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

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (b)
22nd August 2021

WEEKDAY MEALS 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.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be available every Saturday in the Cathedral from 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 Fr Martin has served as a priest. All are very welcome.

Please note that there will be no morning Mass that day.

To help give us an idea of numbers attending for catering purposes, please add your name and details to the list in the Cathedral narthex.

NUMBERS OF PEOPLE AT A BAPTISM. How many people can attend a baptism at Brentwood Cathedral? It is now possible for any number of people to attend a baptism. However, the baptisms that took place when Covid restrictions only allowed small numbers of people to attend proved to be intimate, prayerful, and focussed on Christ into whose death and resurrection we are baptised. Parents who experienced the baptism of their child during that time have commented on how this experience allowed them to appreciate the spiritual meaning of the sacrament and that it was also less stressful.

Many couples are now deciding to have godparents and immediate family at the baptism of their child and then inviting other friends and acquaintances to join them for any celebration afterwards.
HOLY CROSS CHURCH has been closed for the whole of the pandemic and remains closed. As a parish, we have been able to celebrate the Saturday evening Vigil Mass in the Cathedral because its size allows for social distancing and more people to attend Mass; it can also be well ventilated, has multiple entrances and exits and has all the necessary risk assessments.

As we edge out of the pandemic, we will review the situation with Holy Cross church in late September when schools have opened and we approach the winter months. It is important that we try and ensure the well-being of the whole community and that as many people as possible feel able and comfortable returning to the celebration Mass.

TABERNACLE UPDATE. These works have now been completed and we hope to be in a position to reopen the Cathedral for private prayer again as soon as possible.

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.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Dr Tracy Tai who died recently. May all who have died know the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living.

THE BRENTWOOD URSULINE SISTERS have downsized, moving into new accommodation in Eastfield Road. Our new address is Ursuline Sisters, 27 Eastfield Road, Brentwood, CM14 4HB. The telephone number remains the same: 01277 216840.

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.

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.

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

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.

CATHEDRAL TIMETABLE

Saturday: No Morning Mass
Sacrament of Reconciliation 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.
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.

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Wednesday: Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.

Thursday: Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.

Friday: Morning Mass at 9.15 a.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

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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.*

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**GENERAL NEWS**

**CAFOD APPEAL** Cafod is responding to significant crises across the world this week. We are working with local Church organisations in Haiti to deliver emergency aid to people affected by the catastrophic earthquake and tropical storm. In the tragic situation in Afghanistan, we are working to ensure the safety of our local partners and their communities. We are supporting local aid workers to deliver urgent food and water supplies to hundreds of thousands of people facing extreme hunger in Tigray in Ethiopia, South Sudan and north-east Nigeria. You can read more about how we can all express solidarity with our sisters and brothers affected by these emergencies on the CAFOD website: https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news. Your compassion, generosity and prayers have helped us to stand together and enable us to continue to support communities in these difficult times. Thank you.

**BRAND NEW BCYS YOUTH MASS** to be celebrated on Thursday 2nd September at 7.30 p.m. in Brentwood Cathedral. Taking place on the first THURSDAY of the month at Brentwood Cathedral, the BCYS are delighted to welcome young people back to Youth Masses which will be bigger and better than ever! The evening will start with a celebration in the Parish Hall at 6.00 p.m., where we will provide food and drink as we know many will come straight from school or work, followed by Youth Mass in the Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. We always welcome new people, old friends, school and confirmation groups so please do come along! For more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events/september-youth-mass/ or email info@bycs.net

**BCYS AUTUMN YOUTH GATHER** The BCYS invite all young people from school year 9 and above to join us at Walsingham House at Abbotswick for a one-day event on Saturday 23rd October, with outdoor activities and inflatables and 2 fantastic speakers - John Pridmore will speak about his conversion from a life of organised crime in the East End of London, to teach us that we are all capable of changing our futures and Leila Bousbaa will inspire
and educate us on the Catholic response to climate change. We are asking £20 for the day and you can book online NOW at https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2021/

CATECHIST TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY - Saturday 6th November, Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster. This training and resources day is open to all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, as well as those who look after the children’s liturgy in the Diocese of Brentwood.

It will be an opportunity to hear about fresh resources, as well as receiving input to assist you in your First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. There will be keynote speakers and updates from the BCYS in the morning, with a variety of inspiring and exciting workshops for you to choose from in the afternoon. We would particularly like to welcome any young catechists or young people in your parish (16+) who may be interested in working as or with catechists, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation.

CARE STAFF REQUIRED FOR URSULINE 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

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.

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.

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’Herrlihy, Steven Poole, Anne Rowe, Eileen Rossiter, 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 Harstwood Hospitals and St Francis Hospice.

CATHEDRAL ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Marcel Demierre, John Wood, George Rowzell, Norah Spinks, Lilian Shepherd, Mary Gilsenan, Harold Taylor, Bertha Vaughan, Louise Lomax, William John Cooke, Edward Mellen, Dick Cody, Rupert Martin, Sheila O’Mahoney, Ronald Wortley, Breda Luddy, Gina Cavellini, Ethel Polack, Maurice Delaney, Michael Nolan, Joseph Dobson, Donald Frederick Dowie, Margaret Wareham, Alan Keary, Constance McCarthy, William Kimber, John Simpson, Mary Donovan, Edith McCarthy, Michael Withere1, Joyce Cook, Kathleen O’Donnell, Mary Blackwell, Lawrence Ives, Jack Cross, Fr Geoffrey Cockcroft SJ, Edith Calone, Reg Keary, William Hicks, Dennis Ruston, Rev George Payne, Jeremiah Collins, Sydney Gostling, Father Collings,
Bill McEvoy, Ivy Moloney, Rocco Corbo, Nora Lee, Catherine Connolly, John Torrent and Arthur Wood.

HOLY CROSS ANNIVERSARIES: Please remember the following, whose anniversaries occur at this time: Kevin Motley, Elizabeth Campbell, Sadie Rushbrooke, John Ernest Thornby, Harry Dobson, Bill Raven, Babs Roberts, Bridget Smith, Amanda Vella, Gerald Hayes, Edward Michael Sullivan, William Hicks, Jean Courage, Tadeusz Antczak, Arthur Wood and Sydney Gosling.

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