SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)  
25th July 2021

“LOURDES AT YOUR LOCAL” As we there is no Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes this year, the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service has arranged something a little nearer to home. There will be a Mass celebrated at the Cathedral on Friday 30th July at 11.00 a.m. with Anointing of the Sick and joyful music, followed by coffee and refreshments. All welcome.

THE LIFTING OF COVID RESTRICTIONS Taking our lead from both the Government and the Bishops’ guidance we plan to introduce a cautious and phased easing of Covid restrictions at the Cathedral. Therefore, we recommend that:

i) weather permitting, all Cathedral doors are to be left open for ventilation purposes

ii) people are strongly encouraged to continue to hand sanitise when entering and leaving the Cathedral

iii) people are strongly encouraged to continue wearing facemasks in order to ensure the well-being and peace of mind of every member of the community.

iv) people will no longer be guided to their seats but will have responsibility for seating themselves. With extra seating, there will be more choice where people can sit and how to socially distance.

Pre-pandemic, it would not be uncommon for people to leave one or two seats between themselves and their neighbour. Given the months of social distancing, we believe that people will do this almost automatically.

v) Reception of Holy Communion. People will be guided up a row at a time by an usher as this improves the reverence with which Holy Communion is received and allows for social distancing.

vi) people will be encouraged to leave the Cathedral in an orderly fashion using all the Cathedral doors.

Therefore, much of what we are presently doing will continue but with some cautious easing that allows parishioners to be more responsible for their own actions while at the same time continuing to have a real concern for their fellow parishioners.

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 this area is made safe.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of Philip Howard, Bridget Barron, James McGrady, Andrew Burton and Teresa Baines who died recently.

May they rest in the peace of Christ and arise in glory.

WITH SINCERE THANKS Jim Barron would like to offer his sincere thanks to parishioners and friends for their prayers during his sister’s illness; sadly, Bridget died peacefully last week. The prayers have been a great source of comfort to the family. May she rest in peace.

PLEASE NOTE the parish office will be closed on Thursday 29th July and will reopen again on Tuesday 3rd August. The parish office opening hours for the month of August will be Tuesday through to Thursday (8.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.) each week.

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

MAKING YOUR DONATION BY STANDING ORDER If you can, please support the Cathedral by giving by standing order and, if you are a taxpayer, please gift aid your offering. For information go to https://cathedralbrentwood.org/gift-aid-explained/ Thank you for your continued generosity.

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:
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.

WE GIVE OUR THANKS AND BEST WISHES TO MRS LARAWAY as she retires from her Headship at St Helen’s Junior School after 16 years of loyal service. Under Mrs Laraway’s leadership many of our children have received an excellent Catholic education that has allowed them to develop intellectually, physically and spiritually. The Catholic community in Brentwood is indebted to her and we will thank Mrs Laraway formally next term. In the meantime, we wish her a very happy, healthy and fulfilling retirement.

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.

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. Smith J 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

“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 11.00 a.m. 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 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.

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 GOSPEL OF MARK On most Sundays of 2021 we shall be reading from the Gospel according to Mark. In two new video presentations Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, demonstrates the skill with which Mark put his gospel together, and how Mark’s material was used by later evangelists. The talks are accessible free of charge from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org and also on the page entitled ‘Faith Talks’.

VACANCY We are looking to recruit a cook and kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House at Abbotswick (15 hours per week, 39 weeks: Saturday 10.30 a.m. - 6.30 p.m. and Sunday 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and Monday 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. also with the potential for occasional overtime on weekdays, starting at the end of September 2021. If you or any of your family and
friends are interested in this role further information and a full job description can found on our website, www.bcys.net or by emailing clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org. The closing date is midday on 29th August 2021.

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.

LIVING LAUDATO SI’ - Online Retreat - 15th - 18th October 2021. Open to all, this retreat will help personal prayer and reflection, and parish action, on the critical issue of care for God’s creation. Bishop Alan will open the retreat, which will be led by expert speakers. For more information see poster at the back of church or email laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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

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: 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, Carole 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, Macclesfield, 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: Henry Frederick James, Mary Finnane, Edward Riordan, Elfreda Collins, Robin Ridgewell, Dorothy Pennter, Thomas Gormley, Angela Smith, John Lilley, Kevin Rogers, Margaret Roughneen, Kevin Breslin, Harry Makin, Doreen Hosking, Jane Frances Colahan, Isabel Jean Roberts, Elizabeth Hayter, John Hemblade, Eileen Garley, Emma Gregory, Margaret MacCarthy, John Ward, James Cooney, Ted Eisenhauer, Peter Pompili, Michael Mansworth, Ann Pinkerton, Anna Barrett, Catherine Groden, Margaret Frain, Sister Winifred OSU, Timothy Moloney, Margaret Sole, Olive Pritchard, Mark Seymour, Peter Cervi, Frank Ketterer, Bill Brennan, Andrew Rice, Tomás Murphy, John Kynnd, Aisling Mullen, Kevin O’Flynn, Queenie and Arthur Westmoreland, Greg Grace, Ernest Benjamin, Rebecca Sans, Leo Jakob, Michael Wilkins, Father Brophy, Mrs Blaker, Louisa Torrent, Daisy Moss, Tom Cockerill, Rosemary Wong, Margaret Regan and Joy Breslin.

HOHY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Margaret Kennedy, Des
Lyons, Gertrude Leahey, Jack Fleming, Mary Power, May Fuhr, Aisling Mary Mullen, Beatrice Richard and Martin Davis.

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