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HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS

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3RD & 4TH SUNDAYS OF LENT (A)
12TH MARCH – 25TH MARCH 2023

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER PICTURE: “The Healing of the Man Born Blind” by the American Artist, Michael Buesking. The image imagines John 9: 6-7: “...Jesus spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, saying to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.”

LENT FOODBANK COLLECTION on **Sunday 12th March**. Please support the Brentwood Foodbank by bringing items to the Cathedral on that day or give online www.brentwood.foodbank.org.uk

FR GARY WILL BE ON RETREAT from **13th - 21st March**. Please note that there will be no HOLY HOUR on Mondays 13th and 20th March.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday evening during Lent in the Cathedral at **7.00 p.m.** Please make a special effort to attend at least one Stations of the Cross.

PACE (Parish and Community Events) group meeting on **Wednesday 15th March** at 7.30 p.m. in Clergy House. If you would like to get involved in helping to plan and run the social events in the parish do come along. We will be planning for the Coronation Celebration Parish Party on 7th May.

LENT CAFOD FAST DAY on **18/19th March** This Lent, CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they’ve asked for to fight the climate crisis. Please use the envelope or give online at cafod.org.uk/lent

WINTER WARMER SOUP LUNCHESES - every Friday during January, February and March in the Parish Hall, 12 Noon - 2.00 p.m. There is no cost and plenty of chat, food and warmth to help see us all through the winter months. St Helen’s Infants Choir will be singing at the lunch on 17th March.

LENT LECTURE “The pain, passion and privilege of supporting Christians who are suffering persecution” by Baroness Caroline Cox is now available to watch online on the Thresholds of Hope YouTube page <https://youtu.be/Ohb5G1aYdtc> Please subscribe.

CLOCKS GO FORWARD at 1.00 a.m. on **Sunday 26th March**.

THE PARISH LOVE IN ACTION GROUP are supporting the **CAFOD Big Lent Walk**, to walk 200 km over 40 days. To sign up see poster in the narthex or visit <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

The Love in Action group will be walking 5km after the coffee mornings on the **26th March**, starting and finishing at the Cathedral, why not join us! Even if you can't commit to the full 200km, this is a great opportunity to enjoy the countryside and meet other members of the parish for a great cause. All ages and abilities welcome, just meet Lorraine Cowley outside the parish hall.

FLASH MOB CHOIR at 9.30 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 26th March**. Children, bring your instruments and voices to give glory to God. Rehearsal 9.00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION SERVICE at 7.00 p.m. on **Monday 27th March**. There will be seven priests available to hear individual confessions.

EARTHQUAKES IN TURKEY AND SYRIA - an emergency collection Thank you so much for your generosity which raised £1,295.67.

You can still give online by going to www.cafod.org.uk

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.

CHRISTUS VIVIT (*Christ Lives*), a new group for *adults aged 18 - 35* will meet once a month in Clergy House after the 6.30 p.m. Sunday Mass. Light supper will be provided. An opportunity for young Catholics to meet and support each other spiritually and socially. Pick up a flyer in the Cathedral narthex. All welcome. Just come along. Future meetings are on 2nd April, 7th May, 4th June and 2nd July.

THE NEW CATHEDRAL WEBSITE is now launched. Do have a look. Go to www.cathedralbrentwood.org

NEW CATHEDRAL GUIDEBOOK available in narthex.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS: Sunday 13th March will be hosted by The Catenians, Sunday 19th March will be the turn of the Scouts and Sunday 26th March will be the turn of the Love in Action group. Please do come along and join us.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP will meet in the Upper Room of the Cathedral on **Thursday 16th March** 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.

PRAY for the repose of the souls of Zdzilawa Marszewska, Kaoru Borsuk and Mabel Smith who died recently.

Zdzilawa's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral on Thursday 16th March at 11.00 a.m.

Kaoru's funeral service will be celebrated at Bentley Crematorium on Friday 24th March at 10.30 a.m.

Mabel's funeral service will be celebrated at Bentley Crematorium on Friday 31st 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.

250 CLUB WINNERS Our congratulations go to the following in respect of the December 2022 draw: MA & KB Curtin (£300), Bessem Tambi (£100) and Maureen Duane (£100).

New 250 Club 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.

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

OFFICE HOURS are Monday to Thursday, 8.30 a.m. until 3.30 p.m.

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.

BANKING OF COINS We now have to bank coins in the Post Office which is inconvenient especially for customers who are waiting to be served.

Therefore, if at all possible, *please* support the work, running and mission of 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/

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:






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 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, Rosemary Filler, 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, Mary Stretch, Tim, TCT and all our sick.

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
			



GENERAL NEWS

PIANO MASTERCLASS Danilo Mascetti will be giving a Masterclass and short Recital for Piano students in the Cathedral from 4.00 - 5.30 p.m. on **Monday 13th March**. All welcome.

LUNCHTIME RECITAL James Todd will be giving an organ recital on **Wednesday 15th March** at 1.00 p.m. All welcome.

CARITAS DIOCESE OF BRENTWOOD are inviting people of all ages to collect items throughout Lent, by following our Lenten Giving Calendar. All the items you collect can be placed into a container, topped with an Easter Egg, and then donated to your local foodbank before Easter Sunday.

All information, including the calendar itself, can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent or by emailing caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org

GIDEA PARK TALK ON THE HOLY EUCHARIST: On **Wednesday 22nd March** at 7.00 p.m. in the church hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and Member of the Pope's Biblical Commission, will speak about the Eucharist. The talk, entitled '*Do this in memory of me*', will examine the New Testament material, and trace the understanding of the Eucharist through the centuries, including the latest teaching of Pope Francis. This talk is in person, and can also be followed live stream by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

SPONSORED SLEEPOUT Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is inviting people from the night of **31st March 2023 (9pm)** to the morning of April 1st (8:30am), to join this year's Sponsored

Sleepout in one of our four locations; Colchester, Forest Gate, Romford and Southend. The sleepout will help to raise awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. All information can be found at www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout and to register please email sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org

WALK OF WITNESS After three years of absence, the Walk of Witness on Good Friday is back. This year we will gather at St Thomas church on **Friday 7th April** at 11.00 a.m. for a commissioning prayer. The procession starts at 11.15/11.20. After the short service at the ruins, (approx. 11.40) we will continue along the High St to Crown St and finish on the green space at the back of the URC church as normal, refreshments at the URC will be available for the last time before their closure.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their annual 'Relay 100' community event this May and June. This initiative is an opportunity to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals or groups to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, contact Damian Dillon: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000 or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> and click on 'Relay 100 Sponsored Walks' to read more about this event.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance,

Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. If you are interested, please email your expression of interest to victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call on 01277 265284.

‘THE PRIESTS’ CHARITY CONCERT Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio ‘The Priests’ have agreed to hold a second charity concert for us on **Friday 30th June 2023** at Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567> We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment. Full details are available on our website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

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 886666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangey Tours (tangey-tours.com)

NEW PUBLICATION Paul Severn, An Empurpled Son of Freshwater: Bernard Ward, First Bishop of Brentwood, a booklet published by the Isle of Wight Catholic History Society to mark the Centenary of the Catholic Parish of Totland Bay, Isle of Wight. The Ward family was prominent on the island and this booklet (22 pages, illustrated) tells the story of Rt. Rev. Bernard Ward, the prominent historian, educationalist and the first Bishop of Brentwood. Further details are available from Peter Clarke, 72 Mayfield Road, Ryde, Isle of Wight PO33 3PR e-mail: iow-chis@outlook.com

VACANCY The Ursuline Preparatory School are seeking to appoint an EYFS experienced Teacher Assistant at our thriving Prep. School for April start. The successful candidate for the full-time EYFS Teacher Assistant position will be expected to support the class teacher and children within the class. Salary

offered will be dependent on knowledge and experience. Please apply in writing with accompanying CV to Mrs. Wilson, Headteacher at the school or via e-mail: secretary@ursulineprepwarley.co.uk Closing date **Friday 17th March 2023**.

VACANCY HEADTEACHER - St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Hutton. Following the impending retirement of our highly esteemed current Headteacher the Governors invite applications for a dedicated Headteacher from September 2023. Applications are invited from existing headteachers, deputy headteachers, assistant headteachers or senior leaders with appropriate experience. Full details of the post and application form are available on <http://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/Key Information/Vacancies> Deadline **Wednesday 22nd March 2023**.

VACANCY Class Teacher - St Alban's Catholic Primary School, Elm Park. Required from 1st September 2023. Salary: Main pay Scale. Full time hours per week. Deadline for applications: 12:00 pm (noon) on **Friday 31st April 2023**. Further information is available at: <https://www.stalbansschool.net/>

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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