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

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THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
15th August 2021

WEEKDAY MASSES are now being celebrated again every weekday, Monday - Friday at 9.15 a.m. However, please note there will be no Saturday morning Mass at the present time.

SATURDAY MORNING CONFESSIONS will resume again from this Saturday 14th August onwards at the slightly earlier time of 10.00 - 11.00 a.m.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY MASS On Tuesday 14th September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, Fr Martin will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of his priestly ordination.

To thank God for the gift of priesthood there will be Mass in the Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. that day followed by refreshments in the Cathedral parish hall. The Mass will be offered for the intentions of the people in the parishes he has served as a priest. All are welcome.

To help with refreshments, please put your name on the list in the Cathedral narthex.

TABERNACLE UPDATE. We now have a quotation of £3576 for installing an alarm system in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and extra CCTV. These works have been scheduled to take place on Friday 20th August and we will reopen the Cathedral for private prayer as soon after that as possible.

In addition to this, we are also having to update the old sound system in the Cathedral at the considerable cost of £4577.

SINCERE THANKS to those parishioners who have so generously given a donation towards the costs of the works to ensure the security of the Tabernacle.

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.
FR STEWART FOSTER is very unwell at the moment. Please do bring him to the Lord in your prayers at this time.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of Dr Tracy Tai, Baby Christopher Meehan and June Sach who died recently. May they know the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living.

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VACANCY St. Helen’s Catholic Junior School Academy is a highly respected and popular Catholic school, committed to excellence in all areas. The Governors invite applications from an experienced and suitably qualified, practising Catholic leader to play a key role in building on the success of our excellent school.

For more information, an Application Pack or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office on 01277 213962, email: HR@st-helens-jun.essex.sch.uk. Full details of the post and application form are also available on www.st-helens-jun.essex.sch.uk

Application Deadline - Monday 27th September 2021 at 10.00 a.m.

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.

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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.

How many people can attend a baptism at Brentwood Cathedral? It is now possible for any number of people to attend a baptism but restrictions during the Covid pandemic showed that baptisms with small numbers of people could be both intimate, prayerful and reverent. Parents who enjoyed such baptisms commented on how this experience was spiritually meaningful and less stressful. Many couples are now deciding to have godparents and immediate family at the Church for the baptism of their child and then inviting other people to join them for any celebration afterwards.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

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**

**CARE STAFF REQUIRED FOR URSELINE SISTERS IN BRENTWOOD.**

Care Assistants are required for our team providing care for 6 resident Sisters. Applicants should have previous experience of caring for the elderly. Bank and part time shifts are available. Please telephone 01277 260156 for application forms.

**SEASON OF CREATION STUDY DAYS**

During the 2021 Season of Creation, from 1st September to the feast of St Francis on 4th October, thousands of Christians on six continents will unite to pray and take action in defence of our common home www.seasonofcreation.org From the parish of Gidea Park we have organised two study days - on Saturday 4th September and Saturday 2nd October from 11.00 to 12.30 BST - to explore the teaching of Pope Francis on ‘care for our common home’ (Laudato si’), and the promotion of global solidarity (Fratelli Tutti). These study days, ‘The Cry of Creation’ and ‘The Cry of the Poor’ will be given by Fr Ashley Beck, associate professor at St Mary’s University, Twickenham.

For access to these free live stream events go to www.whatgoodnews.org No registration needed. Talks will be available subsequently on the same website. Please spread the word on social media.

**VIRTUAL LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**

Videos from the week all remain on the BCYS YouTube channel, so if people want a week of “virtual” pilgrimage at any time in the summer, they will be able to watch and pray at times that suit them. The channel link is https://www.youtube.com/c/BrentwoodCYS and “Lourdes at your Local” is at the top of the page.

**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’.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE UK EVENT will take place on Saturday 4th September in Central London from 10 am – 4.30 pm. A coach will leave from Priory Street/East Hill, Colchester at 8am stopping at London Road, Colchester, Witham, Chelmsford and Brentwood. The cost will be £20 per person (babies go free). Less if we have a full coach. To ask about coach details or book a seat, please contact Justin Nathan at eph890@gmail.com or on 07540 050814 via text or WhatsApp messages only.

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.

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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.
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.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS Archconfraternity of St Stephen, invites all Altar Servers to the annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 2nd October 2021 at 2.30 p.m. The principal celebrant will be Rt. Rev. Nicholas Hudson, Auxiliary Bishop of Westminster. Servers from beyond the Westminster Diocese are welcome to this Mass if they can’t attend the National Mass on 25th September in Wolverhampton. If MCs and Senior / Altar Servers would like to attend this event, please email johnmccormack528@gmail.com by 18th September 2021. We will need to know how many Altar Servers (& families) will be attending from your Parish, so that accurate numbers can be established.

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 for Chancery Tribunal General Assistant based at Cathedral House. The full job description and person spec can be found at https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/ Hours of work will be 25 per week; start date September 2021. Closing date Monday 16th August 2021 at 5.00 p.m. To be considered for the role, please send a CV and brief covering letter to recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org For an informal chat with Michaela Pearce, Chancery and Tribunal Administrator, please email tribunal@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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, Joe O’Herlihy, 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.


HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Christine Kerr Walls, John Horgan, Alice Woods, Pete Brophy and Jim Gilmore.

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