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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS take place by Zoom on Sundays 31st October and 7th November 4.00 – 5.00 p.m.:
What does it mean to talk about morality? These talks will be given by Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral. To join this meeting go to Events at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS We are delighted to be holding coffee mornings again (every other week to begin with); this Sunday the coffee morning will be hosted by the PACE (Parish and Community Events) group and on Sunday 14th November by the Catenians. Please do come along and join us.

If you would be interested in hosting a coffee morning, email Claire at cathedralcoffeerota@yahoo.com

PLEASE NOTE the parish office opening hours are Monday to Thursday (8.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.).

HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER on Monday evenings. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 6.30 p.m. and finish with Benediction at 7.30 p.m. This is an opportunity to come and spend some private time in the peaceful presence of the Lord.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available on Saturdays in the Cathedral from 10.00 - 11.00 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Alf Roberts, Eileen Rossiter, Dorothy Nixon, Lynda Hills and Julie Murphy who died recently. Funeral details are as follows:

Eileen’s Requiem Mass - Thursday 4th November at 10.30 a.m.
Dorothy’s funeral service (Bentley Crematorium) - Friday 5th November at 11.30 a.m.
Lynda’s Requiem Mass - Tuesday 9th November at 10.30 a.m.
Alf’s Requiem Mass - Monday 15th November at 11.00 a.m.
Julie’s funeral service - Wednesday 17th November at 10.30 a.m.

May all who have died know the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living.

DETAILS OF PARISH ANNIVERSARIES AND SICK LIST can be found on the narthex noticeboard and also at www.cathedralbrentwood.org/news/news-latest.pdf

SATURDAY 6.30 p.m. VIGIL MASS Please note that this Mass will not be celebrated in the Cathedral on Saturdays 13th, 20th and 27th November due to outside events taking place in the Cathedral. However, there will be Mass at Holy Cross at 6.30 p.m. on those evenings or please attend one of the four Sunday Masses in the Cathedral.

INAUGURATION OF ADVENT AND NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS VIDEOS will be filmed by a professional company on the evenings of Friday 19th at 7.00 p.m. and Saturday 20th at 4.00 p.m. November.

Please make a note of these dates and be part of these beautiful services. These videos will be used on social media across the diocese and beyond during Advent and Christmas.

This is a real opportunity for us to create something of high quality that reminds people of the real meaning of all our Christmas celebrations and show cases the life of the Cathedral and the choir.

ST HELEN’S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL: PROSPECTIVE PARENTS MEETINGS The school will hold the last of a series of meetings and tours of the school for prospective parents (Reception 2022) on Tuesday 2nd November: 9.30 a.m. Please contact the school office to book: admin@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk

ALL SAINTS SCHOOL MASS We look forward to welcoming some Year 7 students from All Saints School this Thursday 4th November for a school Mass in the Cathedral at 1.00 p.m. which will be celebrated by Fr Dominic Howarth.
NEWCTS SUNDAY MISSALThe new CTS 2022 Sunday Missal will be available for purchase from the parish office at a price of £7.95 each. The Missals run from the First Sunday of Advent 2021 to Christ the King 2022. Alternatively, they can be purchased online on the following link https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/sunday-missal-2022/

THE NEW HEADTEACHER at St Helen’s Junior School Academy is Mr Liam Daley presently the Deputy Headteacher at St Joseph’s, Upminster. Mr Daley will take up his important role at St Helen’s in January 2022. Please keep him very much in your prayers.

MRS BOZENA LARAWAY, Headteacher of St Helen’s Junior School Academy, retires this term. She has led St Helen’s for seventeen years and has been working in Catholic education for thirty-five years. If you attended St Helen’s during this time or you sent your child to the school, please come to the Mass of Thanksgiving in the Cathedral on Friday 26th November at 6.00 p.m. All welcome.

250 CLUB WINNERS Our congratulations go to Rita Johnson who wins £50 (May draw) and also to Katherine Ward who wins £300, Pat Ryan and Sue Shepherd who each win £100 (June draw). Also, to Frank Garbutt (July draw), Johanna Peluso (August draw) and Mary Cassidy (September draw) who each win £50 Congratulations.

250 CLUB NEWS Thank you to all who subscribe to the 250 Club; due to your generosity, the club was able to recently finance the long overdue replacement of the parish hall dishwashers that cost £6,230.40. If you would be interested in finding out more or joining the 250 Club, please contact the parish office.

CATHEDRAL PARISH MUSIC GROUP plays on the first Sunday of every month at the 9.30 a.m. Mass. If you are an adult musician or singer and would like to use your musical gifts and help us all sing a new song to the Lord, please contact sarahconrad@hotmail.co.uk

WHAT CAN YOU DO DURING COP 26 - COP 26 is the UN conference on climate change being hosted by the UK and it gives us a unique opportunity to make our voices heard. Pope Francis calls each of us to care for our common home and here are just some of the events you can get involved with:

- **Friday 5 November** - sign up to Prayer Vigil rota on the noticeboard in the Cathedral or just drop in
- **Friday 5 November** - the Green Guardians group will be meeting up with our local MP, Alex Burghart
- **Saturday 6 November** - is the Global Day of Action for Climate Change. There will be a march in London and Brentwood CAFOD are organising a group to attend. If you want to join, please email brentwood@cafod.org.uk
- **Sunday 7 November** - why not join the litter picking event after 9.30 Mass, everyone is welcome, and no equipment is needed.

If you would like to find out more about the Green Guardians group (or have questions you’d like to put to our MP) please email greenbrentwoodcathedral@gmail.com

CALLING ALL RED BOXES! If you have a Missio Red Box at home, please hand it into Clergy House before Monday 15th November. Replacement Red Boxes will be made available for collection from the lower shelf in the narthex early in the new year. Thank you for your kind generosity.

THE “LAUDATO SI’ INVITATIONS, COMMITMENTS AND ACTIONS” document has now been published and some copies are available in the Cathedral narthex. This important document is also available online at www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/laudatosi

WE REMEMBER OUR DEAD and the communion that we still enjoy with them during this month of November. We also pray
and offer Masses for the repose of their souls in the eternal life of God.

Why do we offer Mass for the dead? We believe that there exists a living communion between us and our brothers and sisters “who have gone ahead of us marked the sign of faith”. Just as we pray for each other and share each other’s burdens on earth, we can offer prayers and sacrifices to help the departed souls undergoing purification, and no better prayer could be offered than that of the holy sacrifice of the Mass.

It is a deep and ancient instinct for Catholics to pray and offer Mass for the dead. St. Ambrose (d. 397) preached, “We have loved them during life; let us not abandon them in death, until we have conducted them by our prayers into the house of the Lord.” St. Augustine (d. 430) recorded the dying wishes of his mother, St. Monica in his Confessions: “One thing only I ask you, that you remember me at the altar of the Lord wherever you may be.” Pope St. Gregory (d. 604) said, “Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them.”

How do you offer a Mass for a deceased person?

i) Please write the name of the deceased on an envelope and mark “RIP”

ii) There is no payment for having a Mass said for a deceased loved one, but you may wish to make an offering. In this way you participate more intimately in the sacrifice of the Mass offered, by making a sacrifice of your own, and, you help support and provide for the physical needs of the clergy.

iii) Please hand in your envelope to the office and, Mo, the parish secretary, will allocate a date and time for the Mass to be said either in the parish or the Mass will be offered by a priest elsewhere. Sometimes Mass intentions will be sent to priests in other parts of this country or abroad who have very few Mass intentions of their own.

iv) You may want to send a Mass card to the family of the deceased.

THE BOOK OF THE DEAD If you would like the names of deceased loved ones written in our Book of the Dead and displayed in front of the Cathedral altar, then please write CLEARLY their names on the sheets in the Cathedral narthex and at the back of Holy Cross. Please note the book already contains all names which have been given in up to November 2020.

NOVEMBER DEAD ENVELOPES During November, please write and place the names of your deceased in these envelopes. The names of your deceased will be placed before the altar at every Mass and those “who have gone ahead of us marked by the sign of faith” will be raised up before the Lord in prayer. Please place the name(s) of your deceased loved ones with any donation in the ‘Month of the Holy Souls’ envelope and hand it in to Clergy House.

FIRE AND GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY INSPECTIONS will take place in all our buildings, including Holy Cross on the 25th and 26th November. This will be carried out by the Diocesan appointed Safety Toolbox.

CATHEDRAL TIMETABLE

Saturday: No morning Mass today
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.

Tuesday: Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.

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Friday: Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.
PREPARATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020-21. Due to the disruption of the pandemic, this year's preparation is for children who are in Year 4 and above from September 2021. Please note that this preparation programme is now full. Only those parents who have already completed and returned a registration form will be able to join the 2020-21 programme.

The details to register your child (Year 4 and above in September 2022) for the 2022/23 programme will be released next year. We hope that the children being a year older will allow them to benefit more fully from this spiritual preparation and that supported by their parents that they will also be more familiar with the prayers and celebration of Mass.

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.

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. The parents who experienced the baptism of their child during that time have commented on how this 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 Church for the baptism of their child and then inviting other friends and acquaintances to join them for any celebration afterwards.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS. If you are going to apply for a primary or secondary Catholic school with your child starting in September 2022, please note that:

a) There will not be a Sunday Mass registration card. Fr Martin will know those families who have been practising their faith by coming to Sunday Mass. These families will receive a Certificate of Catholic Practice.

b) If you have not been practising your faith, please do not approach Fr Martin for a Certificate of Catholic Practice as he will not be able to provide you with this document. Instead, apply directly to the Catholic school of your choice.

c) If you plan to send your daughter or son to the Brentwood Ursuline High School, please note that you do not require a Certificate of Catholic Practice.

d) If you are applying for a non-Catholic school that requires evidence of religious practice and you have been practising your faith, please come to see Fr Martin.

e) If you are applying for a non-Catholic school that requires evidence of religious practice and you have not been practising your faith, please do not approach Fr Martin. Instead, apply directly to the non-Catholic school of your choice.

f) Please note that Fr Martin will not supply additional references or documentation to parents who may go to appeal for a place at a non-Catholic school.
Fr Martin will be available only at the following times in Clergy House to see parents who are known to him and who are practicing their faith by attending Mass every Sunday. There is no need to make an appointment.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS
Wednesday 1st December - 4.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

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 more information go to https://cathedralbrentwood.org/gift-aid-explained/ Thank you for your continued generosity.

GENERAL NEWS

PLEASEpray FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE UN CLIMATE TALKS in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable.

BRENTWOOD URSULINE SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING Thursday 4th November 2021 from 6.30 - 8.30 p.m. Headteacher’s talk at 6.30 p.m. Please note there is no onsite parking at the school for this event.

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE AT ABBOTSWICK Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7th November at 3.00 p.m. Due to capacity please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

REST AND REFLECTION WEEKEND RETREAT FOR ADULTS (3.00 p.m. Friday 19th - 3.00 p.m. Sunday 21st November 2021). We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin (twin bookings must be made together with someone known to you). This price is for 2 nights’ accommodation and all meals (all rooms are en-suite). For more information, enquiries and bookings please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

GUILD OF ST STEPHEN BRENTWOOD DIOCESE AGM on Saturday 20th November at 11.00 a.m. in Brentwood Cathedral, Small Hall. This is open to any MCs or Senior Altar Servers in Brentwood Diocese. To keep everyone safe, we would ask those attending the AGM to have had the COVID vaccination. If you wish to attend the AGM, please email John McCormack johnmccormack528@gmail.com before 13th November.

CENTRAL COUNCIL GUILD OF ST STEPHEN (AGM) on Saturday 27th November, at St Mary & St Joseph Catholic Church, Poplar. Mass at 12 noon and the AGM meeting at 1.30 p.m. The meeting will be in person and online via MS Teams. AGM notice and nomination forms will be on www.guildofststephen.org

THE ARTS SOCIETY BRENTWOOD DISTRICT ‘Membership of the Arts Society Brentwood District has been a lifeline during the recent pandemic’, is a sentiment frequently expressed by members attending meetings. Whether it is the warm welcome, the plentiful supply of tea/coffee and biscuits or the attractive raffles is a matter of current debate. What is in no doubt is the stimulating and entertaining quality of the illustrated talks catering to the wide interests of our growing membership. Recent topics include ‘The Huguenot Silk Weavers of Spitalfields’, ‘Beethoven at 250’ and ‘Prittlewell and the East
Saxon Kingdom’. Forthcoming sessions are on ‘The Conservation and Restoration of Paintings’ (19 Jan 2022), ‘Themes and Subjects on 18th Century Fans’ (16 Feb 2022) and ‘Sculpture in the UK’s Public Art Collections’ (16 March 2022). In addition, the Society hopes to continue the tradition of day trips to places of interest later this year.

Society meetings are usually held at Ingatestone Community Hall, 7 High Street, Ingatestone CM4 9ED on the third Wednesday of the month, apart from August and December. Free parking is plentiful. Coffee/tea are served from 7.30 p.m. and lectures start at 8 p.m. Meetings end about 9.15 p.m. Arrangements are in place should Zoom meetings be required. A visitor’s fee of £8 per meeting is redeemable against annual subscriptions which include three copies of the Arts Society’s richly informative national magazine. More information is available on 01277 354395 or online at www.tasbd.org.uk, or just by turning up on the night. Visitors and new members are always welcome.

**VACANCY** St Helen’s Infant School are seeking to appoint 2 reliable cleaners to join us as soon as possible. The positions are for 10 hours a week (3.30pm-5.30pm each day). Please contact the school office for further information and an application pack. **Deadline**, Friday 5th November 2021

**VACANCY** St Helen’s Infant School are seeking to appoint a reliable Assistant Caretaker to join us as soon as possible. The position is for 20 hours a week (6.30am-10.30 each day), 52 weeks a year. Relevant experience is an advantage but not essential. Please contact the school office for further information and an application pack. **Deadline**: Friday 18th November 2021

**VACANCY** Chaplaincy Apprentice, St Thomas More High School, Westcliff-on-Sea. Full Time, 2 Year, Fixed Term, £17,842 - £19,312 actual salary (NJC Salary Scale Point 1-5). The school are seeking to appoint a Chaplaincy Apprentice, a new and exciting role with the opportunity to join the team of staff at St Thomas More High School. Our new Chaplaincy Apprentice will work with our staff to develop the school’s community to provide spiritual and pastoral support to the students at the school, bearing witness to the mission statement and maintaining and enhancing the distinctive Catholic nature of the school. An ideal role for a young person taking a gap year or who is not yet in work. For further information please contact Miss Niki Parr, Headteacher’s PA on 01702 344933 or email nparr@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or visit the school website www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk for a recruitment pack.

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