TODAY IS THE FEAST OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi), the sacrament of Christ’s love for us and the commemoration of His Death and Resurrection. To mark this there will be a special holy hour in the Cathedral from 4.00 – 5.00 p.m. Please make a very special effort to come along and thank God for this great gift.

JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME FOR ADULTS Have you or someone you know ever thought about becoming a Catholic? Would you like to find out more about the Catholic faith? Are you planning to marry a Catholic or are you married to a Catholic and want to have a better understanding of what they believe? Do you want to be baptised? Are you baptised but, for some reason, have never received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation?

The Journey in Faith programme is a series of informal meetings that provide knowledge and spiritual guidance to help those adults who wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you are interested in joining this programme, please speak to a member of clergy or email the parish office on cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYER IN THE CATHEDRAL weekdays from 8.00 a.m. until 6.00 p.m.

Please note that it is now each person’s personal responsibility to ensure that they hand sanitise upon entering and leaving the Cathedral, continue to practice social distancing, scan the displayed QR code and ensure that they are wearing a face mask/covering at all times while in the building. Please continue to follow these procedures for yourself and the well-being of all people who use the Cathedral.

For more information about how the latest easing of restrictions affects places of worship go to www.cbcew.org.uk/covid-guidance-collective-worship/
PARISH OFFICE The parish office opening hours are Monday through to Thursday (8.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.) each week.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of Angela Wright and Tony Galcius who died recently.

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

THE GREAT BIG THANKYOU PICNIC LUNCH - SUNDAY 4th JULY. Let’s get together to celebrate our Parish and the wonderful way it has sustained us through the pandemic. Everyone is invited to a special Parish Picnic Lunch to celebrate “Thank You Sunday”. Pop the date in your diary.

This will be an opportunity for us to socialise as a parish family in the grounds of the Cathedral from 1.00 to 3.00 p.m. Bring your own food and drink - hot drinks will be provided. We will have tables and chairs set up but you are welcome to bring a picnic rug and spread out on the grass.

It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to thank the clergy for their support and dedication over the past year and for Fr Martin to thank those in the parish who have contributed so much. Also, an opportunity to thank the many parishioners who are frontline workers and who we owe a huge debt of gratitude.

If you would like to help or contribute in any way, please contact David Worsfold on 07885 348982 or email him at david.worsfold@zen.co.uk

LISTEN to Fr Martin’s video reflection. Search “Fr Martin Boland” on *youtube* channel. Please like and subscribe to follow future videos.

MASS INTENTIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES can be found at [https://cathedralbrentwood.org/mass-intentions/](https://cathedralbrentwood.org/mass-intentions/). All intentions will be said by our Priests in private celebration of Mass whilst the Cathedral remains on a reduced timetable.

GREEN GUARDIANS: thank you to everyone who took a bee bomb home with them on Pentecost Sunday. Hopefully with a little rain and sunshine you should be seeing signs of growth with flowers and bees to follow!

If you would like to find out more about the Green Guardians group why not follow us on social media (Twitter - @GuardiansGreen, Instagram - @bcgreenguardians) or drop us an email (greenbrentwoodcathedral@gmail.com) to join our WhatsApp group or to come along to one of our virtual meetings.

KEEP BRENTWOOD TIDY As part of the Great British Spring Clean, the Green Guardians group is holding a litter pick around Brentwood Cathedral after the 9.30 Mass TODAY.

If you would like to lend a hand then just meet at the Cathedral straight after Mass. We provide the equipment so we just need your enthusiasm!

PARISH FOODBANK COLLECTION Following the success of the previous one, we will be holding another parish collection for the Brentwood Foodbank on the weekend of **26/27th June**. We will also provide 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 and donate what you can. Your generosity will help make a real difference to those struggling and hurting in these challenging times.

REFERENCES FOR WORK AND OTHER POSITIONS: Fr Martin has many requests for references which he is happy to write for people that he knows. However, it is not helpful to mention to him in passing that you have given his name as a referee or for him to receive unexpected reference requests. Therefore, before you give his name as a referee, please make an appointment to meet with Fr Martin to discuss the position you are applying for and the nature of the reference required.
NEW GIFT AID BOXES are now available for collection from the narthex of the Cathedral - 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 are 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.

**CATHEDRAL TIMETABLE**

**Saturday:** No Morning Mass  
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.

**Tuesday:** Individual Prayer 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

**Wednesday:** Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.

**Thursday:** Individual Prayer 8.00 a.m. – 6.00 p.m.

**Friday:** Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.

**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:

- **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.*

**BAPTISMS 2021** We are delighted to finally be in a position to be able to start celebrating Baptisms again. However, as you might well imagine there is a significant backlog of baptisms and many parents making enquiries about this sacrament. At the same time, there is a backlog of many other celebrations, such as weddings, along with the many others demands of the Cathedral parish. Therefore, we thank you in advance for your understanding and patience.

To help you make a decision about your child’s baptism, you need to:

1. reside and regularly practice in the parish of Brentwood. If you are new to the parish, you should now think about making Sunday Mass part of your regular practice and make yourself known to the clergy.

2. have undertaken the parish preparation course; this includes those who attended part or all of the course in 2020 and also those who have followed the parish Sycamore online course more recently (Sycamore Course)

3. be aware that thirty people may be present at a baptism.

It is hoped that later on there may be increases in the numbers permitted, and in theory, from 21 June, all restrictions on numbers of people may end, but this is not yet confirmed. In order that we can manage the numbers of baptisms and other Cathedral services and events, when booking you will be offered the next available free date when baptisms are taking place.

If you are happy with this date, we will reserve the date and time for your child’s baptism. You will then be contacted by the priest/deacon who will celebrate the baptism.

If this date is not convenient, we ask you to contact us again in October when we have hopefully dealt with the backlog of baptisms. You will then be able to discuss a convenient date for later this year or in 2022.

Please call the office (01277 265235) if you have any queries or you would like to book the next available date for Baptism.
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

G7 COMES TO CORNWALL: on 11th June the UK Government will be hosting the most powerful nations in the world at the G7 summit. We have a unique opportunity as president of the summit to urge the G7 leaders to support the poorest nations by cancelling all debt payments owed by low-income countries so that those countries have the money they need to recover and rebuild from the pandemic. Also, given that the countries in the G7 are amongst those with the greatest historic responsibility for the climate crisis, we need them to commit to urgent cuts in greenhouse gas emissions including ending all support for fossil fuels and adequate financial support for the hardest hit nations.
For details on how you can send a message to the G7 leaders visit the CAFOD website (www.cafod.org.uk) and find out about the inter-faith event taking place on 10th June at 7.00 p.m. livestreamed from Truro Cathedral. Together we can live simply, live sustainably and live in solidarity with the poor.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION On Saturday 12th June at 11.00 a.m. Fr Jeremy Corley, lecturer in Sacred Scripture at St Patrick’s College, Maynooth, will speak on ‘Afterlife Hope before the New Testament’. This event is free of charge and can be accessed by going to www.whatgoodnews.org and following the instructions. No prior booking necessary. The event will be available subsequently on the same website. Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the CBA, will introduce the day and take questions.

RETOUVAILLE is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage ….and you don’t need to leave home, it comes to you! 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 helps them through
difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ or to register for the next programme commencing with a virtual weekend on 1st - 4th July 2021, call 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 - or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk.

NEW ST BON’S ALUMNI NETWORK Open to all former students and staff of St Bonaventure’s School in Forest Gate. Please join and spread the word - news, events and opportunities to give back: https://www.stbons.org/alumni/

VIRTUAL LONDON MARATHON Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society has several charity places for the Virtual London Marathon taking place over 24 hours on 3rd October 2021. This can be run anywhere and on completion, runners will receive the official London Marathon Finisher’s medal and New Balance T shirt. They will also have access to the London Marathon App allowing them to plot their run on the official London Marathon course. If you would like one of our places and think you could raise a fundraising total of £300, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk for registration details.

LOURDES AT YOUR LOCAL - 26th - 30th July. During what would have been our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes we will be hosting Mass at different parishes around the diocese each day that week. Mass will be at 11.00 a.m. and will include the Anointing of the Sick and concluding with the Angelus. We will then have time to gather for refreshments afterwards. For more information on venues please see our website.

LOURDES ON THE LAWN - 31st July. We are also welcoming our young leaders aged 18+ (School Year 13 and above) to gather together at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan and followed by a picnic in the beautiful grounds of our retreat centre (12 noon - 4.00 p.m.).

MONTHLY YOUTH MASS - 7th July. This will hopefully be our last virtual Youth Mass and will be preparation for our Lourdes at your Local week. Providing restrictions allow we will resume in person Youth Mass at Brentwood Cathedral from September, now on the first Thursday of the month (more details to follow).

YOUTH GATHER - 23rd October. One day Youth Gather at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. There will be input from John Pridmore and Leila Bousbaa. This event will be for Year 9 and above.

CATECHISTS TRAINING AND RESOURCE DAY - 6th November. Being held at Sacred Heart of Mary School, the day will be an opportunity for Catechists to come together and receive input from different organisations including Caritas Brentwood and the BCYS.

For more information on any of the BCYS events please see www.bcys.net.

NATIONAL MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS This year’s National Mass for Altar Servers will be held at St Mary & St John’s Church in Wolverhampton on Saturday 25th September at 12 noon. This is in line with Cardinal Vincent Nichols request that the National Mass should be held in another part of the country every other year alternating with London. If MCs and Senior / Altar Servers would like to attend this event, please email John McCormack on johnmccormack528@gmail.com by 1st September. John will need to know how many Altar Servers (& families) will be attending, so that accurate numbers can be established and communicated back to St Mary & St John’s Church. This is very important due to current COVID restrictions.

VACANCY A Parish Administrator is required to provide support the parish office at Ongar. The successful applicant will ideally be a secretary or administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. The applicant must be a good team player with excellent communication and Microsoft Office skills, including Word and Excel and financial experience. It is important that all applicants are self-motivated, organised, can multi-task, work to deadlines, and use their own initiative within
this role. Hours per week - 20 hours; the salary range for this post is between £9.50-£10.50 per hour. Closing date: Friday 18th June 2021. Please contact the Parish Office via email ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org for a full description and application form.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL VACANCIES Details of current vacancies can be found on the Diocesan website at this link: https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/

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, Concetta Hall, David Hill, Ann Hurcombe, Wong Su Hwa, Jess, Brian Kelleher, Veronica Kelleher, Lawrence, Tony Maule, Mary McCarthy, Carmel Micallef, Kath Murnane, Stephanie Murray, Harry Newman, Barney O’Driscoll, 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.


HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Robert Francis Kennedy, Doris Millicent Williams, Agnes Borsuk, Gregory Penney, Clifford Shale, Florence Brett, Mary Lyons, Patrick Miller, Cecil Unwin and Major George Harvey.

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