

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

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Baptism of the Lord and 2nd Sunday Ordinary Time (A)
8th - 28th January 2023



“As soon as Jesus was baptised he came up from the water, and suddenly the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming down on him. And a voice spoke from heaven, “This is my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him.”

Matthew 3:16-17

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS on 8th January will be hosted by CAFOD; Sunday 15th will be hosted by the Altar Servers and Sunday 22nd January will be hosted by the St Helen’s Ladies group. Please do come along and join us.

THE HOLY HOUR will recommence in the Cathedral on **Monday 9th January** from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP will meet in the Upper Room on **Thursday 12th January 2023** from 7.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome so please do feel free to join us for prayer and praise. Contact Liz Hart on 07716 424043 if you have any queries.

PAX CHRISTI (The Peace of Christ) SECOND COLLECTION on **Sunday 15th January**. *Pax Christi* prays and works for a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form. Pax Christi is rooted in Catholic Christianity but is open to all who share its values and work. You can Gift Aid your offering by using a Gift Aid envelope or you can give online at www.paxchristi.org.uk/about-us/support-us/donation/

MUSIC RECITAL in the Cathedral **Sunday 15th January** featuring 8-year-old violinist Hermione Duan who will be accompanied by members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. Admission is free. Please email music@dioceseofbrentwood.org should you wish to attend.

PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS (PACE) are planning a series of social events for the coming year including a Coronation Party, International Summer Carnival, Quiz Night, Dress Up Sunday and more. But to make these events happen we need your help. Your involvement will help build up our community and we are inviting you to the next **PACE MEETING** on **Wednesday 18th January** at 8.00 p.m. in Clergy House. Everybody welcome.

One of the things the PACE group will be planning is a **PARISH QUIZ NIGHT** which will be held on Friday 17th February. Do make a note of the date and get a team of people together for what will be a fun evening.

The *PACE* group was originally formed to help raise funds for the Cathedral Parish Halls. We have decided that any profits we make from an event should now go to the maintenance and running of the Halls. Therefore, any support you give to an event is also supporting one of the great assets of our community, the halls.

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. Thank you to *Sainsbury*, Brentwood who have very kindly agreed to provide the food for these lunches.

A SECOND COLLECTION FOR MARIA RATSCHITZ, our twinned parish in South Africa, will be taken on **Sunday 29th January**.

250 CLUB WINNERS Congratulations to all of the following: Antony Maule (June draw) £300, Bessem Tambi and Lorna Green (June draw) £100 each, S Conrad (July draw) and Patricia McCarthy (August draw) who each win £50, L Green (September draw), Pat Redfearn (October draw) and M Jarvis (November draw) who each win £50.

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.

MAJOR PARISH COSTS FOR DECEMBER: 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 from the parish to support the work of the Diocese
2. £560.00 - Monthly cleaning costs
3. £501.96 - Candles and essential church supplies
4. £172.08 - Paper and stationery
5. £246.50 - Cathedral site gardening costs

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, 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/>

STUDY DAY ON THE APOSTLE PAUL The next Gidea Park Study Day will be on **Saturday 21st January 2023** from 11 am until 1.30 pm at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. The speaker is Dr Sean Michael Ryan, chair of the Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain, and research associate at the Margaret Beaufort Institute in Cambridge. Dr Ryan will speak about 'The Gospel according to St Paul'. The event is either in-person or live-stream. Coffee will be available for those attending in-person from 10.30 am. Please bring a packed lunch. Gidea Park Station (Elizabeth Line) is five minutes from the church. For those attending via live-stream simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day. Recording of the talks will be made available after the event on the same website.

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 St Peter's Catholic Primary School are seeking a Receptionist/Administration Assistant. For full details visit <http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=83083> Closing date **6th January 2023**.

VACANCY Walsingham House are looking for someone who has a passion for caring for and supporting others to care for their beautiful site in the heart of the Brentwood countryside. The role involves helping to maintain the House and grounds throughout the year. Hours are 9 per week, 4 of which being worked on a Tuesday. For more information and how to apply, please see <https://bcys.net/job-vacancy-site-manager-for-walsingham-house-at-abbotswick/> Closing date is **12th January 2023**.

VACANCY Our Lady and St George's Primary School, Walthamstow are seeking a Deputy Headteacher to start April 2023. Salary: L11-L15 (£57,436 - £62,926) Outer London, permanent contract / open to job share. For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office on 0208 520 8500 Or email office@olsgschool.org Closing Date: 12 noon **16th January 2023**.

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.

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:



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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