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

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)
11th July 2021

DAMAGE TO THE TABERNACLE Unfortunately, the Tabernacle, the statue of Our Lady and the door of Mercy entrance have all been vandalised. I am sad to announce that, due to this, the Cathedral will be CLOSED daily for private prayer until such time that the problem has been resolved.

DEACON PAUL WRITES Most sincere thanks to all who have expressed their condolences to me and the family on the death of my son, Matthew; all the cards, emails and Facebook entries have been very comforting.

Matthew’s body will be received into the Cathedral on Monday 19th July at 5.00 p.m. and his Funeral Service will be celebrated on Tuesday 20th July at 11.30 a.m.

THE ORDINATION OF MICHAEL BARWICK took place on Saturday in the Cathedral. May the Lord richly bless Michael’s priesthood and all those who have heard the Lord’s call and responded with generous and open hearts.

FURTHER TO THE RECENT GOVERNMENT UPDATES on future Covid restrictions, all present restrictions in the Cathedral will remain in place until Government and Diocesan guidance gives us permission to change them. In order to reassure all members of the congregation, it will be important to consider how best to introduce any future changes in an appropriate manner. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of Matthew Conrad, Philip Howard, James Mackevoy and baby Rita See who died recently. May they rest in the peace of Christ and rise in glory.

PARISH FINANCE REPORT 2020-21 You will find a copy of the parish Finance Report 2020-21 enclosed with your newsletter this weekend. This document can also be found on our website along with the Finance Report 2019-20.

PARISH OFFICE The parish office opening hours are Monday through to Thursday (8.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.) each week.
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 below or those displayed around the Cathedral:

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

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

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: Cathedral will be closed

Wednesday: Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.

Thursday: Cathedral will be closed

Friday: Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS should have by now received new rotas commencing on the 17th July by email; if not, please let Ann know (messina21@btinternet.com / 01277 231593)

Please enter dates in your diary as only one person is down for
each Mass. Many thanks to all of you who responded, your support is greatly appreciated over this challenging time.

**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.

**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.

**PARISH FINANCES** 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.
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 Fr Tom Jordan, R.I.P. Marking one year since Fr Tom’s death, Mass will be offered at St Edward the Confessor, Romford, on Thursday 5th August, at 6.30 p.m. Everyone is very welcome.

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.

“LOURDES AT YOUR LOCAL” All Parishes in the Deanery will be invited to join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service on Friday 30th July at 11.00 a.m. for a “Lourdes at your Local” Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan, with Anointing of the Sick and joyful music, and followed by coffee and refreshments. This is one of 5 Masses for the week around the Diocese, and each Mass will be recorded and streamed online at 5.00 p.m. for anyone not able to attend during the day. Alongside this there will be a virtual Daily Rosary, Torchlight Procession and Talent Show. All ages are welcome to celebrate Mass and enjoy our virtual events, with particular invitation to those who have been housebound or shielding. Further details and a full itinerary are available on our website www.bcys.net/events or you can email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information.

“LOURDES ON THE LAWN” This event is open to anyone currently in school Year 13 or above (approx. age 18-28) from 12 noon - 4.00 p.m. 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. You can find more information at www.bcys.net/events or 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 aimed at students in 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
VACANCIES at St Helen’s Catholic Junior School Academy for Assistant Cook – Scale 3, term time only, 22.5 hours per week, 9.30 - 2.00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Also, for a Cleaner – Scale 2, 12.5 hours per week, term time and some holiday work. Further details on both roles from the school office or by emailing admin@st-helens-jun.essex.sch.uk

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, 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, 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, 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: Frederick Wild, John Newberry, Hedwige Hemblade, Irene Harvey, Dick Guilfoyle, Greta Wild, Eileen McCabe, David Mackey, Frank Dobson, Canon Daniel Harnett, Catherine Burke, Patrick Monaghan, Charles Howell and Mrs. Hendrick.

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