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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“\text{I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.}”
GENERAL PARISH NEWS

SYNODALITY PROCESS How is the Holy Spirit moving in the Church in our own time and age? How does our journey together allow the Church to proclaim the Gospel in accordance with the mission entrusted to Her? Pope Francis wants to hear the views of the People of God. If you would like to share your views online, please go to https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/PersonalReflectionBrentwoodSynodQR

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD makes a welcome return today at the 9.30 a.m. Mass.

THANKYOU. Fr Martin would like to thank all those 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 of you 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.

FURTHER THANKS to the people who attended the Mission Meeting during the past week and for Michelle and Peter Moran for their inspiring insights and for leading us in worship. The questions we considered were:

1. Can you suggest any ways in which we can move forward as a missionary parish?
2. How can we enable people to grow in faith and become disciples?
3. What is needed for us to feel more equipped as disciples and missionaries?

FIRE AND GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORTS for all parish buildings have now been received following their inspection by SafetyToolbox. Now we must go through the reports and make sure we are meeting all Health and Safety requirements.

JOB OPPORTUNITY to ensure that a positive health and safety culture is promoted and developed within all of the Cathedral Parish premises. To ensure compliance to health and safety legislation and that health, safety and environment policies and practices are adopted and adhered to.

Title: Facilities Co-ordinator
Appointment Type: Part Time, Permanent
Working Pattern: 5 hours per week
Location: Brentwood Cathedral Parish, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AT
Salary: £12.50 per hour
Closing date for applications: 5.00 p.m. - 14th February 2022.
Job description can be accessed through the Brentwood Cathedral website www.cathedralbrentwood.org

For consideration, please send a CV and covering letter (no longer than one side of A4) to cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

MAJOR PARISH COSTS FOR JANUARY: If you are wondering what costs the Cathedral parish must meet from the offertory collection, the following might give you some idea. Here are the top five costs of the past month:

1. £15,460.92 - installation of new sound system
2. £3,386.94 - Health & Safety Audit
3. £880.50 - Cathedral site grounds maintenance costs
4. £832.99 - sign off and certification of last year’s new lighting system
5. £660.00 - professional pruning of trees overhanging neighbouring properties
THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: What do the Martyrs teach us about the life of faith? Input will be given today by Fr Paul Keane, Vice Rector at Oscott seminary, Birmingham on 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

CANDLEMAS, THE FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD is on Tuesday 2nd February. When Mary and St. Joseph brought Christ to the temple, Simeon embraced the Child and prayed: “At last, all-powerful Master, you give leave to your servant to go in peace, according to your promise. For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations, the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people.” (Luke 2:29-32).

Things to help you deepen your friendship with Christ:
- Hold your own candlelight procession at home, teaching your children the significance of the light as a symbol of Christ.
- Read the Gospel account of the Presentation, found in the Gospel of Luke, chapter 2, verses 22 to 35.
- Pray a decade of the Rosary, focusing upon the Presentation of the Lord, the fourth Joyful Mystery.

250 CLUB WINNERS Our congratulations go to Pat Barbour-Bourne who wins £50 (October draw), David Worsfold who wins £50 (November draw), Sue Shepherd who wins £300 and also R & J Gillard and Sheena Docherty who each win £100 (December draw). Congratulations.

250 CLUB RENEWALS ARE DUE NOW and new members are very welcome to join. This is an easy way to help raise funds for the Parish and every month a member of the club wins a prize!

For those paying by ongoing standing order either monthly or annually, no action is required. If you pay in one annual instalment by cash, cheque or bank transfer, this will be due by 28th February please.

If I have your email address, you should have already received a renewal form from me. Alternatively, forms are available from the narthex, the Parish Office (during office hours), by email or I can arrange to post one to you. New and renewal forms, along with payment, can be returned to Clergy House for my attention. Should you receive an email in error, please advise me so that I can remove you from the mailing list. Please also contact me if you are unsure how to make your payment or have any other queries. Thank you for your continued support. Pat Austin - email pat@familyaustin.co.uk or call 01277 824363 / 07733 103588.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS 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 cathedralcoffeerota@yahoo.com

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.

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

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

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Sharon Green who died recently. 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.
SECOND COLLECTION next Sunday 6th February for the Lourdes Sick and Helpers Pilgrimage fund. If you can, please Gift Aid your offering.

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 23rd February.

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

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, Concetta 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, Mascallo, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartswood Hospitals and St Francis Hospice.

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.

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.

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

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** 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+. For more information, see www.bcys.net

**CATHOLIC HISTORY WALK** - Monday 7th February - meet 6pm Corpus Christi Church, Maiden Lane, London WC2E 2NB. We’ll explore The Strand, and Covent Garden and head towards Smithfield and St Paul’s Cathedral. No need to book, just turn up! We suggest a donation of £5.00p. Children should be accompanied by an adult with responsibility for them. For more information email catholichistorywalks@gmail.com

**VACANCY** On the forthcoming retirement of the current post holder, St Helen’s Catholic Junior School are seeking to appoint a School Business Manager join them in March 2022. The vacancy has been advertised on the website: essexschoolsjobs.co.uk.

Please contact the school office for further information and an application pack: 01277 213962 - email: admin@st-helens-jun.essex.sch.uk Closing date: 4th February 2022

**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 07887 296983 or Email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

**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 contact Mike Falcone, Trustee, Ginge Petre Trust on tel 07935 959388.

**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. 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.
THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24 - Friday 29 July in Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. For further information contact Cathy O'Connor: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

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