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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“So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, “It is the Lord””

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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.

PARISH LITTER PICK TODAY Would you like to get involved? Twice a year the parish holds a litter pick around the Cathedral and surrounding area and we are meeting today after 9.30 a.m. Mass. All equipment is supplied so we just need helpers to take care of our common home; all ages are welcome! Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE the parish office will be closed on the following: Monday 2nd, Thursday 5th and Monday 9th May.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS this Sunday 1st May is hosted by St Helen’s Preschool. The Missio team will host next week’s coffee. Please do come along and join us. Do make everyone feel welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES will be taking place this coming Saturday 7th and on Saturday 21st May. Please pray for our children as they receive the Body of Christ for the first time in their lives and deepen their friendship with the Lord. Please pray that their parents may continue to be “the first and best teachers of the Faith by what they say and do.”

A huge and sincere thank you on behalf of the whole parish for the First Holy Communion catechists who have given so generously of their time and shared their faith with our children.

READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS should have received an email (sent Sunday 24th) with the new rota which starts next week. Please note your date and check in with Ushers on arrival. Ann - messina21@btinternet.com

WELCOMING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES Brentwood Cathedral has started to welcome refugees into the local community. We are preparing ‘Welcome Packs’ for each refugee to help them settle into their new home. If you would like to donate to these packs, we will be collecting at all Masses next weekend, 7th/8th May. Appropriate items might be toiletries for ladies and children and small gifts such as biscuits or candles. If you have any questions or would like to find out more about how you can help Ukrainian refugees then please contact Heather Leathley (heatherleathley1@gmail.com) or Brenda Underwood (brendaund@gmail.com)

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PROMOTION OF VOCATIONS next Sunday 8th May is to help make more people aware that all people have a vocation within the life of the Church and their fulfilment is in living it with joy and conviction.

THE NEXT CHAPTER OF CANONS MASS which will include the enrolment of Fr Andrew Headon as Canon will take place in the Cathedral at 12 Noon on Monday 9th May. All are welcome to attend.

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

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Pam Stokes, June Able, Mike Hebron, Louisa Whiteman and Florence Welsh who died recently.

Louisa’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday 6th May at 11.30 a.m.

Mike’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesday 11th May at 11.00 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 and Florence’s funerals are not yet known.

May all who have died know the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living.
FRIDAY COFFEE  Our weekly Friday coffee mornings have now recommenced; coffee and cake will be served in the Parish Hall after the 9.15 Mass. Please do join us; all are welcome.

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.

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 7.00 p.m. Mass on the evening of Wednesday 18th May in the Cathedral parish hall.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex or contact the parish office if you plan to attend.

HOLY HOUR of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Monday evening from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is also available during this time.

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

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.

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

BAPTISMS If you would like to enquire about Baptism for your child, please visit https://cathedralbrentwood.org/baptism-2022/
AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL:
Saturday 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass 97 (March 83)
Sunday 8.00 a.m. 146 (75)
9.30 a.m. 362 (271)
11.30 a.m. 186 (154)
6.30 p.m. 124 (87)

MAJOR PARISH COSTS FOR APRIL: If you are wondering what costs the Cathedral parish must meet from the offertory collection, the following might give you some idea. Here are the top five costs of the past month:

1. £4,133.58 - monthly Quota to support the work of the Diocese
2. £450.00 - Easter flowers
3. £374.50 - Gardening services Cathedral site
4. £365.00 - Window cleaning of all buildings on Cathedral site
5. £319.99 - Palm crosses

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, Mascalls, 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.

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/
MIGRANTS MASS The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood invite you to a celebration of the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday 2nd May at 2.30pm. The celebrant is Bishop Michael Campbell OSA. You are kindly invited to attend in-person to celebrate the significant contribution made by migrants to the life of our Dioceses. We hope to see you there.

BCYS YOUTH MASS The next Youth Mass will be held this Thursday 5th May in Brentwood Cathedral. Come along from 6.00 p.m. for pizza, followed by Mass at 7.30 p.m. Open to all those in years 9 and above, no booking necessary.

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’.

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-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.

LATE VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD A vocation discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 will take place at St Beuno’s in North Wales from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September 2022. The direct link for further details and booking: Discernment Weekend https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2

BCYS YOUTH GATHER will take place from 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 Ursuline Preparatory School based in Warley, Brentwood is a vibrant co-educational school educating children from 3 to 11 years. We are seeking to appoint an experienced Teacher Assistant at our thriving Prep. School from September. Please apply in writing with accompanying CV to Mrs Wilson, Headteacher by post to Ursuline Preparatory School, Great Ropers Lane, Warley, Brentwood, CM13 3HR or via e-mail: secretary@ursulineprepwarley.co.uk Closing date for application is Friday, 6th May

VACANCY St Peter’s School are looking to appoint a new Deputy Headteacher. St Peter’s Catholic Primary School is a popular, friendly school which primarily serves the Catholic communities of Billericay and Wickford. The Christus Catholic Trust and the Governors of St Peter’s School invite applications from enthusiastic and suitably qualified, practising Catholic leaders.
to join our Trust and the leadership team at St Peter’s to continue to build on our successes. For more information, please visit Essex Schools
http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=74639  Closing Date is midday on 12th May.

**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 **Friday 6th 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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