

You are cordially invited to the
PARISH CORONATION GARDEN PARTY
to be held on **Sunday 7th May** 1.00 – 3.00 p.m.
in Cathedral Parish Halls and weather
permitting, outside. All welcome.



Fizz to toast the King • **English Tea** •
Sandwiches fit for royalty • **Cake** • Music
celebrating British music • **Games, crafts and
facepainting for children** • wear something
red, white or blue • **girls might dress as a
Queen, boys as a King**

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

**CATHEDRAL OF ST MARY & ST HELEN
HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS**
Father Martin Boland Father Gary Dench

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3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Easter

CORONATION CELEBRATION PARTY *Can you help with any of the following:*

- i) Making sandwiches on the day?
- ii) Decorating the halls and outside with bunting, etc?
- iii) Tidying up from 3.00 p.m. onwards.
- iv) offering your musical gifts?

If you would like to get involved, please sign up on the sheets in the Cathedral narthex and leave a contact email or phone number.

RECEIVING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF THE LORD at Mass. The Bishops of England and Wales have now given parish priests permission to reintroduce the reception of Holy Communion under both kinds, that is, for the faithful to receive the Body of Christ *and* His precious Blood. We did this on Maundy Thursday, the Easter Vigil and the 11.30 a.m. Mass on Easter Sunday. Many people on these occasions received under both kinds.

We would like to make available Holy Communion under both kinds. However, the present pool of Ministers of Holy

Communion is too small to provide this at all Masses especially on a Sunday. Therefore, Fr Martin will start to approach people and ask them if they are willing to become a Minister of Holy Communion and serve the community in this important way. Until we have more Ministers of Holy Communion, we will receive under only one kind, that is, the Body of Christ in which is the fullness of Christ's real presence.

THE PARISH OFFICE will be closed from Monday 1st May and will reopen again on Tuesday 9th May.

PRAY for the repose of the soul of Sheilagh Foley who died recently.

Sheilagh's Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesday 3rd May 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.

NEW BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL GUIDE is available in the Cathedral narthex or on the Cathedral website:
www.cathedralbrentwood.org

WINTER WARMER LUNCHES have now finished but from **Friday 14th April** onwards everyone is welcome to drop into the parish hall on a Friday (12 - 2.00 p.m.) for hot drinks, light refreshments and a very warm welcome. It is a great opportunity for all ages to share the joy of friendship. We are immensely grateful to Sainsbury's and Gail's Bakery for their continuing support.

HOLY HOUR The holy hour of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Monday evening from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m.

LITTER PICKING Why not join us to help care for our local environment as we litter pick around the Cathedral on **Sunday 30th April**. We will meet after the 9.30 a.m. Mass; everyone is welcome (especially accompanied children) and all equipment

will be provided so we just need your willingness to lend a hand for less than an hour.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL CHORISTERS Please join us on **Tuesday 2nd May** at 6.00 p.m. to hear the world-renowned Choristers in this unique event. There will be a short Mass followed by a brief recital. Please email us at music@dioceseofbrentwood.org to let us know if you are likely to come so we can provide the correct seating.

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. *Next meeting on 7th May*, 4th June and 2nd July

THE NEXT CHAPTER OF CANONS MASS will take place in the Cathedral 10.30 a.m. on **Tuesday 9th May**. All welcome.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS: Sunday 23rd will be the turn of the SVP. Sunday 9th April will be hosted by Rhiannon O'Hagen who will be raising funds for World Youth Day and Sunday 14th May will be the turn of the PACE team. There will be no coffee on 7th May as preparations for the Parish Party to celebrate the King's Coronation will be underway. Please do come along and join us.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP will meet in the Upper Room of the Cathedral on **Thursday 11th May** 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.

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 - 4.00 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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK and housebound parishioners and friends, including: Alistair Bailey, Yvonne Ball, Hermine Bayley, Elizabeth Berry, Madeleine Bevan, Ken Blackett, Charles and Eda Bright, Phil Carr, David, Iris Davis, Jenny Dean, Patricia Decup, Sheena Docherty, Charlotte Donnelly, Rosemary Filler, Fr Stewart Foster, Julian Goode, Angela Harris, Georgie Harvey, 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.

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, 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.

GENERAL NEWS

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI EXHIBITION The first major art exhibition in the UK to explore the life and legacy of Saint Francis of Assisi (1182-1226), one of history's most inspirational and revered figures, will be staged at the National Gallery from **6 May to 30 July**. For more information, please visit:

<https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/about-us/press-and-media/press-releases/saint-francis-of-assisi>

24/6 PRAYER at Sion Community Chapel - **Monday 22nd to Saturday 27th May**. Join us in prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit as we journey towards Pentecost. For more information email TKCCatholicEngagement@t-time.uk

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their head office in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Catherine Munns cmunns@bccs.org.uk who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website: www.bccs.org.uk

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. If you are interested,

please email victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org or call on 01277 265284.

MASS FOR MIGRANTS The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday, **1st May 2023**, at 12 noon. The Mass will be hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood at St Antony of Padua Church, Forest Gate E7 9QB with Bishop Alan Williams, sm as celebrant and Fr Dominic Howarth preaching. You are kindly invited to attend in person to celebrate the significant contribution made by migrants to the life of our Dioceses.

INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC RESPONSE to homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, assisting with the Cost-of-Living Crisis, or tackling the causes and effects of climate change? Come to the first Caritas Brentwood networking day, **Saturday 10th June**, 10am - 2.30pm, at Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster (on C2C & District lines, close to M25 & A127). Hear national speaker Raymond Friel, OBE, Chief Executive of the Catholic Social Action network. This day is a chance to be sustained, share ideas and good practices with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. Details and Registration (free!) at www.caritasbrentwood.org/network

‘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 24 to Saturday 29 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 (tangney-tours.com)

VACANCY at St Helen's Catholic Infant School Vacancy: Kitchen Assistant 12.15pm-1.45pm (term time only). The governors, staff, and parents are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-motivated person to join us as soon as possible. 12.15 - 1.45 p.m. (term time only). Please contact Mrs Onslow via the school office for an application pack: office@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk 01277 215626

VACANCY Parish Administrator - The Holy Family and All Saints, Witham. The successful applicant will ideally have administration experience and be able to demonstrate numeracy skills. Excellent communication skills also a requirement and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel and financial experience. Hours: 15 hours per week working three days (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday). Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to witham@dicosesofbrentwood.org. Closing date for applications **26 April 2023**.

VACANCIES IN DIOCESAN SCHOOLS:

<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
			