

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

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3rd and 4th Sundays Ordinary Time (A)
22nd January - 4th February 2023



Thursday 2nd February is The Presentation of the Lord -
Candlemas

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

QUIZ NIGHT If you are interested in attending either as a group or an individual, please write names on the sign-up sheet in the Cathedral narthex. This will give the organisers a rough idea of numbers.

NEW BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL GUIDE BOOK now available in Cathedral narthex. Find out more about the history and design of the Cathedral. Suggested Donation £4

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS on Sunday 22nd January will be hosted by the St Helen's Ladies group. In the coming weeks it will be the turn of St Helen's Preschool on 29th January and the PACE group on the 5th February. Please do come along and join us.

A SECOND COLLECTION FOR MARIA RATSCHITZ, our twinned parish in South Africa, will be taken on **Sunday 29th January**. Fr Gerald Gostling will be visiting Fr Tom at Maria Ratschitz and on his return, will report back on the work your donations support.

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS We would be glad to receive any unwanted Christmas gifts (including in date Christmas food items) next weekend **29th January**; we will pass any food items on to the Foodbank and will distribute other items to those most in need in our community. Please put items in box in the narthex.

PRAY for the repose of the soul of Thomas Hill, Joseph Farrell, Barbara Markham, John Noble and Felisa 'Paulina' Meehan who died recently.

Thomas' Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Tuesday 31st January at 10.30 a.m.

Joseph's Funeral Service will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday 6th February 2023 at 10.30 a.m.

Barbara's Funeral Service will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Thursday 9th February at 2.30 p.m.

John's Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday 17th February at 10.30 a.m.

Paulina's Funeral Service will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Thursday 2nd March at 10.30 a.m.

May the souls of the faithful rest in the bosom of all God's saints and one day dwell in the land of the living.

ROSARY FOR UKRAINE AND PEACE IN OUR WORLD will be prayed at 6.10 p.m. followed by **THE HOLY HOUR** of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Monday evening from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.

READERS & MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION if you have not yet done so, please can you let Ann Camp know by **Sunday 22nd** January if you are able to continue, return to serving the community as a minister or you are unable to do so for the period 11th February -14th May so that rotas can be compiled.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ AT MASS? If you have a clear and confident reading voice and would like to proclaim God's living word for the community at Mass please contact Fr Martin

WINTER WARMER SOUP LUNCHESES - every Friday during January, February and March in the Parish Hall, 12 Noon - 2.00 p.m. You and your family, friends and neighbours are most welcome to come along for free hot soup and crusty bread. There is no cost and plenty of chat and warmth to help see us all through the winter months.

CANDLEMAS - THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD is on Thursday **2nd February**. On this day candles that will be used during the year are blessed. If you would like any candles to be blessed for your own personal use at prayer, please bring them to the 9.15 a.m. Mass where together we will pray "Behold our Lord will come with power, to enlighten the eyes of his servants, alleluia"

FANCY TRYING SOMETHING NEW IN 2023? Why not come along to the next *Love in Action* meeting in the parish hall on Wednesday **8th February** at 7.30pm? Just turn up and see what the group does and if there is anything that you'd like to get involved with - food bank collections, soup lunches, coffee mornings, prayer vigils, litter picking, environmental initiatives and supporting refugees. A warm welcome awaits everyone! If you can't make the meeting but would like to find out more then please contact Brenda Underwood on 07717 431068.

250 CLUB RENEWALS ARE DUE NOW and new members are very welcome to join by picking up a form from the Parish Office or email Pat Austin at pat@familyaustin.co.uk Alternatively, please call 01277 824363 / 07733 103588. This is an easy way to support the Parish especially at this time of high energy costs and every month a member of the club wins a prize!

For those paying by ongoing standing order either monthly or annually, no action is required. If you pay in one annual instalment by cash, cheque or bank transfer, this will be due by **28th February** please.

New and renewal forms, along with payment, can be returned to Clergy House for Pat Austin's attention. Should you receive an email in error, please advise her so that she can remove you from the mailing list. Please also contact Pat if you are unsure how to make your payment or have any other queries.

CATHEDRAL CAR PARK We are fortunate to have a reasonably sized car park for our parishioners to use during Mass times, however we know it can become very full, very quickly. We would like to ask that if you are able to park elsewhere and walk, you might consider leaving the spaces within the carpark for those who need them the most.

If you are parking in the car park during the busiest Masses, please be mindful of where you park - please do not block any exits or the drive beside the Hall and please be respectful to all other drivers. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

BANKING OF COINS has become a serious challenge as HSBC bank refuses to accept them. We are now having to bank coins in the Post Office which is inconvenient for the postal staff and for customers who are waiting to be served. It can take up to twenty minutes or more to bank this cash. Therefore, if at all possible, *please* support the parish by setting up a standing order via your online banking. The Cathedral Bank details are as follows:

HSBC PLC, High Street, Brentwood, Essex

Account Name: **Brentwood Cathedral**

Sort Code: **40-13-22**

Account number: **30 21 74 92**

If you use this method, please put your **Surname and Initial** as a reference. If you are part of our Gift Aid scheme, then please also add your **Gift Aid number**. So, a typical reference might be:

'A Surname GA=999'

By entering this reference our Gift Aid Organiser will be able to make sure that your generosity is increased in line with the Gift Aid regulations.

If you are a taxpayer, we would also be grateful if you would Gift Aid your offering. For more information go to

www.cathedralbrentwood.org/gift-aid-explained/

We do understand that there are some people who would prefer to continue make their offering by cash. We will continue to pass round the collection bag as normal. *Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the running, work and mission of the Cathedral parish.*

PLEASE REGISTER TODAY AS A CATHEDRAL PARISHIONER

It is very simple. 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.

CHORAL VESPERS is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.00 p.m. (during term time). Everyone is welcome to join us.

MASS TIMES 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.

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available in the Cathedral on Saturdays from 10.00 - 11.00 a.m.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK and housebound parishioners and friends, including: Alistair Bailey, Hermine Bayley, Elizabeth Berry, Madeleine Bevan, Ken Blackett, Phil Carr, David, Iris Davis, Jenny Dean, Patricia Decup, Sheena Docherty, Charlotte Donnelly, Fr Stewart Foster, Julian Goode, Angela Harris, John Henry, Ann Hurcombe, Wong Su Hwa, Jess, Brian Kelleher, Lisa Landy, Lawrence, Susan Maskall, Tony Maule, John McCarthy, Mary McCarthy, Carmel Micallef, Harry Newman, Barney O'Driscoll, Joe O'Herlihy, Steven Poole, Anne Rowe, Helena

Rowe, Geraldine Sheehan, Robin Shenton, David Spring, Mary Stretch, Tim, TCT and all our sick.

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/>

BCYS YOUTH MASS with Caritas Diocese of Brentwood, **Thursday 2nd February**. Join us in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall from 6.00 p.m. for pizza, refreshments and a chance to hear from guest speakers from Caritas and the SVP, helping us to think about charitable giving as we begin to prepare for the season of Lent. Youth Mass is in the Cathedral at 7.30pm, and will be celebrated by Fr Dan Kelly. Everyone is welcome! See www.bcys.net or email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information.

CYMFed FLAME- Saturday 4th March at OVO Arena, Wembley. With incredible speakers Cardinal Tagle, Salesian Archbishop of Melbourne, Tim Costelloe, SDB, Robert Billot, an American lawyer who is the main character in the film Dark Waters; Jenny Garzón Saavedra a young advocate from the Amazon rainforest and David Wells, musicians including MOBO and Urban Music Award winner Guvna B, rising star Faith Child, Catholic band One Hope Project and soloist Adenike - a Finalist on The Voice, as well as Brenden Thompson and Georgia Clarke from Catholic Voices introducing Adoration, led by Cardinal Vincent Nichols this promises to be an incredible and inspiring day for young people! Passes cost just £24/person if you book before 31st January, and the BCYS has a limited number left so please email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org to reserve yours! All information at www.bcys.net/events

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 23rd July - 30th July
Travel alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the

elderly and infirm, as well as joining them for social time, retreat, reconciliation, the baths, a trip to the stunning mountain town of Gavarnie, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to all those in school year 10 and above. For all information and to apply, visit our website www.bcys.net/events/sl23 - Applications open until the end of January!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023 Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from **Monday 24th to Saturday 29th July**. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangey Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangey-tours.com)

COULD YOUR NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION be to help build a better world through volunteering? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help develop our work in parishes or Catholic schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice throughout the diocese? Training and support are provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk

RETRouvaille Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme

commencing with a face-to-face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **24 - 26 February 2023**, or a virtual weekend on **6 - 9 July 2023**, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443. Alternatively, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

VACANCY for Deputy Headteacher at St Thomas of Canterbury Catholic Primary School, Grays to start after Easter. Closing date for applications is **23rd January 2023**, visits are welcome. Any questions please call the school office on 01375 375826 or email finance@stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk / Visit www.stthomasofcanterbury.thurrock.sch.uk/vacancies/ for full details.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN Theme: Discerning God's Call in your life, **3-5 February 2023** in London. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

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:

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Please treat as gift aid donation, all qualifying gifts of money made from the date of this declaration. I am a UK taxpayer and understand that, if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations, it is my responsibility to pay any difference.

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

Donate without Giftaid-it

If you are unable to donate with Giftaid-It then please use the codes below.

Donate £3.00	Donate £5.00	Donate £10.00	Donate £20.00
			

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