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 OF ST MARY AND ST HELEN
HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS

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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
7th November 2021

Brentwood Diocesan Trust – Registered Charity No. 234092
THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS take place by Zoom this Sunday 7th November 4.00 – 5.00 p.m.: What does it mean to talk about morality? This talk will be given by Fr Martin Boland, Dean of Brentwood Cathedral. To join this meeting go to Events at www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

SATURDAY 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 Saturday evenings. The four Sunday Masses in the Cathedral will be as normal.

CALLING ALL RED MISSIO BOXES! Please hand it into Clergy House before Monday 15th November. Replacement Red Boxes will be made available for collection in the New Year.

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 to reach out to people beyond the Cathedral by creating something of high quality that reminds them of the real meaning of all our Christmas celebrations and show cases the life of the Cathedral and the choir.

OUR SINCERE APOLOGIES for the lack of heating in the Cathedral; we have a problem with the boiler and are awaiting a new part being delivered before the repair can be done.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS The next coffee morning will be hosted by the Catenians on Sunday 14th November and the following one will be hosted by St Helen’s Ladies Group on Sunday 28th November. Please do come along and join us.

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

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.

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.

FROM THIS SUNDAY, we will resume passing the collection bag around the Cathedral. The evidence seems to suggest that there is a very small risk of contracting Covid by touch; also the majority of people are now vaccinated and this provides significant protection to them and others. Everyone is still asked to hand sanitise as they enter and leave the Cathedral.

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

Alf’s Requiem Mass - Monday 15th November, 11.00 a.m.
Thomas’ Requiem Mass - Tuesday 16th November, 10.30 a.m.
Julie’s funeral service - Wednesday 17th November, 10.30 a.m.
Lynda’s Requiem Mass - Monday 22nd November, 10.30 a.m.  
(NB Due to unforeseen circumstances the date for this Requiem Mass has been changed)

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

LIZ MURRELL, CARRIE AND RICK would like to thank everyone for your support following our loss of Tony. Your thoughts, kind words, prayers, Mass intentions and cards have been overwhelming. We can’t thank you enough. God bless.

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

NEW CTS SUNDAY MISSAL The 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. They can also be purchased online www.ctsbooks.org/product/sunday-missal-2022/

THE APPOINTMENT 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. We send our congratulations to him. Please keep him in your prayers.

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.

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; these are available from the parish office.

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. Please note the book already contains all names which have been given 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.

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.

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 SafetyToolbox.

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.

**Wednesday**: Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.

**Thursday**: Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.

**Friday**: Morning Mass at 9.15 a.m.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION - CATHOLIC SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS. If you are going to apply for a primary 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 direct to the Catholic school of choice.

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

d) 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. Apply directly to the non-Catholic school.

e) 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.

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Wednesday 1st December - 4.00 p.m. to 7.30 p.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
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.

| GENERAL NEWS |

**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

**AN ECCLESIAL ETHICS.** You are warmly invited to the inaugural
lecture of the Centre for Ecclesial Ethics on **Thursday 2nd
December** at 6.00 p.m. on Zoom, in which Professor Jim
Keenan SJ will explore how an ecclesial ethics of vulnerability
can enrich the life of the Church. Book on
https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/centre-for-ecclesial-ethics-
inaugural-lecture-tickets-192356893647 - All are welcome and
further details at www.mbit.cam.ac.uk

**ADVENT CAROL SERVICE:** You are warmly invited to join us at
Walsingham House at Abbotswick for our annual Advent Carol
Service on **Sunday 12th December**. We will have Christmas
carols both classic and contemporary performed by our
incredibly talented BCYS musicians, accompanied with readings
from scripture and Christmas poems and stories. This year we
are running two concerts, at 3.00 p.m. or 7.00 p.m. however,
there will be limited capacity at each event and this will be
dependent on any current Government restrictions or social
distancing, in place at the time. Tickets are £10 and the money
will go towards supporting our pilgrimages to Lourdes. To book
your place please contact Joe Beattie, Walsingham House
manager on josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 01277
373 959.
BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022: 23rd - 30th July 2022. Applications are now open for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders. This is one of our most popular events and after a 2 year gap we are excited to be returning next year. The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. For those travelling with the BCYS the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events and a party. Please see www.bcys.net/events/sl22/ for more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply.

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.

THE UNIVERSE CATHOLIC WEEKLY is thrilled to announce that they have launched their new on-line newspaper with the full support of their first subscriber, none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital copy by going to www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk or call on 0743661 7650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer: Only £20 for 3 months.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS Pax Christi now have available for sale a variety of Christmas cards have real integrity and come in a mixed pack of 10 cards with envelopes; these can be ordered from https://paxchristi.org.uk/product/nativity-trio-cards/

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.

**VACANCY** Sacred Heart of St Mary Girls’ School, Upminster are seeking a Senior Science Technician - Science or Physics Specialist. APTC Scale 4/5 Points 7-15 (£22,377 - £25,809 *pro rata*) subject to qualifications. Application forms and further details are available from the ‘Job Vacancies’ section on the School website www.sacredheartofmary.net. Please note that only application forms are accepted and should be returned to the School Business Manager Kerry Jones kjones@mary.havering.sch.uk Closing date: 15th November 2021.