays during Lent at 6.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on Christ’s passion and His love for us.

**LOOKING FOR A LENTEN CHALLENGE?** Why not commit to finding out about modern slavery? Every Monday evening in Lent the parish will be hosting an online group to talk about modern slavery and our responsibility as Christians to tackle this exploitation. The weekly sessions will follow the ‘Women in the Shadows’ online course being run by The Clewer Initiative and will focus on the ways women and girls are exploited in the UK. Everyone is invited to join in and if you are interested please contact greenbrentwoodcathedral@gmail.com

**PLASTIC PLEDGE FOR LENT** During the pandemic we’ve seen a shift back towards disposable items. Where this is necessary can you think of alternatives to plastic? For example, plastic bags used for school lunches can be replaced with paper ones. Bamboo cutlery can be used instead of plastic items. And do we really need to use disposable items? A takeaway coffee may be one of the few indulgences you’re able to enjoy but the local bins are overflowing with single use coffee cups lined with plastic. Is it time to go back to bringing your own coffee cup?

**CAFOD LENT APPEAL** Abdella lives in an extremely remote and mountainous part of Ethiopia. It takes him ten hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted as he has no time for anything else. You can donate online at Cafod.org.uk/give.
Could you Walk for Water as a personal Lenten challenge by walking 10,000 steps a day, in your own way, for the 40 days of Lent? Find out more about the challenge at Cafod.org.uk/walk

Sign up now to raise money and do something different to fight poverty. If you cannot take part, then you could support our parish Cafod representative Margaret Walker instead: https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/margaret-is-walking-for-water

GEneral Parish News

As we ease out of lockdown and more and more people are vaccinated, so people are week on week returning to the practice of their faith by coming to Sunday Mass. This is wonderful to see but all restrictions still apply. the Government's cautious "road map" out of lockdown is a reminder that Covid-19 and its variants remain a very real threat. The temptation is that we become prematurely relaxed and that, as a consequence, infection rates rise and deaths multiply.

Over the past year, priests have seen too many seriously ill people, conducted too many funerals, and stood beside too many grieving families to want that to happen.

Therefore:

Please make every effort to get to Mass in good time in order that you can be seated before Mass begins. It can be very distracting for the priest when people are being taken to their seats when Mass has begun.

If you are a latecomer, you will be asked by the ushers to wait until there is an appropriate moment to seat you. Please respect this request from the ushers. Insulting or ignoring the ushers is entirely unacceptable behaviour in any context but especially during the celebration of Mass when Christ is in our midst.

Please do not congregate outside the Cathedral after Mass but leave the site in an orderly and safe fashion.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Arthur and Rev. Dwight Hayter who died recently.

May they rest in the peace of Christ and rise again in glory.

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.

Virtual Parish Quiz Night Have you missed those nail-biting Parish Quiz Nights? Then sign up for our first Virtual Quiz Night being held on Thursday 18th March. This will be run on Zoom and we'll keep the first one simple. It will be for 20 households / families and will be about an hour long, starting at 7.00 p.m. The
questions will be suitable for all ages so it will be ideal for families. It will be free to enter however, there will be an opportunity to donate to Parish Funds or the Brentwood Food Bank during the evening. If you would like to participate please email David Worsfold at david.worsfold@zen.co.uk.

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.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION Congratulations to our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend and last. We are now reviewing options for how to proceed with this year’s potential candidates.

If you are presently in year 12 or equivalent and are interested in learning more about your faith and/or feel ready to take this next step, then please register your interest with Fr Martin and Fr Gary. You can do this by sending an emailing to cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com

The only information we need at this stage is your name and your parents’ contact details. A decision will be made when we have an idea of the level of interest for this year. Please email the parish office by Easter Sunday (4th April).

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Fr Gary and Fr Martin are hearing confessions but, at this time, only for people who are dying and those with grave or mortal sin. Otherwise, we are encouraging people to consider waiting until these present restrictions are relaxed.

Fr Martin and Fr Gary both feel well and neither have shown any symptoms. However, that does not mean that we can be completely sure that they are virus free. At the same time, if one of them contracts the Covid-19, both will have to isolate and the Cathedral will have to close with a knock-on effect for funerals, etc. So, they are also trying to keep their contacts to a minimum at this time and are following all the protocols when they do meet with people.

If you would like to go confession, please ring the office on 01277 265235 to arrange a meeting.

2021 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMMES Please visit the Cathedral website (cathedral-brentwood.org) where you will find the latest information about our 2021 programmes for the following:

Confirmation Preparation
www.cathedralbrentwood.org/Confirmation-2021/

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
www.cathedralbrentwood.org/fhc-2021/

Journey in Faith course for adults
www.cathedralbrentwood.org/rcia-2021-course/

Baptismal Preparation
www.cathedralbrentwood.org/baptism-2021/

Marriage Preparation
www.cathedralbrentwood.org/marriage/

Please see Cathedral website and social media for updates.

GREEN GUARDIANS INITIATIVE - LAPTOP APPEAL You may have seen that schools are urgently seeking laptops for students who do not have access to computers at home. If you have a laptop in working order that you no longer need, the Cathedral’s Green Guardians group would be happy to pick it up and donate to a local school. If you are able to donate a machine, please make sure to empty all of your personal information by returning your laptop to factory setting and please ensure that you include a charger with it. For further information or to donate a device, please email: greenbrentwoodcathedral@gmail.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:

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 www.cathedralbrentwood.org/donations/

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

GENERAL NEWS

APPLICATIONS TO ST HELEN’S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL If you have not already applied for a school place for September 2021, you can still apply. Please contact the school office: 01277 215626. Further information can also be found on the school website: https://www.st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk/

LENTEN TALKS Bishop John Arnold is the first speaker in a weekly series of talks focused on the Catholic response to Climate Change. He is speaking via Zoom each Thursday in Lent from 7.30 to 8.30 p.m. To register for these talks, please email jane@catholicclimatemovement.global and for more information about this area of Catholic life and faith have a look at www.catholicclimatemovement.global.

LEARNING FROM COVID Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ of Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, will lead a livestreamed study day on Saturday 6th March from 11 am, on the topic ‘Learning from Covid: church, state and a better future’. The study day is organised by Gidea Park parish. Free access to the live event will be available on www.whatgoodnews.org and a recording subsequently on the same website.

VACANCY AT SIR WILLIAM PETRE ALMSHOUSES, INGATESTONE A vacancy has arisen at the Almshouses situated along the High Street in Ingatestone. The Almshouse is a one-bedroom property. Candidates must be over 50 years and in need. Preference may be given to Roman Catholics. Applicants, please contact Mike Falcone, Trustee, Ginge Petre Trust on 07935 959388.
THE CAMPION SCHOOL is looking to appoint a Minute Taker to work on an ‘ad hoc’ basis. Duties will consist of taking minutes for various Governor meetings throughout the year. Applicants should have strong previous minute taking experience, excellent attention to detail and strong IT Skills Word/MS Office. If you have the relevant experience and are looking for a new opportunity please contact Mrs Noddings, PA to the Headmaster on 01708 452332 or email cnoddings@thecampionschool.org.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Sadly, the annual pilgrimage to Lourdes in July has been cancelled for this year. However, some form of alternative experience of Lourdes in the diocese is being planned. Further details will follow in due course.

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, 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: Frank Manders, Bernard Dobson, Mary Vella, Richard Fairchild, Joseph Alderton, Annie Coelho, Christiane Luxmoore, Margaret Sharp, Bridget Walsh, Dorothy Daly, Ellen O’Regan, Sarah Ball, Kathleen Palmer, Nancy Wilson, Fr Donal O’Kane, Peter Tidman, Lillian Barratt, John Moore, Charles Davis, Eva Teeder, James Riley, Stanley Owers, Patrick Maher, Peggy Tighe, Rhoda King, K R Worsfold, Ammeina Malika, Bernadette Walsh, Christy Buckley, Maria-Teresa Vinas, Ethel Whelan, Joan McCann, Mary O’Keefe, Johannes Sarassa, Michael Rossiter, Frankie Foong, John McLoughlin, Alfred Hicks, Father Hughes, Patrick Kelly, Ellen Gibbs, Frank Leader, Maureen Byrne, Kathleen Hicks, Michael Doherty, Dorothy Collier, Patrick Lawlor, Colin Martin, Catherine Greaves, Francis Fuller, John McDonnell, Ellen Gilham, Anne O’Connor, Elizabeth Rowe, William Henry Stone, John Dillon, Thomas Regan, Mary Parsons and Kathleen O’Brien.

HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kit Sullivan, Catherine Sullivan, Elizabeth Dune, John Hayes, William Austin, Therese Cussens, Rita Shanley, James McEvoy, Dawn Roberts, Denise Goodwin, Jack Barker, William Jackson, Annie O’Sullivan, Maria-Teresa Vinas, Joanne McCann, Dora Gillespie, Maurice Potton and Frank Dyer.

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