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

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY 12th June 2022

“The Spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives; it is the spirit of sons and daughters, and it makes us cry out, “Abba, Father!” Romans 8:17

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS this Sunday 12th June will be hosted by the St Helen’s Ladies Group; next week will be the turn of the First Holy Communion group.

Please do come along and join us. Do make everyone feel welcome and introduce yourself to others, especially those who may be new to attending the coffee morning.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES. Please remember in your prayers the eleven young men and women who were confirmed last weekend by Bishop Alan. Inspired by the Holy Spirit, may they be fearless witnesses of the crucified and Risen Christ to others throughout their adult lives.

READERS AT MASS. Would you be interested in proclaiming God’s word to the community at Sunday Mass? Do you have a clear and expressive reading voice? If so, please contact Fr Martin through the parish office.

SECOND COLLECTIONS:
Today, 11th/12th June will be for Sick Clergy who are no longer able to work in parish ministry
and
Next weekend, 18th/19th June will be for Day for Life to celebrate life from conception to natural death. This year the focus is on caring for and valuing the elderly. Pope Francis reminds us that “the little ones learn the power of tenderness and respect for frailty: irreplaceable lessons that are easier to impart and receive with grandparents. For their part, grandparents learn that tenderness and frailty are not solely signs of decline: for young people, they are conditions that humanise the future.”

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Violet (‘Babs’) Page, Michael Lyons and Concetta Hall who died recently.

Concetta’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Bede’s Church, Chadwell Heath on Friday 24th June at 10.30 a.m.
Babs’ funeral service will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday 27th June at 10.15 a.m.
Michael’s funeral service will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Thursday 30th June at 10.30 a.m.

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

JUBILEE PARTY A huge thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make our parish celebration of the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee last weekend such a happy event and an opportunity for us to come together as a parish family.

ORGAN RECITAL Alex Knight from the RCM London will be giving a lunchtime organ recital on Wednesday 15th June at 1.00 p.m. in the Cathedral. All are welcome.

9.30 a.m. MASS FOR CORPUS CHRISTI, THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST, next Sunday 19th June will be an opportunity for the whole parish community to thank God for the children who made their First Holy Communion in May. We invite those girls and boys to wear their First Communion dresses and smart clothes on the day. They will sit together and be at the heart of our community at this Mass.

JOURNEY IN FAITH ENQUIRERS’ MEETING on Wednesday 22nd June in Clergy House at 7.00 p.m.

Have you, or someone you know, ever thought of becoming a Catholic?
Would you like to find out more about the Catholic Faith?
Are you planning to marry a Catholic or are you married to a Catholic and want to have a better understanding of what they believe?
Are you baptised but, for some reason, have never received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation?

If you have answered “yes” to any of the above questions then The Journey in Faith programme is designed to help you reflect in an adult fashion on the Catholic Faith. Please come along to this initial meeting if you would like to find out more.

ALL ARE WELCOME Parishioners and friends are warmly welcome between 1.00 and 3.00 p.m. on Friday 1st July in the small parish hall for teas/ coffees/ biscuits/ cake and fellowship. Please do come along and join us; all are welcome!

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION We continue to keep in our prayers those young people preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in the next few weeks.
We are now beginning to make preparations for the 2022-23 Confirmation Course. If you are presently in year 11 and are interested in learning more about your faith and/or feel ready to take this next step then please register your interest by sending an emailing to cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com The only information we need at this stage is your name, your year group at school, and parents’ contact details. Please do this before 3rd July. Full registration information will be sent out once we receive these details.

Please bear in mind that classes take place on Sunday afternoons and attendance at these is compulsory.

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.

THE SECOND AREA MASS will take place on Wednesday 13th July at 7.00 p.m. in the Cathedral Parish Hall followed by refreshments. Please look at the map on the notice board in the Cathedral to see if you live in Area B. If you are a parishioner but live outside the physical boundaries of the parish, you are most welcome to join us at any of the Area Masses.

To give us some idea of numbers for catering purposes please sign up on the sheet in the Cathedral narthex
This is an opportunity for us to come into the presence of Christ and for people to get to know each other a little better outside of Sunday Mass. If you would like to help with that Mass, please contact Clergy House.

CAN YOU HELP? The petrol lawnmower used at Abbotswick for the past 22 years has sadly come to the end of its life and is no longer working or repairable. Does anyone have a spare petrol lawnmower that they would be happy to donate to Abbotswick please? If you are able to help, please contact the parish office or speak to Deacon Paul. Thank you.

THE SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION is restored today. It is an obligation for all Catholics in good health to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is a grave sin to deliberately not do so. This is because God “blessed the seventh day and made it holy” and has commanded us to keep the Sabbath day holy. For Catholics this means coming together as a worshipping community to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, to be nourished by his living word and his Body and Blood in order that we can “go in peace to love and to serve the Lord” in our daily lives.

At the same time, the presence of fellow Catholics at Mass strengthens our own faith and commitment to Christ

By keeping this day holy and coming into the presence of the Risen Christ we are given the graces to live our faith with great pride, courage, and joy. Sunday Mass anchors our lives in Christ and answers our deepest human yearnings. Without this, we cut ourselves adrift and begin to lose a proper sense of ourselves, others, and our relationship with God. St Pope John Paul II puts it like this:

“Sunday is a day which is at the very heart of the Christian life. From the beginning of my Pontificate, I have not ceased to repeat: “Do not be afraid! Open, open wide the doors to Christ!” In the same way, today I would strongly urge everyone to rediscover Sunday: Do not be afraid to give your time to Christ! Yes, let us open our time to Christ, that he may cast light upon it and give it direction. He is the One who knows the secret of time and the secret of eternity, and he gives us “his day” as an ever-new gift of his love.”

Dies Domini, On Keeping the Lord’s Day Holy, St Pope John Paul II

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

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.

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

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

DAMIAN DILLON’S RIDE 100 FOR THE BCCS Philip Young, a eucharistic minister for our Cathedral, recently completed his stage of the Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society (BCCS) Relay 100 event. He ran 10 miles, the equivalent of the distance between St Helen in Ongar, and the church of The Blessed Sacrament in Chelmsford, to help raise awareness and funds for the work that the BCCS do to support children’s mental health in our local schools. The original (road) route was planned for cyclists but was deemed too dangerous to run, so he completed the same distance in the roads and fields around Kelvedon Hatch. You can sponsor him in person or online at
https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/relay100 but please add a reference of: ‘Young Ongar’ to help identify support. Thank you.

MAJOR PARISH COSTS FOR MAY: 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. £611.63 - Candles
3. £240.00 - Easter and Parish Census leaflet printing
4. £505.87 - Paper and stationery
5. £391.33 - Water bill (6 monthly)

AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE FOR MAY:
Saturday 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass 108 (April 97)
Sunday 8.00 a.m. 102 (146)
9.30 a.m. 260 (362)
11.30 a.m. 147 (186)
6.30 p.m. 116 (124)

BAPTISMS 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, Angela Harris, David Hill, Ann Hurcombe, Wong Su Hwa, Jess, Brian Kelleher, Veronica Kelleher, Lawrence, Tony Maule, Mary McCarthy, Carmel Micalef, 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 REGISTER TODAY AS A CATHEDRAL PARISHIONER

Thank you to all those parishioners who have already taken the time to register. If you haven’t done so already, please do so. 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 Census” at www.cathedralbrentwood.org or use the QR code below:

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.

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 2022/23

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

THE MID ESSEX DEANERY invite you to join them, in taking part in the annual Corpus Christi Procession, through the streets of Chelmsford today, Sunday 12th June at 3.00 p.m. Starting at Our Lady Immaculate School, New London Road, Chelmsford, the Holy Eucharist is held in a processional monstrance carried by Abbot Hugh Allen and priests from the Mid Essex Deanery. The procession is accompanied by a marching band, catholic groups and organisations, first communion children, lay people and their families. Don’t miss this extraordinary event, bring your family and friends and join us as we witness to the presence of Christ. For further information please contact Des Kelly by email at kelly.clan@btinternet.com

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 BON’S ALUMNI EVENT On 17th June 2022 from 4.00 - 6.30 p.m. All former students and staff are welcome to attend - please help spread the word! Order a ticket www.stbons.org/alumni Email any questions to alumni@stbons.org

A STUDY DAY FROM GIDEA PARK - ‘Your Sins Are Forgiven’ On Saturday 18th June from 11 am Fr Gerard Bradley will lead a study day entitled ‘Your sins are forgiven: exploring the sacrament of pardon and peace’. To follow this free live streamed event please go to www.whatgoodnews.org Our speaker, Fr Gerard Bradley, is a parish priest in the archdiocese of Southwark and taught Liturgy and Spirituality at St John’s Seminary, Wonersh. Two sessions will be followed by the opportunity for questions. The event will end by 1 pm.

FAITH LIFT DAY The next in our series of successful FAITH LIFT DAYS at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, will be on Sunday 10th July. More details to follow soon.

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 on 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 Sisters, Brentwood are seeking a Deputy Care Supervisor (maternity cover), 10 hours per week to assist our current Supervisor. Our Care team provide care for 5 resident Sisters. Applicants should have nursing qualifications and previous experience of caring for the elderly. Post includes being on call alternate weekends (flexible). Driving licence essential. Please telephone 01277 260156 for an application form.

BANK STAFF - Ursuline Sisters, Brentwood - Bank Staff are required to assist our Care team providing care for 5 resident Sisters. Applicants should have previous experience of caring for the elderly. Please telephone 01277 260156 for an application form.

VACANCY St Helen’s Catholic Infant School are seeking a Learning Support Assistant. The governors, staff, and parents are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-motivated person to join us in September 2022. Hours: 8.45 a.m. - 3.20 p.m. term time only. Please contact Mrs Onslow via the school office for further information. Deadline: 12pm on Thursday 16th June 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/

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: