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:

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

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C) 23rd January 2022

“In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the people of God have become missionary disciples (cf. Mt 28:19). ... The new evangelization calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptized.

Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelization; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God’s saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love.

Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: We no longer say that we are ‘disciples’ and ‘missionaries’ but rather that we are always ‘missionary disciples’” (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium/ The Joy of the Gospel No. 120).

Time for Mission Meeting
this Tuesday 25th January at 7.00 p.m.
in the Cathedral Parish Halls.
An opportunity for us to think together about practical ways that we can deepen the missionary character of our parish family and invite others to share in the friendship of Jesus Christ.
THANK YOU. Fr Martin would like to thank all of you who have responded so generously to the appeal for each parishioner to contribute “one thing” from the Time for Mission leaflet (copies are still available in the narthex) which provides every person with a concrete opportunity to bear witness to their faith in Christ and play their part in strengthening our parish community.

Over these coming weeks, Fr Martin will contact those who have responded. This may take some time due to the number of responses. For those who have not responded, it’s never too late to have a look at the Time for Mission leaflet and offer that “one thing” with a generous heart to God.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS today will be hosted by the PACE (Parish and Community Events) team; the following one will be hosted by St Helen’s Preschool on 6th February. Please do come along and join us.

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

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: What do the Martyrs teach us about the life of faith? Input will be given by Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector at Oscott seminary, Birmingham on Sundays 23rd and 30th January 4.00 - 5.00 p.m. via Zoom.

To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to: adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

‘FLASH MOB’ CHOIR back today by popular demand! Our next Flash Mob will take place on Sunday, 27th February at the 9.30 a.m. Mass. If your child/ren would like to join us for this, all they need to do is turn up on the day and join in! All children are welcome! We need lots of singers. If you play an instrument, bring it along. Spread the word, bring your instruments and raise your voice in song!

YOUNG ADULTS LECTIO DIVINA, SACRED READING, is an opportunity to prayerfully read together the Sacred Scriptures for the following Sunday and to allow the Holy Spirit to open our hearts to God’s living word. This is also an opportunity to meet with other young men and women of faith and to support each other. The meeting will take place in Clergy House at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 26th January.

OUR CHILDREN’S LITURGY GROUP will be making a return at the 9.30 a.m. Mass next Sunday 30th January, with sessions being held once a month to begin with.

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.

CHORISTER DAY Brentwood Cathedral will be hosting a ‘Be a Cathedral Chorister for a Day’ opportunity for boys aged 8 to 12 on Saturday 29th January 2022. The day will begin at 10.30 with a welcome for families and will end with Choral Vespers at 4.00 p.m. with an opportunity for everyone to hear the boys sing. We hope the day will be of interest to all boys who enjoy singing, whatever their prior musical experience. We will be holding a similar day for girls later in the year.

For more details and to register a place, please visit www.cathedralbrentwood.org or telephone 01277 265288.

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS The new rota starts this weekend, all ministers should have received a copy via email. Ann 231593 or messina21@btinternet.com

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Mary Mackin, Sharon Green and John Martin who died recently. Funeral details are as follows:

John’s Funeral Service - Monday 24th January, 10.30 a.m. (at Bentley Crematorium)
Mary’s Requiem Mass - Friday 28th January, 11.00 a.m.
Sharon’s Funeral Service - Monday 31st January, 10.30 a.m.

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

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

SUNDAY MASSES in the Cathedral:
Saturday Vigil Mass at 6.30 p.m. in the Cathedral.
Sunday: 8.00 a.m./ 9.30 a.m./ 11.30 a.m./ 6.30 p.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES Monday to Friday at 9.15 a.m.

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

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

THE 2022 DIOCESAN DIRECTORY is available for purchase from the parish office - £2.80 per copy.

BAPTISMS If you would like to enquire about Baptism for your child, please visit https://cathedralbrentwood.org/baptism-2022/

WE HAVE NOW RESUMED passing the collection bag around the Cathedral. However, if you are able to do so, we would encourage you to give BY STANDING ORDER. Once set up, you do not have to think or worry about your offering when you come to Mass. It is also a huge help to us as it is now impossible to bank cash in Brentwood and we are having to take it to Billericay.

If you are a taxpayer, please gift aid your offering. For more information go to www.cathedralbrentwood.org/gift-aid-explained/ Thank you for your continued generosity.

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, Consetta Hall, David Hill, Ann Hurcombe, Wong Su Hwa, Jess, Brian Kelleher, Veronica Kelleher, Ginevra Lambourne, 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 Hartwood Hospitals and St Francis Hospice.

WE HAVE NOW RESUMED passing the collection bag around the Cathedral. The evidence suggests 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 themselves and others. Everyone is still asked to hand sanitise as they enter and leave the Cathedral.

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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.
The details to register your child (Year 4 and above in September 2022) for the 2022/23 programme will be released in due course. 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.

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**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**

**YOUTH MASS** Our next Youth Mass will be on Thursday 3rd February at Brentwood Cathedral; Fr Paschal Uche will be presiding and Fr Michael Barwick will preach. The evening starts at 6.00 p.m. with pizza and refreshments in the parish hall, followed by a session run by Beth Warren from the charity Million Minutes. Mass will then be celebrated at 7.30 p.m. The event is open to all young people in Year 9 and above. For more information, please see www.bcys.net

**BE PART OF THE WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23:** If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young Catholic Community, working with thousands of young people from Essex and East London. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and are also looking to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. For more information, please contact Joseph Beattie, manager of Walsingham House, by emailing josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or calling 01277 373959.

**BISHOP’S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS AND YOUTH MINISTRY:** The Bishop’s Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of 24th February, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information, email bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org by Monday 22nd February.

**REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE** The Retrouvaille programme offers the chance to help you to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about ‘Retrouvaille’ or to register for the programme commencing with a ‘Virtual’ weekend on 3rd -6th March 2022. Call or text 07887 296983 or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

**CALAIS LIGHT** There are currently unprecedented pressures on the UK asylum processing system with few homes being allocated to asylum seekers. Government support for them is minimal and families are struggling to build new lives. Can you
offer your time to help Calais Light support refugee families living locally to Brentwood with appointments, with fundraising, or securing things they need? Car essential. For more information, please call Mary on 07859 028172.

SIR WILLIAM PETRE ALMSHOUSES A vacancy has arisen at the Almshouses situated along the High St in Ingatestone. The Almshouse is a one-bedroom property for single persons. Candidates must be over 50 years of age and in need; preference may be given to Roman Catholics. To apply please contact Mike Falcone, Trustee, Ginge Petre Trust on tel 07935 959388.

VACANCY Site Manager, Cathedral House and Cathedral Parish, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AT. Permanent, 35 hours per week, Monday to Friday between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. The role will require flexibility and will at times be required to work unsociable hours including [evenings, nights, weekends, bank holidays]. Salary: £20,000 - £25,000 per annum depending on experience. Closing date for applications: 5pm on Tuesday 1st February 2022. To be considered for the role, please send a CV and covering letter (no longer than one side of A4) to recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted. If you would like an informal chat, please e-mail recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org leaving your contact details and we will arrange for someone to give you a call.

VACANCY Parish Secretary Required in Our Lady of Ransom, Rayleigh. The successful applicant will ideally be someone with substantial experience in office organisation; hours, a minimum of 12 per week (negotiable). Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date for applications is Friday 28th January 2022.

VACANCY St Peter’s Catholic Primary School Billericay, part of The Christus Catholic Trust, are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated Learning Support Assistant to join our team. For more information, please visit Essex Schools Jobs http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?Vacancylid=71210

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 DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24 - Friday 29 July in Lourdes. It will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O’Connor, the Administrative Director: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

DIOCESAN SCHOOL VACANCIES Details of current vacancies: https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/

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