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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"Put your finger; look, here are my hands. Give me your hands; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe." Thomas replied, "My Lord and my God!"
LENT FOODBANK COLLECTION  The recent Lent food bank collection raised well in excess of £600 and there were several cars filled to the brim with donations; a huge thank you to our very generous parishioners.

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.

PHOTOS OF HOLY WEEK TRIDUUM are on the Cathedral website. Thank you to Dr Graham Hillman and Jim Lynch for recording these special events in the life of our parish community.

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

SOUP AND CHAT  Over the 6 Fridays of Lent there was a good gathering of parishioners who met for soup and friendship in the Parish Hall. As well as being a most enjoyable time we also raised, through generous donations, the fantastic sum of £714.50 for the homeless. The Project in Basildon in which we are involved in cooking for the homeless, suggested there is a great need for Ukrainian refugees at the moment, so Father Martin has agreed to put the money towards a special fund to help those Ukrainian refugees who come our way. Thank you to all those who participated and let’s do it again!

GIFT AID BOXES are available for collection from the narthex of the Cathedral; 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 Pam Stokes, June Able, Mike Hebron and Louisa Whiteman who died recently.

Louisa’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday 6th May at 11.30 a.m.
Pam’s Funeral Service will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Thursday 12th May at 11.30 a.m.
Details of June’s funeral are not yet known.
Details of Mike’s funeral are not yet known.

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

HOLY HOUR recommences on Monday 25th April.

FRIDAY COFFEE Our weekly Friday coffee mornings will be recommencing again on Friday 29th April; coffee and cake will be served in the Parish Hall after the 9.15 Mass. Please do join us; all are welcome.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS next Sunday 1st May will be hosted by St Helen’s Preschool while Sunday 8th May will be the turn of the Missio team. Please do come along and join us. All welcome.

PARISH LITTER PICK Would you like to get involved? Twice a year the parish holds a litter pick around the Cathedral and surrounding area and we are next meeting after 9.30 a.m. Mass on Sunday 1st May.

All equipment is supplied so we just need helpers to take care of our common home; all ages are welcome! Thank you.

ALL ARE WELCOME Parishioners and friends are warmly welcome between 1pm and 3pm on Friday 6th May at the small parish hall for teas/coffees/biscuits/cake and fellowship. This marks a resumption of the “All Are Welcome” gatherings that proved so popular in 2019 before the pandemic intervened. Do come along if you can. It is intended that these gatherings will
continue to be held on the first Friday of every month and will be publicised in the newsletter.

FORTHCOMING PARISH CENSUS On the weekends of the 14th/15th and 21st/22nd May we will take a parish census in order to make sure that our parish database is up to date and accurate. You will be able to fill in the census form online through the Cathedral website. We would encourage everyone who can to use the online form. For those who are unable to do this online, you will be able to fill in a simple form that will be given out during Mass.

PARISH AREA MASS One of the challenges for a big parish is to help people to get to know each other better. If you attend the 9.30 a.m. Sunday Mass you may have no idea who attends the 6.30 p.m. Sunday evening Mass. Even within a Mass you may barely know the people who are sat beside you week after week (do say “hello” to them and tell them your name).

Therefore, we are going to divide the parish into smaller units or “areas” and invite people to attend a Mass and celebration that will provide greater opportunities for people to get to know each other.

Please see map on noticeboard that is marked with Area “A” If you live in that area there will be a Mass on the evening of Wednesday 18th May. More details to follow.

“BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL AND THE FIVE CLASSICAL ORDERS” - a lecture to be given by the Cathedral architect, Quinlan Terry, on Thursday 19th May at 8.15 p.m. in the Cathedral. This will be a unique opportunity to learn about the classical inspiration that informed the distinctive style of Brentwood Cathedral.

JUBILEE PARTY JUBILEE PARTY To mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, the parish is holding a party for everyone on the afternoon of Saturday 4th June. More details to follow in due course but please ensure you keep the date free to join in with our celebrations.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF NICHOLAS HOLMES on Saturday 9th July at 11.30 a.m. in Brentwood Cathedral. Please put this date in your diary.

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

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 and all our sick in Marillac, Maccalls, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartswood Hospitals and St Francis Hospice.

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/

**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/

**THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** Throughout the fifty days of Easter we read from the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared faith talks on ‘The Acts of the Apostles’ and ‘Paul in Acts’, for your use through the Easter season. To access these free audio recordings please go to the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org and scroll down to ‘Acts in Easter’.

**CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD** are inviting people to take part in an online auction organised by The Kelvedon Parish of St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels from 22nd April to 2nd May. This is initiative is to raise awareness and money to help to settle an Afghan refugee family. If you would be interested in considering such a project, then please contact caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org. To access the online auction, go to: https://auction.kelvedoncatholicparish.org.uk/

**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** St Helen’s Catholic Infant School is an ‘Outstanding’, three form entry school, situated in Brentwood. The governors, staff, and parents are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-motivated Class teacher to join us in September 2022. Visits are warmly welcomed. For details and an application form (CES application form), please contact Mrs Onslow (Office Manager) via the school office: 01277 215626 or admin@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk Closing date: Tuesday 10th May at 12 noon

**LEADERSHIP VACANCIES IN DIOCESAN SCHOOLS** Details of all positions can be found at the following link https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/

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