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

Father Martin Boland
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Second Sunday in Lent (C) 13th March 2022

“And a voice came from the cloud saying, “This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.” And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone.”
THANK YOU to everyone who gave so generously last week of items and through our second collection which raised the tremendous sum of £2,308.80 for the people of Ukraine. Your donations will be forwarded to CAFOD and help local experts in Ukraine to provide:

- food
- water
- healthcare
- shelter and clothing

CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE Give online at www.cafod.org.uk

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY retiring collection today. 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.

TIME FOR MISSION MEETING UPDATE Thank you to those parishioners who gathered last Thursday evening to reflect on how we might deepen our community’s relationship with Christ and build bonds of friendship with each other. Some ideas were simple:

i) don’t be afraid to say “hello” and give your name to the person who is sat beside, behind or in front of you at Mass.
ii) if you recognise a parishioner in the street, acknowledge them.
iii) if you are at coffee after the 9.30 a.m. Mass and see a new face or someone on their own, do invite them to join you.

Some ideas were more complex and will involve more thought and planning. Therefore, we have created three smaller groups to consider:

i) a Welcome supper for parishioners and a social event around the celebration of the Queen’s platinum jubilee.
ii) the celebration of Masses in different areas of the parish which would also allow people to get to know each other better
iii) a parish e-newsletter that people would sign up to and the creation of a new parish database which would involve a major census of the parish

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: How has Catholicism enriched culture, music and the arts? Input will be given by Fr David Clemens, parish priest at Our Lady of Compassion, Saffron Walden, today, Sunday 13th March 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

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. 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!

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.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS on Sunday 20th March will be hosted by the St Helen’s Ladies group; while Sunday 3rd April’s morning will be hosted by the Altar Servers. Please do come along and join us. All welcome.

A NEW FACILITIES MANAGER has been appointed for the Cathedral parish. Nicole Wheatley’s important role will be to ensure that we are meeting all health and safety regulations.
NEW ALTAR SERVERS  We are very fortunate in our parish to have a 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 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 team; email cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com.

LENT FOODBANK COLLECTION - Lent is an ideal time to give to others. One way of doing that is to contribute to the parish food bank collection that will be taking place on the weekend of 2nd/3rd April. All the donations go to the Brentwood Food Bank to help local people in need. Donations of non-perishable items such as tinned meat/vegetables/fruit as well as toiletries and treats (biscuits and even Easter eggs!) can be left in the narthex on Sunday, 3rd April.

If you wish to donation money instead, cash in an envelope clearly marked with ‘Brentwood Foodbank Donation’ or make cheques payable to Brentwood Foodbank.

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. Prior to Adoration (at 6.15 p.m.) we will pray the Rosary for the people of Ukraine.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available during this time.

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.

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS are Monday to Thursday (8.30 a.m. - 3.30 p.m.).

PLEASE NOTE the parish office will be closed on Monday 14th March.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Josie Burgen-McCarthy who died recently.

Details of Josie’s funeral are not yet known.

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 levels of interest there might be for this pilgrimage, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

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.

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

TOP 5 MAJOR PARISH COSTS IN FEBRUARY:

1. £4,133.58 - monthly Quota to support the work of the Diocese
2. £1,257.00 - Replacement external Church Noticeboard
3. £495.00 - Copyright Licence 2022-23 Renewal
4. £462.00 - Candle order for Cathedral
5. £384.91 - 2022-23 Gift Aid envelopes

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.

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

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 today.

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, Mascal, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartswood 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

CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD is 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

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

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE WEEKEND If you are single again following divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 8th to 10th April 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com

CATHOLIC WOMEN PRAYING TOGETHER ANNUAL MASS being celebrated on Thursday 28th April 2022 at 11.00 a.m.in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, London W1K 3AH. All are welcome:

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. Single room supplement £100. 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 BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their now-annual ‘Relay 100’ community event this May and June. This initiative is an opportunity to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals or groups to complete a ‘leg’ of our relay around the diocese both locally and further afield; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000 or visit https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/relay-100 to read more about this event.

THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: Bishop Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 - 29th July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now on-line at:
www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood For further information, please phone Cathy O’Connor, the Administrative Director: 01206 735623.

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 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: Monday 14th March 2022.

VACANCY A part-time technician is required to support teaching and learning within the Design & Technology Department in The Campion School. 21 hours per week over 3 days x 40 weeks per year, grade: APTC2, Points 3-4 - Salary: pro-rata of a full-time salary of £21.408 - £21,795 pa. Please apply on line (via JobsGoPublic) no later than 12 noon on Monday 14th March 2022.

VACANCY A vacancy has arisen for a part time Parish Office Administrator in Our Lady of the Rosary and St Patrick, Walthamstow Parish. The post will be part-time (approximately 15 hours per week). Application forms can be obtained by contacting Father Kevin via the Parish email address: walthamstowolrstp@dioceseofbrentwood.org Closing Date: Monday14th March 2022.

VACANCY PA/Executive Assistant to the Director of Education, 35 Hours a week. 42 weeks a year, which is term time plus 4 weeks. Pay range: £24,785 - £26,148. A job description and further details are available on the Diocesan website or can be requested by calling 01277 265284. If you are interested in joining our friendly and supportive staff, please send a CV and a covering letter to recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org Closing date: 1.00 p.m. on Wednesday 16th March 2022.

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.

VACANCIES St John’s RC Special School, Woodford Bridge is recruiting for the following positions: SEN Class Teacher, SEN Class Assistants, Finance Assistant and Assistant Caretaker (full time 52 weeks). Previous experience is essential for all roles, for further information please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.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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