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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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Third Sunday in Lent (C) 20th March 2022

“…those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem. They were not…but unless you repent you will perish as they did.”
CAFOD EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR UKRAINE Give online at www.cafod.org.uk

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY Thank you for your generous offering to the work of Cafod; £641.86 was raised. Through CAFOD’s global Church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world - your support helps reach to the ends of the earth.

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

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION: What does it mean to talk about Christ as our Redeemer? Input will be given by Monsignor John Armitage, today, Sunday 20th 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

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 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

CLOCKS GO FORWARD next Sunday 27th March at 1.00 a.m. It is also Mothers’ Day when we thank God for our mothers, living and dead.

FLASH MOB CHOIR returns next Sunday 27th March 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!

CHILDREN’S LITURGY GROUP will be held at the 9.30 a.m. Mass next Sunday 27th March, with sessions being held once a month for the time being.

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 30th March. All welcome.

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.

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.
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 30th March** at 7.30 p.m. - everyone most welcome. Tea and biscuits will be served too!

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 at the collection point in the car park before and after each Mass on Sunday 3rd April.

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

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

PLEASE NOTE next weekend’s newsletter will cover 2 weekends; if you have anything you want to be included, please email it to the parish office by **next Tuesday at the latest**.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Jo Bergin-McCarthy who died recently.

Jo’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated on **Thursday 7th April at 11.00 a.m. in the Cathedral**.

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.

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

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**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/

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, Mascalls, 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

HELPING THOSE IN UKRAINE, and Ukrainian Refugees. Caritas Brentwood are regularly updating information on their website, covering donations, prayer, and welcoming those who are fleeing Ukraine. You will find everything at:

https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine/

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

THE VIGIL OF THE ANNUNCIATION on Thursday 24th March the please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia in this Country. On this month's Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life, we are especially asking you to fast and pray for the end of DIY abortions at home. Please join in and invite others to join as well. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com This will also be the day before the Holy Father consecrates Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so please pray for this as well.
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.

THE NEXT “ENQUIRERS’ EVENING” for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 5 April at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Mgr Kevin Hale. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

BCYS YOUTH MASS on Thursday 7th April at Brentwood Cathedral. Come along from 6.00 p.m. for pizza, followed by praying the Stations of the Cross in the Cathedral for Lent, before we begin Youth Mass at 7.30 p.m. Open to all those in years 9 and above, no booking necessary.

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** 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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