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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
27th June 2021

DAMAGE TO THE TABERNACLE

The Tabernacle houses the real presence of Our Lord and is in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel. Unfortunately, it has been damaged and possibly vandalised.

PLEASE do not touch the tabernacle and if you see others do so, please ask them not to or tell a member of the clergy immediately.

FEAST OF SS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES Tuesday 29th July.
“Both apostles share the same feast day, for these two were one; and even though they suffered on different days, they were as one. Peter went first, and Paul followed. And so, we celebrate this day made holy for us by the apostles' blood. Let us embrace what they believed, their life, their labours, their sufferings, their preaching, and their confession of faith.” St Augustine

Vigil Mass Monday 28th at 7.00 p.m. and Masses on Tuesday at 9.15 a.m. and 1.00 p.m.

QR CODES and CONTACTLESS GIVING A new online donation system has been set up so that parishioners and visitors are now able to donate by using a QR code directly to the Parish; donations can be made either with or without gift aid using the QR codes.

Please see the information and QR codes displayed in the Cathedral for further details.

WELCOME to Frank Westcott who has just completed his first year of training for the priesthood at Oscott College, Birmingham. Frank is on a placement here for the next fortnight and we are delighted to have him with us.

Please pray for him and for all men presently training to be priests. Pray also that men may respond generously to this call of the Lord.
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.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOOD BANK COLLECTION TODAY: 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 this weekend.

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.

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

THE GREAT BIG THANKYOU PICNIC LUNCH - NOW POSTPONED
Due to the recent government announcement that the restrictions are to remain in place until at least 19th July, we have sadly had to postpone this event. Further details will be given in due course regarding a new date.

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/

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of James Mackevoy and Thomas Irwin who died recently.

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

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

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.
PARISH OFFICE  The parish office opening hours are Monday through to Thursday (8.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.) each week.

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.

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.

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

MEMORIAL MASS FOR SISTER ELIZABETH CAMPBELL OSU (Sister Joseph Mary) 3/07/21. Unfortunately, this event has had to be cancelled as lockdown restrictions have been extended. Greenwich Past Pupils' Association will hold a memorial Mass on Saturday 4th September at 6.00 p.m. at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, 68 Crooms Hill, London SE10 8HG to which you are welcome.

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 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 to read more about this event.

RETRouvAILLE 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

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).

“LOURDES AT YOUR LOCAL” From Monday 26th - Friday 30th July, the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will be hosting “Lourdes at your Local” for Summer 2021. There will be a Mass
celebrated each morning at 11am, with Anointing of the Sick and joyful music, followed by coffee and refreshments. These will then be streamed online each evening, as well as Daily Rosary, a Torchlight Procession and Talent Show (which we encourage you to also get involved in!). The Masses will take place in Leigh-on-Sea, Clacton-on-Sea, Canning Town, Wanstead and Brentwood, and we are welcoming all ages, with particular invitation to those who have been housebound or shielding over the last year. Further details and full itinerary available on the website or email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org for information.

“LOURDES ON THE LAWN” This event is open to anyone currently in school Year 13 or above (approx. age 18-28) from 12pm – 4pm on Saturday 31st July. We will celebrate Mass together with Bishop Alan at Midday, and invite those attending to bring a picnic to enjoy in the beautiful grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick during the afternoon. For more information email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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.

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 is 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

VACANCY St Helen’s Catholic Infant School: Kitchen Assistant (7.5 hours a week: term time only) We are seeking to appoint a reliable Kitchen Assistant to join us in September 2021. For details and an application form please contact Mrs Onslow via the school office: admin@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk Closing date: 12noon on Friday 9th July 2021.

VACANCY Cleaner Required from September 2021, 10 hours per week, £10.00 per hour, to clean the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre, Billericay. If you or any of your family or friends are interested in this role, further information and a full job description can be obtained by contacting the Most Holy Redeemer Parish Office on 01277 624891 or by email: office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk. Applicants are asked to submit a CV and covering letter and should highlight how their skills and experience meet the requirements of the role. Please forward applications to office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk by Friday 9th July.

VACANCY St Peter’s Catholic Primary School Billericay are seeking to appoint a professional and highly motivated Administration Assistant for our friendly, busy school. Closing date for applications is noon on Wednesday 30th June. For more information, please visit Essex Schools Jobs http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=65742

VACANCY for a Cleaner at Holy Family and All Saints, Witham. Hours of work: 2 hours on fortnightly basis; start date July 2021. Closing date: Wednesday 30th June 2021. The salary for this post is £9.50 per hour. To be considered for the role, please send a CV and covering letter (no longer than one side of A4) to witham@dioceseofbrentwood.org Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. For an informal chat with the Parish Priest, please email witham@dioceseofbrentwood.org
VACANCY St Benedict’s Catholic College are seeking a Chaplaincy Worker. The hours of work for the role will be 37 hours per week, Monday to Friday and this will be required term time, plus five staff training days, so 39 weeks in total. The actual salary for the role (inclusive of holiday pay) is £21,747.31 to £24,580.71 (under 5 years’ service) or £22,040.53 to £24,885.67 (over 5 years’ service). Applications only be accepted on the college application form (which can be downloaded from our website) and should be emailed to Mrs Angela Jones at a.jones@stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk. CVs will not be accepted. For further details about the role, please contact Mrs Jo Santinellli, Principal on 01206 549222. The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 9th July 2021.

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, Dr Tracy Tai, Tim, TCT, Louisa Whiteman, and all our sick in Marillac, Mascal, 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: Canon Dacey, Rose Whitty, Sister Baptist Dempsey, Kathleen McNamara, William Tubey, William Henry Smith, Thomas Brophy, Mr Mc Ardle, Maurice Disney, Frank Benson, Edmund Pasyniuk, Patricia Mulherine, Patricia Riseborough, Albert Staines, Daniel Sheehan, Florence Bohannon, Gerry Conlan, Sister Eileen OSU, Eily O’Connor, John Torrent, May Youngs, Rebecca Wisely, Nitz Thompson, Alan Whitty, Patricia Burns, James Canavan, Elizabeth Moore, Doris Reece, Fr James Hawes, Elizabeth Ayley, Molly Penney, Julia Hart, Nancy Ward, Stephen Lafferty, Betty Eldridge, Agnes May Smith, Joan Unwin, Annie Ereira, David Whitlock, Frank Kopczynska, Beatriz Manzo, Michael McNamara, Sister Mary Dolores, Kathleen Cooke, Bridget Byrne, Ann-Marie Mumby Sarah-Jane Mumby, Christine Palmer, Jean Brown, Joseph O’Sullivan, Father Patrick Curran, Beatrice Kehoe, James Hopkins and Samuel Purkiss.

HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Rose Nealis, Anne Farrell, Ada Donaldson, Mary Lynch, Florence Oliver, Mary Huggins, Edward Elsender, James Brady, Bartholomew Ratcliffe, Patrick Newland, Gregory Penkul and Terence William Regan.

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