WEEKDAY MASSES at 9.15 a.m. will resume every weekday from Monday 9th August.

SATURDAY MORNING CONFESSIONS 11.00 - 12 noon will resume on Saturday 14th August.

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

ii) 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.

iii) 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.

iv) 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.

v) 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.

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

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

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.

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

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 by scanning those displayed around the Cathedral:

Please treat as gift aid donation, all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that, if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

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## 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.

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### 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/](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 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.

### 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

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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 - FR TOM JORDAN - Thursday 5th August, 6.30pm. On the first Anniversary of Fr Tom’s death, Mass will be offered for him at St Edward the Confessor, Romford. Those who knew Fr Tom are warmly invited to attend. The Mass will also be livestreamed via https://stream.seccomgroup.com/channel/st-edward

VIOLIN RECITAL Six-year-old violinist Hermione Duan, will be giving her debut concert in the Cathedral on Friday 6th August at 5.30 p.m. Hermione will be accompanied by musicians from the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, including her violin teacher Jennifer Christie, as well as Roderick Elms on the organ and harpsichord. There is no charge to attend however, entrance to the concert is strictly by ticket only. To reserve tickets, email Margaret MacLeay at music@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call the Music Department on 01277 265288.

CYCLING FOR CHARITY Fr Dominic Howarth, has been cycling for many months, “Pedalling through the Pandemic!”, heading towards 5,000 km - and he now has just 500 km to go! He is raising money for the Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society, Walsingham House, HCPT Easter Lourdes Group 709, and Help Refugees. To find out more about his efforts or to sponsor him: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50. Or alternatively, email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call 01708 740308 if you want to donate by cheque or cash. Thank you for any support you can give.

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’.

THE CRY OF CREATION As the United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 26), to be held in Glasgow in November, draws nearer, and at a time of unprecedented danger for the world, the 2015 encyclical of Pope Francis, Laudato si’, on care for our ‘common home’, could not be more relevant. Fr Ashley Beck, priest of the archdiocese of Southwark, will explore its contents and explain its crucial relevance. To access this free live event go to www.whatgoodnews.org - the event is scheduled for 11.00 a.m. on Saturday 4th September. No registration is needed. The talks will be available subsequently on the same website.

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

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION is an international organisation of Catholic Men committed to faith, family and friendship. There are over 300 groups, known as Circles, in the Association and the Circle in Brentwood meets on the second Wednesday of each month at the Mount Avenue Banqueting Suite in Shenfield. Through our monthly meetings and varied programme of social and family events you will find that lifelong friendships are built, and a support structure is there for you to call on should you need to. You will be most welcome to join us for one of our dinners to see who we are and what we do.
For further information, please contact the Brentwood Circle Membership Officer, Peter Brisbourne on 01277 219746.

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 be 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 (and 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

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, 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, Maccalls, 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: Ernest Benjamin, Rebecca Sans, Leo Jakob, Michael Wilkins, Father Brophy, Mrs Blaker, Louisa Torrent, Daisy Moss, Tom Cockerill, Rosemary Wong, Margaret Regan, Joy Breslin, George Jones, Violet Page, Sophie Starling, Bernadette Ketterer, Angela Birch, Joseph Harrington, Patrick Ryan, Richard Demierre, Stefan Slabczynski, Paddy Drake, Father Terry Petry, Sister Borromeo OSU, Ria Tomkins, Alice Richmond, Gerry Delaney, Catherine Howlett, Dan McMahon, Isabella Dart, Paul Foley, Maude Buckle, Thomas Cormack, Gerald Murnane, Kathleen Gordon, Hannah McDaid, Maria Kemp, William Brind, John O’Regan, Pope Paul VI, Francis Frain, Gerald Tyler, Henry Boursot, John King, Mary Ellen Neath, Francis Bourke, Catherine Stuart, John Garvey, Sheila Towers, Catherine Chasseaud, Lilian Duane, Aldehelm Monaghan, June Hyde, Michael Regan, Ernest Crowley, Basil Melder and Mortimer Costello.

HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Beatrice Richard, Martin

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