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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**CATHEDRAL OF ST MARY AND ST HELEN HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter C** 15th May 2022

**GENERAL PARISH NEWS**

**PLEASE REGISTER TODAY AS A CATHEDRAL PARISHIONER**

We are kindly asking every adult parishioner to register in order to make sure that we have up to date parish records and have a real sense of how we as a parish community can best continue our mission as disciples of Christ.

Our parish database has not been updated for almost ten years and, therefore, much of the information is inaccurate. At the same time, we must now comply with data protection regulations (GDPR) which means that any information you agree to give us is used only for the purposes of the parish.

It is also important that the priests know who are their parishioners. This is especially the case if someone requests a sacrament, e.g., the sacrament of matrimony or a baptism for their child, or requires an official document to be signed, e.g., a school Certificate of Catholic Practice.

**How do you register?**

It is very simple and will take no more than five minutes of your time. Each adult parishioner should either go to “Parish
For those of you who cannot complete the registration form online, forms are available in the narthex of the Cathedral. Once you have filled in the form, please return it to Clergy House.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and for taking the time to fill in the registration form.

**COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS** this Sunday 15th May will be hosted by the Scouts; next weekend will be the turn of the CAFOD representatives. Please do come along and join us. Do make everyone feel welcome, especially those who may be new to attending the coffee morning.

**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.

**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.”

**‘FLASH MOB’ CHOIR** returns next Sunday 22nd May 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 22nd May, with sessions being held once a month for the time being.

**SUPPORTING UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN BRENTWOOD** - our next parish meeting is on Wednesday 25th May at 7.30 p.m. in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to come along to find out what we are doing to support Ukrainians in our local community and how they can help.

For further information please contact Heather Leathley on heatherleathley1@gmail.com. Thank you to everyone who
supported the collection for Welcome Packs which we have distributed to around 40 local Ukrainians refugees.

JUBILEE PARTY To mark the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee, the parish will be 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. Everyone welcome. Please put this date in your diary.

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

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the souls of Sarah Knight, Babs Page, June Able and Florence Welsh who died recently.

June’s funeral will be celebrated on Thursday 26th June at 12 noon in St Thomas of Canterbury C of E Church.
Sarah’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 1st June at 10.00 a.m. in the Cathedral.
Details of Florence’s and Bab’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.

ROSARY FOR UKRAINE AND PEACE IN OUR WORLD will be prayed at 6.10 p.m. every Monday evening

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.

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, 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.

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/

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.pathwaysstogod.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 Helens Junior School are seeking a KS2 Classroom Assistant FOR A September 2022 start; salary range: Scale 3, Point 4-5 (£12,654 - £12,899) per annum. The permanent post will be 28 hours and 20 minutes term time only. Monday to Friday 8.50 am to 3.30 pm with an hour for lunch. Please contact Mr L Daley, Headteacher at the school office for an application pack and further details. Closing date: 17 May 2022.

VACANCY St Helens Junior School are seeking a Breakfast Club & After School Club Manager Salary range: Scale 4, Point 6-7 (£11,603 - £11,828) per annum. The permanent post will be 25 hours term time only. Please contact Mr L Daley, Headteacher at the school office for an application pack and further details. Closing date: 17 May 2022.

VACANCY Sacred Heart of Mary Girls’ School are seeking a full time Maternity Cover Teacher of Biology for September 2022 start. For further details and an application pack please contact the school on 01708 222660 or alternatively email admin@mary.havering.sch.uk Closing date 18th May 2022

VACANCY Director of Finance, required from June 2022 (or as soon thereafter) Salary £63,000 - £68,000. The Campion School is looking for a talented, committed, enthusiastic and innovative colleague to work at a senior level to support the strategic direction of the school through high-quality financial management. This is a great opportunity to work in one of the most successful schools in the London area. The position becomes available following the current postholder moving into another position. Please contact cnoddings@thecampionschool.org for application details and more information. Closing date for applications 12 noon, Friday 27th May 2022.

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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