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:

Brentwood Diocesan Trust – Registered Charity No. 234092

Jesus said “The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life…”
GENERAL PARISH NEWS

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.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS this Sunday 8th May will be hosted by the Missio team; next weekend will be the turn of the Scouts. Please do come along and join us. Do make everyone feel welcome.

PLEASE NOTE the parish office will be closed on Monday 9th May.

THIS SUNDAY IS GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY when we are invited by the Church to pray in a particular way for vocations to the priesthood. Please pray for Vocations and for those who are training for the priesthood. There will also be a retiring collection to support the promotion of vocations.

READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS, the new rotas start this weekend. Please check and place a reminder in your diary. Webpage - https://cathedralbrentwood.org/rotas-page/ Thank you for your continued support. Ann messina21@btinternet.com / 01277 231593

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES The remainder of this year’s First Holy Communion Masses will be taking place 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.

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 this 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)

THE NEXT CHAPTER OF CANONS MASS which will include the instalment of Fr Andrew Headon to Canon will take place in the Cathedral at 12 Noon tomorrow, 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 and Florence Welsh who died recently.

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.

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. Please note that there will be no Holy Hour on Monday 16th May.

**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.

**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 at the back of the Cathedral 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.

**“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.

**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/

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**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.

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/

ST HELEN’S JUBILEE PICNIC You are cordially invited to join us in celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee on Friday 27th May from 3.30 p.m. on the Junior School field. Come and join your friends and family for a relaxing picnic tea where there will be games available for everyone to join in. Tickets are now on sale for £10 per household in advance or for £15 on the gate. Children are invited to dress down in red, white and blue in school for the day to celebrate in style. For further information, please email: sthelenspta@gmail.com
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-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.

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 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 A vacancy has arisen for a part time Housekeeper in Holy Trinity Presbytery and Hall, St Therese Hall and occasionally in St Basil’s Presbytery in Basildon Parish. The post will be part-time (approximately 15 hours per week - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday). Application forms can be obtained by contacting Father Sabu via the Parish email address: basildon@dioceseofbrentwood.org Closing date for applications: 27th May 2022.