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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THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
17th April 2022
Happy Easter! The Lord has risen, he has risen indeed, alleluia!

Our celebrations remind us that heaven is not out of reach or sealed off from us. Through Christ’s death and resurrection heaven is made open to us and we have been given the route map home. The light of Christ’s resurrection illuminates that journey. We see more clearly our dignity as adopted children of Almighty God. Each one of us, in our own unique way, becomes a window through which that light can shine upon our world. We are the redeemed. This is our Easter joy.

Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to make our celebrations during Holy Week so prayerful, reverent and joyful. A special word of thanks to our altar servers, Roisin Cassels and her flower ladies, brass cleaners, readers, ushers, ministers, musicians and, of course, the Cathedral Choir and parish musicians who helped raise our hearts and minds to God. Thank you to Bishop Alan Williams for celebrating the Triduum for and with us at the Cathedral.

Congratulations to those who received the Easter Sacraments and were received into the Church.

Finally, Fr Martin, Gary, Deacons Paul and Simon would like to thank you for your kindness and generosity. They wish you every blessing of the Risen Christ during this Easter Season.

EASTER OFFERINGS are your personal gift to the priests of the Cathedral. If you are a taxpayer, you can Gift Aid your offering using a Gift Aid envelope.

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE VIDEOS FOR HOLY WEEK now available on the youtube thresholds of hope channel or via www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk These were created to allow people to reflect a little more deeply on the mysteries of Holy Week.

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

Young Adults (20-40) Lectio Divina, Sacred Reading, is an opportunity to prayerfully read together the Sacred Scriptures for the following Sunday. The next meeting will take place in Clergy House at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday 20th April. All welcome.

‘FLASH MOB’ CHOIR returns next Sunday 24th April 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 24th April, with sessions being held once a month for the time being.

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

HOLY HOUR recommences on Monday 25th April.

ROSARY FOR UKRAINE AND PEACE IN OUR WORLD will be prayed at 6.10 p.m. every Monday evening (apart from Monday 18th April).

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.
COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS next Sunday 24th April will be hosted by the Communion Group while Sunday 1st May will be the turn of St Helen’s Preschool. Please do come along and join us. All welcome.

GIFT AID BOXES are now available for collection from the narthex of the Cathedral from this weekend; please collect boxes as soon as possible. If there is no box for you to collect but you still wish to give regularly, please consider signing up for a standing order on the website https://cathedralbrentwood.org/contact-gift-aid/ or alternatively, contact Lorna Green on 01277 205923.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Derek Mitchell, Christopher Ford and June Able who died recently.

Derek’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Friday 22nd April at 2.00 p.m. in the Cathedral.
Details of June’s funeral are not yet known.
Details of Christopher’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.

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

AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE FOR MARCH:
Saturday 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass 102 (February 92)
Sunday 8.00 a.m. 100 (102)
9.30 a.m. 258 (280)
11.30 a.m. 174 (156)
6.30 p.m. 115 (105)

TOP 5 MAJOR PARISH COSTS IN MARCH:
1. £4,133.58 - monthly Quota to support the work of the Diocese
2. £2,469.52 - Energy charges
3. £1,180.92 - EICR Remedial Electrical Works
4. £1,118.25 - Insurance
5. £217.15 - Music Licence 2022-23 Renewal

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.

BAPTSIMS 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/

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:

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

VACANCIES St Benedict’s College are recruiting for a Lay Chaplain and Chaplaincy Apprentice. For further details about either role, please contact Mrs Jo Santinelli, Principal on 01206 549222 and for further details about the college, please go to our website www.stbenedicts.essex.sch.uk. Closing date for applications is midday on Friday 29th April.

VACANCY St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Upminster are seeking a Headteacher; deadline for applications is 5.00 p.m. on Friday 29th April 2022. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school. Please contact the school office on office@st-josephs.havering.sch.uk to arrange. Further
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