THE ‘THRESHOLDS OF HOPE’ WEBSITE has now been launched. This new online resource is the work of the Brentwood Diocese Vicariate for Adult Formation and aims to help adults to deepen their relationship with Christ and His Church. Please have a look at the website and watch it develop over time. Do let us know what you think of it. The website address is www.thresholdofhope.co.uk.

JOURNEY IN FAITH PROGRAMME FOR ADULTS Have you 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? 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 to help those adults who are considering the possibility of entering into full communion with the Catholic Church. If you are interested in joining this programme, please speak to a member of clergy or cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com.

BAPTISMS Please be aware that we have now reached full capacity for celebrating Baptisms this year and are unfortunately unable to offer any further dates for the remainder of 2021.

If you would like to enquire about Baptism for your child, please contact the Parish Office no sooner than early January 2022; by this time, we will be in a position to give parents the details of the Baptism Preparation Programme which will need to be completed prior to you being invited to book a date for the Baptism.

Any new information regarding Baptism will be announced at Mass and also through the website and newsletter.

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.cbcgew.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, Tony Galcius, Brian Akehurst and Thomas Urwin 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/. All intentions will be said by our Priests in private celebration of Mass whilst the Cathedral remains on a reduced timetable.

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.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOOD BANK COLLECTION: as we approach the school summer holidays families face the prospect of keeping their children fed with the added financial strain that holidays can bring. To help them manage through those long six weeks the parish will be holding a food bank collection for Brentwood Food Bank on the weekend of 26th/27th June.
As usual we will have a car available in front of the parish hall for you to drop your donations into before or after each Mass. All non-perishable foods and cleaning products are most welcome (e.g. canned meats, canned fruit, long life fruit juice and milk, laundry products, deodorants etc.). Thank you for your continued support for those in need in our local community.

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.

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.

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/

- Marriage Preparation
  www.cathedralbrentwood.org/marriage/

Please see Cathedral website and social media for updates.

THE 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**

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR FASTING AND LIFE** On Wednesday 23rd June, the Vigil of St John the Baptist, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this country. On this month’s Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. [https://www.facebook.com/events/121521016724148](https://www.facebook.com/events/121521016724148).

**CAFOD PETITION** In November, the UN COP26 climate talks will take place in Glasgow. This is an opportunity for world leaders to gather and to agree a plan to end the climate crisis. As host of the summit, the UK Government can influence the world. Please sign up to CAFOD’s petition to show that you want him to set ambitious climate targets to protect our common home. You can sign the petition on: [https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1](https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1). There will also be petition cards available in the Cathedral narthex for you to sign and post.

**THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY** is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their ‘Relay 100’ summer community event. This initiative is an opportunity to recommit ourselves to our work following the pandemic, to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals (or families within bubbles) to complete a ‘leg’ of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000 or visit [https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/relay-100](https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/relay-100) to read more about this event.

**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 ‘Retrovaille’ 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 retrouvailleurinfo@gmail.com - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk).

**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. 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.

**VACANCY** for Coordinator of Music for the 11am Sunday Mass in the Parish of the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay. For an informal chat with the Parish Priest, please email office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk . To be considered for the role, please send a CV and covering letter to office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk. Please note, only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

**VACANCY** in Holy Family parish, Benfleet for a cleaner/handyperson who will be required to manage effectively the routine cleaning with some maintenance and health & safety of the buildings of Holy Family and St Thomas More Parish. Hours per week - 12 hours; £9.50 per hour. Closing date: Tuesday 15th June 2021. Please send a CV and covering letter to the Parish Office via email benfleet@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

**VACANCY** St Mary’s Hare Park School is looking to recruit an excellent Key Stage 2 Teacher to start in September 2021. This is a full-time position, and the successful applicant will join our outstanding team of teachers. Applications are welcome from newly qualified teachers as well as those with more experience. We are also looking to recruit a new Key Stage 2 Teaching Assistant for September 2021. The post is full time and suitable applicants should ideally have some experience of having worked in schools before. If you are interested in finding out more about either of these exciting opportunities, please contact the school on enquiries@stmarysharepark.co.uk or on 01708 761220.

**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.

**CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Richard Harrison, Winifred Byrne, John Regan, Colin Watson, Mary Sophia Sexton,

**HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES:** Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Miller, Cecil Unwin, Major George Harvey, Joseph McHugh, Henry Lawless, Florence Livings, Olive Wild, Sara Kayssi, Jan Borsuk, Agnes Finn, Mrs Kiely, Colum Shiel, James Galvin, Albert Joseph Taylor, Paul Button, Maria Borg and Rita Ryan.

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