THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (Corpus Christi) 19th June 2022

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.” Jn 6:57

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

THE 9.30 a.m. MASS TODAY will be an opportunity for the whole parish community to thank God for the children who received the precious gift of Christ’s Body and Blood in May. Please pray that they and their families may continue to deepen their friendship with Christ through Holy Communion.

THE “DAY FOR LIFE” COLLECTION TODAY supports 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.”

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS this Sunday 19th June will be hosted by 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. Please note that there is no coffee morning next Sunday.

JOURNEY IN FAITH ENQUIRERS’ MEETING this 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 a baptised adult Catholic who wants to receive the sacrament of 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.

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

Concetta’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in 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.

Maria’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday 1st July at 11.00 a.m.

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

VESPER FOR UKRAINE, Wednesday 29th June, 7.00 p.m. in the Cathedral. An ecumenical service to pray for Ukraine at which the Dean of Chelmsford Cathedral will give a short reflection. The music will be a mixture of Ukrainian and English church music and some of the readings and prayers will be in Ukrainian.

Everyone is very welcome as we show solidarity and lift to the Lord in prayer our Ukrainian friends, many of whom are now living with members of our parish community.

This will be followed by a social event in the Parish Hall next door (starting around 7.45 p.m.). There will also be people available to give advice on most aspects of supporting our Ukrainian guests, including staff from Brentwood Borough Council, the DWP and the Brentwood Foodbank.

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 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. To help with catering requirements, if you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

We are seeking help with the refreshments at the Ordination; if you could be available from 9.00 a.m. on this day and would be willing to help, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

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.
THE CLOSING OF HSBC BANK BILLERICAY BRANCH means that it has become even more difficult to bank loose collection plate money. The nearest HSBC bank to us is now in Basildon. If at all possible, please support the parish by setting up a STANDING ORDER. Once set up, you do not have to think or worry about your offering when you come to Mass. 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.

We do understand that there are some people who cannot do this or who would prefer to make their offering by cash. We will continue to pass round the collection bag for those people as normal.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the running and work of the Cathedral parish.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL MUSIC is delighted that the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee Service at St Paul’s Cathedral included the hymn ‘Christ is Made the Sure Foundation’, which was sung in the arrangement written by John Rutter for the dedication of Brentwood Cathedral in 1991. We are very proud that a seed sown in Brentwood Cathedral has borne fruit in the wider world of Cathedral music.

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.

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

HOLY HOUR of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will recommence again on Monday 25th July from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.

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.

BAPTISMS Please note, we are fully booked for Baptisms for the remainder of this year so, if you are seeking Baptism for your child, please initially visit the parish website at https://cathedralbrentwood.org/baptism-2022/ and read all of the information. Please then call the parish office no earlier than mid to end of September 2022; it is hope we will then have information about the new Baptism Preparation course.

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 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.

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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:

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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.

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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

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/

JUST FINISHED A-LEVELS OR UNI? Aged 18-22? Interested in working with young people? Join the Walsingham House Team 2022/23 for an amazing Gap Year opportunity starting in September 2022. Details on www.bcys.net or contact Joseph Beattie -01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org
YEAR OF THE FAMILY The 10th World Meeting of Families is taking place in Rome this coming week, with a programme of talks and liturgies which will be live-streamed via Vatican media channels. Our Diocese is marking the close of the Year of the Family at the annual Mass for Marriage and Family Life in July, which Bishop Alan will offer for the intentions of all families in the Diocese. If you would like a particular intention to be placed before the altar at this Mass, please complete the prayer request form which can be found on the new Marriage and Family Life pages of the Diocesan website, where you will find more information about the World Meeting of Families: https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriage-family-life

FAITH LIFT DAY - Sunday 10th July at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane. The day will begin with Mass at 12 Noon, (this is optional if people would prefer to attend their parish Sunday Mass) followed by lunch at 1.00 p.m. At 2.00 p.m. there will be prayer and praise, followed by a talk from 2.45 - 3.20 p.m. After a short break will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with opportunity for Confession, and Prayer Ministry from 3.45 finishing at 4.45 p.m. Tea and coffee will be provided for the day, but please bring your own packed lunch. Everyone is welcome, and please feel able to join in the day at any time. No booking is required.

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 for a Choral Director- The Diocese of Brentwood. We are seeking to appoint a Choral Director, this is a new and exciting post which is part of the National School Singing Programme. For an informal discussion about the post, please contact Andrew Wright, Director of Music by email at: music@dioceseofbrentwood.org Further information and Application Form can be found on the following link: https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/NSSP-Choral-Director-Application-Pack-002.pdf. Please send a supporting statement of no more than two A4 pages (font size 11 minimum) which outlines:
- Why you are a suitable candidate for the post;
- Your motivations for applying;
- The aspects of the job description which particularly attract you to the post;
These documents should be returned by email to recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 4th July 2022.

VACANCY: Midday Assistant 11.45 a.m.-1.00 p.m. (term time only). The governors, staff, and parents of St Helen’s Catholic Infant School are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-motivated person to join us in September 2022. 11.45am- 1.00 p.m. (term time only). Please contact Mrs Onslow via the school office for further information. Deadline: 12pm - Friday 1st July 2022.
VACANCY The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral is seeking a part-time Co-ordinator to assume responsibility for the day-to-day running of the charity. Full details at https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-seek-an-organising-secretary/

VACANCY St Peter’s Catholic Primary School Billericay, part of The Christus Catholic Trust, are seeking to recruit a Catering Assistant to join our established catering team preparing approximately 250 meals a day. Candidates must have experience of a similar environment as well as a passion for great food. For more information, please visit http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=76759 Closing date, midday on 22nd 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: