

**CATHEDRAL OF ST MARY
AND ST HELEN**

HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS

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33rd Sunday Ordinary Time and 1st Sunday of Advent
13th November - 27th November 2022



Sunday 20th November is the Feast of Christ,
the King of the Universe

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

BRENTWOOD FOODBANK COLLECTION Many thanks to everyone who donated so generously to this collection; in addition to gifted items of essential food and toiletries, a total of £1325 was also donated. There will be **another collection** for the Foodbank on the weekend of **10/11 December**. Until then, might you buy some “Christmas treat” items to put aside and help the poorest in our community to celebrate Christmas?

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS on November 20th will be hosted by St Helen’s Pre-school and on November 27th by Love in Action. Please do come along and join us. *There is no coffee this week due to local road closures for the parade.*

PRAY for the repose of the souls of Kath Murnane, Patricia Young, John Ellis, Michael Dean and also Louis Coelho (former Brentwood parishioner, latterly of Littlehampton) who died recently.

Kath’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Tuesday 15th November at 10.15 a.m.

Michael’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Thursday 17th November at 10.15 a.m.

Patricia’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday 18th November at 10.30 a.m.

John’s Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Tuesday 22nd November at 10.15 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.

HOLY HOUR takes place every Monday evening from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. and is an opportunity to come into the Lord’s presence. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available during this time.

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

NOVEMBER DEAD ENVELOPES During November, please write and place the names of your deceased in these envelopes. The names of your deceased will be placed before the altar at every Mass and those "who have gone ahead of us marked by the sign of faith" will be raised up before the Lord in prayer. Please place the name(s) of your deceased loved ones with any donation in the 'Holy Souls' envelope hand in to Clergy or put through the letter box of Clergy House.

CHRIST THE KING on Sunday 20th November. This is also known as "World Youth Sunday" where we celebrate the role and significance of young people in the life of the Church. A **second collection** for BCYS will be taken on this weekend. To help with banking, if you can, *please* donate online or by using the QR codes on display in the Cathedral. Alternatively, you can donate directly online at www.bcys.net/donate

Anything you can give is so greatly appreciated, as any money raised on will go towards supporting those in need of financial support to go on pilgrimages and to events, as well as allowing us to continue running our events, provide support and training to those working with young people and so much more.

THE 'FLASH MOB' CHOIR/ORCHESTRA returns on **Sunday 27th November** at the 9.30 a.m. Mass. If possible, come early for a rehearsal at 8.50 a.m. (if bringing an instrument) and 9.00 if singing. We need as many of you as possible to come, so we can make fantastic music and celebrate the children in our parish. All are welcome! See you there!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION MEETING - Friday 2nd December from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. This meeting is for those parents who have **already been contacted by catechists** following submission of a completed Registration form. Please look out for an email from brentwoodfhccatechist@gmail.com to this effect (you may need to check spam folders!)

PREPARING FOR ADVENT These coming weeks before Christmas are a time of shopping, partying, eating and drinking. This is as it

should be because these human, worldly ways of preparing to celebrate Christmas remind us that in Jesus, God took human flesh and that He really did experience our earthly existence. But Advent is also an opportunity for us to prepare spiritually – to prepare to celebrate Christ's first coming into our world but also to prepare ourselves for that time when He will come again.

Advent is that sacred time when we give thanks to God for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, but also when we look to that time when he will come again to judge the living and the dead. We are people of expectation and hope, setting our sights set on that eternal future we will share with God.

St Cyril of Jerusalem reminds us of this double meaning of Advent:

We do not preach only one coming of Christ, but a second as well, much more glorious than the first. The first coming was marked by patience; the second will bring the crown of divine kingdom.

At the first coming he was wrapped in swaddling clothes in a manger. At his second coming he will be clothed in light as in a garment. In the first coming he endured the cross, despising the shame; in the second coming he will be in glory, escorted by an army of angels.

Inauguration of Advent Service
with the lighting of the Advent Wreath,
prayers, readings and music
on Sunday 27th November at 4.00 p.m.
in Brentwood Cathedral.

The Service will be led by Bishop Alan Williams.
Music from the Brentwood Cathedral choir.

You can also watch the service on youtube:
<https://youtu.be/c2KQhRXzOFU>

NEW CTS SUNDAY MISSAL The new CTS 2023 Sunday Missal will be available for purchase from the parish office at a price of £8.50 each. The Missals run from the First Sunday of Advent 2022 to Christ the King 2023. They can also be purchased online www.ctsbooks.org/product/sunday-missal-2023/

PARISH DIARIES The 2023 Cathedral diaries are now available in the narthex; in past years we requested a donation of £1.00 per diary however, due to the continuing problems with banking coins, we would be very grateful if you would donate online instead of giving cash if you are able.

PRIMARY SCHOOLS APPLICATIONS. If you are going to apply for a primary Catholic school with your child starting in September 2023, you must have **registered** as a parishioner (see below).

Fr Martin will only be available at the following time in Clergy House:

PRIMARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Wednesday 23rd November~ 4.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

YOUR OFFERING Banking of coins continues to be a real problem for us; we are now having to bank coins in the Post Office which is becoming increasingly inconvenient for both those who work there and also for customers who are in the queue behind us. Therefore, if at all possible, *please* support the parish by setting up a standing order in place of giving cash. 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 cannot do this or 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.

AVERAGE MASS ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER:
Saturday 6.30 p.m. Vigil Mass 116 (September 120)
Sunday 8.00 a.m. 112 (118)
9.30 a.m. 299 (304)
11.30 a.m. 234 (161)
6.30 p.m. 218 (148)

CALLING ALL RED MISSIO BOXES It's that time of year again folks when the Missio team need to collect your red boxes. Please can you leave the red boxes at Clergy House on or before **Sunday 4th December**. The money can then be banked before the end of the year. Thank you for the donations as we continue to support Missio around the world and throughout our own Parish.

The Missio team will be hosting a race night and a quiz next year so please look out for notices in the weekly newsletters. The red boxes will be redistributed in the new year on 2 consecutive Sundays accordingly, along with the chance to pay by direct debit or online one-off donations.

But for now, a sincere thank you to all of you for such generosity in these hard times, it really does make a difference to people you have never met around the world.

MAJOR PARISH COSTS FOR OCTOBER: 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. £1,504.50 - site maintenance (inc gardening, repairs etc)
3. £780.00 - parish welcome supper
4. £776.19 - 6 monthly water bill charge
5. £454.04 - stationery and office supplies
6. £366.00 - annual flagpole inspection & certification

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.

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

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

DETAILS OF PARISH ANNIVERSARIES AND SICK LIST can be found on the narthex noticeboard and at www.cathedralbrentwood.org/news/news-latest.pdf

REGISTER AS A CATHEDRAL PARISHIONER 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 the form is completed, please return it to Clergy House.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK and housebound parishioners and friends, including: Hermine Bayley, Madeleine Bevan, Phil Carr, David, Iris Davis, Patricia Decup, Sheena Docherty, Charlotte Donnelly, Fr Stewart Foster, Julian Goode, Angela Harris, 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, 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/>

THE ADVENT LECTIONARY On **Wednesday 23rd November** from 7.00 p.m. there will be an in-person Faith Talk at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Fr Adrian Graffy will speak about the Advent lectionary, and present the website pages on www.whatgoodnews.org which give the text of all the readings, accompanied by a short commentary. The event is free of charge and there is no need to register. Refreshments in the hall from 6.30. The event will also be live-streamed - simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day or visit the website later once the programme has been uploaded.

SVP1833 YOUNG ADULT'S RETREAT An opportunity for students and young adults, a weekend retreat of prayer, reflection and mission in the Vincentian Spirituality. During the weekend, we will have talks by inspirational speakers, moments of prayer and reflection as well as a visit to Leeds Community Support Project where we will experience some of the vital work of the SVP. To be held on the weekend of **25th-27th November 2022** at The Briery Retreat Centre, 38 Victoria Avenue, Ilkley, West Yorkshire LS29 9BW. Cost: £35. To book, email: youngvincentians@svp.org.uk or follow the link: https://SVP1.formstack.com/forms/young_adult_s_retreat_application

THE BIG SING CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION CONCERT On **Wednesday 21st December** at 7.30 p.m. in The Brentwood Centre. Come and see The BIG Sing LIVE this Christmas. Listen to the choirs' amazing harmonies, stunning arrangements and of course sing along too! An evening for all the family. See full details of the event here:

<https://www.big-sing.com/events/> Tickets available from big-sing.com/events or <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thebigsing1/783323> .

ESCORTED PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND on 29th May 2023, led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699.00 per person, sharing; single supplement £150.00. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Contact Patricia on 01268 762278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES 2023 Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23rd - 30th July 2023! The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, and for those travelling with the BCYS, the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, the chance to visit the baths, a trip to a UNESCO World Heritage site, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above, all information and details on how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl23

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023 The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24th - Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. Details regarding booking and costs will follow soon.

VACANCY Reception class teacher required for Spring and Summer term 2023 for three days a week at St Albans Catholic Primary School Hornchurch. Visits are welcome. Please email the school at contact@st-albans.havering.sch.uk for more details and application form. Deadline for applications: 3:30 pm on **Friday 18th November 2022**.

VACANCY The Champion School in Hornchurch, Essex we are looking to recruit a bank of kitchen assistants that can support

the excellent team where there may be periods of absence, training or need for additional staff due to events that are taking place. The value of bank work is that you have a choice to work or not when the need is required. Current hourly rates range between £12.49-£12.99 inclusive of holiday pay which is based on experience and this is subject to pay review. Closing date **21st November 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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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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