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Palm Sunday
28th March 2021

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LENT AND EASTER

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

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

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday:
Stations of the Cross - 11.00 a.m.
The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - 3.00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross - 6.30 p.m.

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

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

PLEASE NOTE THAT THESE MASSES ARE NOW ALL FULLY BOOKED.

IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN ALLOCATED A SEAT, PLEASE DO NOT COME TO THESE MASSES AS WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO SEAT YOU DUE TO SOCIAL DISTANCING RESTRICTIONS.

You do not need to book to attend Stations of the Cross on Good Friday

INSTEAD, PLEASE DO COME ALONG TO ONE OF THE EASTER WEEKDAY MASSES.

Easter offerings are your personal gift to the Priests of the parish. If you are a taxpayer you can gift aid your offering by using a gift aid envelope.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday during Lent at 6.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. On Good Friday Stations of the Cross will take place at 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. This is an opportunity for us to reflect on Christ’s passion and His love for us.

THANK YOU to Dr Graham Hillman for his hard work on the booking system for the Holy Week services and Easter Sunday Masses.

MODERN SLAVERY DURING LENT It is not too late to join the Monday evening parish sessions taking place on Zoom which are discussing modern slavery. On 22nd March (our final session) we will be joined by Dan Pratt of Southend Against Modern Slavery partnership looking at the work they are doing and to reflect on what we can learn from them. If you are interested, please contact greenbrentwoodcathedral@gmail.com. Everyone is very welcome!

PLASTIC PLEDGE FOR LENT With spring in the air you might be thinking about your window box, garden or allotment! How can you do this and reduce your use of plastic? The RHS website has some great suggestions such as using empty toilet rolls to grow seedlings, wooden lollipop sticks to label plants, replacing plastic twine with natural twine and making your own compost to avoid plastic compost bags. Can you do one of these things or find some other way on cutting back on plastic when growing plants? Follow the Green Guardians on Twitter, @GuardiansGreen, and Twitter (@bcgreenguardians) for some other great ideas. Thank you.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT Following on from Fairtrade Fortnight it is a good time to be thinking about buying Fairtrade products such as Easter Eggs as well as the staple products like tea, coffee and sugar. Look out for the Fairtrade symbol if you are purchasing in store or online knowing that buying Fairtrade products means better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world.

SOLAR PANELS - WHAT A BRIGHT IDEA! You may recently have received a letter from Essex County Council and Solar Together about a scheme they are running to install solar panels. This is just one way you can think about contributing to a greener and more sustainable future. Naturally any decision must be a personal one but the Green Guardians group at Brentwood Cathedral urges you to consider the scheme and what you can do to take care of our common home. If you are interested in finding out more about the Green Guardians group, please drop us an email at greenbrentwoodcathedral@gmail.com.

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

NEW GIFT AID BOXES will be ready for collection from the narthex of the Cathedral from this weekend: please do remember to pick yours up and take it home with you. If you do not use the envelopes, we cannot claim the Gift Aid!

The boxes will be arranged in alphabetical order so please ensure that you sanitise your hands first and avoid touching other boxes when you are collecting yours. Thank you.

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 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.

CATHEDRAL 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. – 2.00 p.m.

**Tuesday:** Individual Prayer 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** NO Morning Mass  
Individual Prayer 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

**Thursday:** Individual Prayer 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

**Friday:** Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.  
Individual Prayer 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. Dwight Hayter and Martin Larrett who died recently. Deacon Dwight’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday 26th March.  
_May they rest in the peace of Christ and rise again in glory._

CATHEDRAL READERS Many, many thanks to our select band of readers who have been able to minister through lockdown, your service has been really appreciated by all.

Our present rota has finished and Fr Martin and I have agreed to wait to compile new rota until after Easter as I have so few actually available; by then I am hoping that a few more people will have had their jabs and feel safe enough to return. (I will send out an email later in March for dates and availability).

I would ask if readers would check the reading for the day over the next weekends and make themselves available when they attend Mass, and the Ushers will let them know if they are needed. This will just be for this weekend and next. Thank you, Ann (01277 231593). NB: - Fr Martin will select readers himself over the Easter Triduum.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed from Monday 22nd March and will re-open on Tuesday 30th March therefore, please **only come to the parish office** if it is a very urgent matter; otherwise, we would ask 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 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.

JUST A REMINDER that the clocks will go forward one-hour next Sunday 28th March at 1.00 a.m.

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.

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

BCYS SPONSORED SLEEPOUT 2021 On Friday 26th March people from all over the Diocese will be taking part in a sponsored sleepout to support the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service and local homeless charities including Basildon Emergency Night Shelter, The NewWay Project, Caritas Anchor House, Southend Winter Night shelter and others.

We ask you to please pray for all those taking part including groups from Wanstead, Basildon, Romford, Lexden and Colchester, and if you are able to sponsor them, you can do this online at www.bcys.net/donate

If you would still like to be involved in this event or would like to know more, you can visit our website www.bcys.net or email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Thank you for your support.

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.

BCYS VOICES I hear about refugees and I ask, “what can I do”? Inspired by his Grandparents, themselves refugees, Rob Green, a young BCYS leader, travelled to a refugee camp in Greece: what he saw inspired and challenged him. Interspersed with reflective questions, and information from the Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) hear Rob tell his story in the latest BCYS voices video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xqt0mvRrDH0. Further details of the BCYS voices series and more is available at www.bcys.net

THE PASSAGE’S MISSION AND WORK is developing to cope with more people becoming homeless it is raising funds through the Big Give from 12 noon Tuesday 16th- 12 noon Wednesday 24th March to support No Night Out a new initiative to take newly homeless people off the street straight away. Further details of the work is at www.passage.org.uk.

‘Double your Donation, Double your Impact’ - this is a matched giving scheme for online donations. If someone (it can be company, individual or trust) gave £10 online matched giving of £10 would bring the gift up to £20. For more information ring Andrew on 020 75921886 andrew.h@passage.org.uk. Donate at https://tinyurl.com/NoNightOut.

BCCS NEWS The Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society Spring Newsletter can be viewed on the following link: https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/9516/1409/6364/BCCS_Spring_Newsletter_2021.pdf

DIOCESAN SCHOOL VACANCIES The following vacancies are currently being recruited for:

Headteacher - St Thomas of Canterbury Primary School, Grays Deadline for applications: 6:00 am on Tuesday 6th April 2021

Please use this link address to view current diocesan vacancies: https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/

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, Eileen Driscoll, Fr Stewart Foster, Julian Goode, Conetta 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 Hartwood Hospitals and St Francis Hospice.

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Hector Avis, G Israel Lewis, Matthew Masterson, Matteo Pompiili, Stephen Marshall, Mary O’Meara, Daisy O’Donnell, John Francis Kenneary, Gertrude Fowles, Mary Breslin, Patricia England, Leonard Wallis, Marie Mills, Steven Thorogood, John Kavanagh, Thomas Bolger, Patrick McCarthy, Robert Walker, Agnes Colahan, Mrs Frost, Cecil Sach, Teresa Sandwell, Mary Ann Edwards, Sister Austin OSU, Chris Browne, Rita Said, Alice Jackson, Hannah Hehir, Anthony Gerard Brand, Rev Thomas Molteno, Frederick Brind, Sister Ignatius Fleming OSU, Maura Nolan, Helen Moss, Thomas Connolly, Nora Garvey, David Redmond, John McMahon, Eileen Rice, Chris Buckley, Bridie Masterson, Daisy Dyer, Daniel Harmon, Winifred Hill, Myrna Florendo, Clare Hurst, Thomas Stuart, Catherine Francis, Fr Walter O’Brien OP, Alex Hale, Eileen Horton, Grace Barrett, Reginald Innes, Dora Vaughan, Kathleen Corcoran,

**HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: William O’Neill, Robert O’Farrell, Edward, Michael Meehan, Jack Cross, Anne Coelho, John McDonald, James Clark, Ian Donald, Mrs. Breslin, Anne Bartley, Elaine Hall, Elsie Holloway, Louisa Baldwin, Joe Kerr, Ted Nicholson, Edna Jolly, Bryan White, Stan Fowler, Babs McGuire, James Jolly, Lucy Hegarty, Elizabeth Green, Albert Piggott, Andrew Bryant and James Monaghan.

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