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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“Why do you observe the splinter in your brother’s eye and never notice the plank in your own...? Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take the splinter that is in your brother’s eye.”

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

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
27th February 2022

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GENERAL PARISH NEWS

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: What is new about the new evangelisation? Input will be given by Fr Paschal Uche, assistant priest at St James the Less, Colchester, today, Sunday 27th February, 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

ASH WEDNESDAY

is on 2nd March and marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent during which we can reflect on the words of Pope Francis, who reminds us that, “Christians are asked to return to God with all their hearts’ (Joel 2:12), to refuse to settle for mediocrity and to grow in friendship with the Lord.”

Pope Francis has called on all believers to remember the people of the Ukraine and “in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.”

Masses with distribution of ashes in the Cathedral at 9.15 a.m., 1.10 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.

MISSION MEETING The next meeting will be on Thursday 3rd March at 7.00 p.m. in the Conference Centre. Following the recent parish survey, we will consider practical ways to make our community a place of welcome for all. It doesn’t matter if you didn’t attend the first meeting or if you didn’t respond to the survey, just come along. All welcome.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday evening during Lent in the Cathedral 7.00 - 7.45 p.m. Please make a special effort to come to, at least, one of the Friday night Stations of the Cross.

LENTEN SOUP AND CHAT Please join us for soup and chat in the Parish Hall between 12 noon and 2.00 p.m. each Friday during Lent starting on 4th March. It’s a chance to get to know each other using the big airy hall that can easily accommodate us. Voluntary contribution, with any profit going to the homeless. If you want to help in any way, please contact Deirdre Smith on 07739 008330 or just come along. All are very welcome!

THE NEXT COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS will be on Sunday 6th March will be the turn of PACE (Parish and Community Events) group; it will be the turn of the St Helen’s Ladies group on Sunday 20th March. Please do come along and join us.

LOVE IN ACTION - this is your parish social and environmental justice group which is involved in a range of activities like food bank collections, litter picking, assisting refugees and awareness of modern slavery. If you’d like to find out more about Love in Action, please drop in to the next meeting in the parish hall on Wednesday 9th March at 7.30 p.m. - everyone most welcome. Tea and biscuits will be served too!

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY on 11th March is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world. On Friday 11th March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity with the poorest in our world and give what you save to help their build lives?

Through CAFOD’s global Church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world - your support can reach to the ends of the earth. CAFOD Fast Day envelopes are available in the narthex of the Cathedral. If you are a tax payer, please gift aid your offering.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS We are very fortunate in our parish to have team of dedicated altar servers who contribute to the celebration of Mass by serving at the altar. If your son or daughter would like to start serving at the Cathedral, Fr Gary will be running a training course for them. Training sessions are on 12th, 19th, 26th March and 2nd April, from 8.15 - 9.30 a.m. in the Cathedral. Please let us know if your son or
daughter would like to join the serving team by emailing cathedralbrentwood@gmail.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.

_The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available during this time._

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

Young Adults (20-40) _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 20th March**. All welcome.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the souls of Eileen Driscoll, Tom Horan and Angelo Calleja who died recently.

*Angelo’s Funeral Service will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday 4th March at 11.00 a.m.*

*Eileen’s Funeral Service will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Tuesday 8th March at 11.30 a.m.*

*Tom’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Thursday 10th March at 11.30 a.m.*

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

**CATHEDRAL PARISH PILGRIMAGE** to Walsingham **Saturday 28th May 2022**. Join Bishop Alan and parishes throughout the diocese of Brentwood as we come together to honour Our Lady of Walsingham. In order to determine what interest there might be for this pilgrimage, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

**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 this Monday, 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.

**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.


**AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY:**

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PLEASE CONSIDER supporting the work and mission of the parish by making your offering 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.

MISSIO UPDATE Thank you to all those who so generously gave to Missio throughout the pandemic. We are delighted to confirm that £1,084.90 was raised in 2021 and has now been banked however, this is a significantly lower than in previous years collections. We hope with your help and valued support to get Missio in Brentwood collections back up again. New Missio Red Boxes can be collected from the Cathedral following all Masses on the weekend of 12/13th March.

Missio are seeking an Assistant Secretary; the role is voluntary, taking around 3 hours per quarter over the calendar year. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact the parish office by 3rd March leaving your contact information and we will get back to you accordingly.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK and housebound parishioners and friends, including: Hermine Bayley, Madeleine Bevan, Phil Carr, David, Patricia Decup, Fr Stewart Foster, Julian Goode, Concetta Hall, Angela Harris, 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’Herlihy, Steven Poole, Anne Rowe, Helena Rowe, Geraldine Sheehan, Robin Shenton, David Spring, Tim, TCT, Louisa Whiteman, and all our sick in Marillac, Maccalls, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartwood Hospitals and St Francis Hospice.

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.

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

LENT READINGS: The Scripture readings for Lent are particularly rich and a major source of help in living a good Lent. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest, Scripture scholar, and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared commentaries on all the readings in the Liturgy of the Word at Mass throughout Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday. The full text of the biblical readings and commentary are accessible from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org
BCYS YOUTH MASS Thursday 3rd March, Brentwood Cathedral. Come along from 6 p.m. for pizza, followed by Sophie from the Walsingham House team and CAFOD, who will talk about her experiences, inspiring us to get involved and how we can take action! Mass will begin in the cathedral from 7.30 p.m. joined by Fr Gary Dench who will preach the Gospel. Open to all those in years 9 and above, no booking necessary.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD are inviting people of all ages to collect items throughout Lent, by following our Lenten Giving Calendar. All the items you collect can be placed into a box or container, topped with an Easter Egg, and then donated to your local foodbank just in time for Easter week. All information, including the calendar itself, can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent or by emailing sianthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

THE PASSAGE a Catholic Charity, working with people who are homeless, is holding a St David’s Day concert on Thursday 3rd March at 7.30 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church, Sloane Square with The London Welsh Male Voice Choir and soloist tenor Ryan Vaughan Davies. All tickets are £20. Please support the work of this excellent charity. Tickets at passage.org.uk/st-davids-day-concert or telephone 020 75921856.

FAITH LIFT DAY at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood on Saturday 12th March. The programme begins with Mass at 12.00 noon followed by lunch (please bring your own), 2.00 p.m. praise and worship, 2.45 p.m. Talk followed by Adoration until 4.30 p.m. during which time Confession and prayer ministry will be available. Please feel welcome to join the day at any time, no booking is required. Tea and coffee will be available. Please share with anyone you think may be interested.

BCYS LENTEN REVISION RETREAT - 2nd - 3rd April, Walsingham House. In years 11 -13 and preparing for exams this year? Get a change of scenery and a fresh perspective at Walsingham House at Abbotswick this lent for times of prayer, socialising and activities, but mostly to revise, alongside friends and the Walsingham House team members. As always, the chapel is here for times of quiet reflection throughout the day. Book online NOW at www.bcys.net/events.

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT 2022 Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people from the night of 8th to the morning of 9th April, to join the 2022 Sponsored Sleepout to help raise awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout or by emailing sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE Fully escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 23rd May 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

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.

BCYS YOUTH GATHER 22nd - 23rd October, Mersea Island. Stay in cabins and try a brilliant range of outward bound activities from climbing high ropes, archery, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you fresh insights into yourself, and your faith, by telling their stories. Open to all those in years 9 and above, book NOW at www.bcys.net/events.

VACANCY The Marillac Neurological Care Centre, Brentwood are currently looking for Health Care Assistants and Registered Nurses to work as integral members of our specialist care team.
We are a 52-bed residential nursing and rehabilitation centre in Warley caring for and treating adults 18+ with complex acquired or progressive neurological conditions and physical disabilities. For further information please contact Jessica Saddler at jessicas@marillac.co.uk or call 01277 220276. Alternatively, please visit our recruitment page: https://www.marillac.co.uk/recruitment/current-vacancies. Closing Date 25th March 2022.

VACANCY Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School, Wanstead is looking to appoint a friendly, experienced receptionist/admin assistant for a part time role (term time only, 4 hours per day, 5 days a week. For further details and application pack please contact the school admin@ourladyoflourdes.redbridge.sch.uk

VACANCY The governors of St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Upminster, are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher due to retirement. St Joseph’s is a nurturing and welcoming community with Christ at the centre. Deadline for applications: 5.00 p.m. on Thursday 3rd March 2022. Please contact the school office on office@st-josephs.havering.sch.uk. Further information and an application pack are available from the school website: www.st-josephs-upminster.net

VACANCY The Governors of St Alban’s Catholic Primary School are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher from September 2022, due to retirement. Deadline for applications: 12 noon on Friday 11th March 2022. For further information please contact School Business Manager Katrina Arrowsmith at contact@st-albans.havering.sch.uk, or call the office Tel: 01708 555644 for an application pack or to arrange a mutually agreed date and time to visit.

VACANCY Parish Administrator required for the Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham, Royal Docks working at St Anne’s RC church, Berwick Road, E16. 20 hours per week (9am-2pm Monday-Thursday) £11,492 p/a (£11.05 p/h). Starting 21st March 2022. Please send a CV and covering letter to frdanielkelly@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date: 14th March 2022.

VACANCY Holy Family Catholic School, Walthamstow are seeking a Deputy Headteacher for September 2022 start. Deadline for applications: 3:30 p.m. on Friday 11th March 2022. Prospective candidates are warmly encouraged to visit the school. For further information please visit our website: https://www.holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk/home/vacancies/current-vacancies/ . To arrange a visit or request an Application Pack, please contact the Headteacher’s PA, Mrs Fray, on 0208 520 0482 or at t.fray@holyfamily.waltham.sch.uk

VACANCIES The Campion School are seeking a Science Technician, Kitchen Assistant and Relief Cleaners for the school; for further information or to request an application pack, please email the Headmaster’s P.A. Christine Noddings on cnoddings@thecampionschool.org.

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