

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

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6th & 7th Sundays of Easter 14th – 27th May



GENERAL PARISH NEWS

THE CORONATION CELEBRATION PARTY was a huge success thanks to our PACE (Parish And Community Events) group who organised the event, the battalion of volunteers who came to set up and tidy up, make sandwiches, serve hot and cold drinks, run the children's crafts and facepainting, provide musical entertainment and serve the hog roast. A fantastic team effort from everyone involved and God blessed their efforts with an afternoon of glorious sunshine. Also, many thanks to everyone who came along and supported the event.

CORONATION PARTY RAFFLE PRIZES There are a number of unclaimed prizes: winning tickets are as follows:

176 - yellow, 174 -yellow, 850- pink and 744- pink

If you have one of these tickets, please come along to Clergy House during office hours to collect your prize.

PRAY for our children who will receive Holy Communion, the Body of Christ, for the first time in these coming weeks and for the young men and women who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 28th. These are grace filled and sacred moments in the life of these children and young people as they further deepen their friendship with Christ.

THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE EASTER TALKS explore what it means to have an intimate friendship with Jesus Christ. The next talk, "A Third Spring" will be given by Mgr John Armitage, on **Wednesday 17th May** St Francis of Assisi, Stratford, E15 1NS from 7.30 - 9.00 p.m. All very welcome.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD is on **Thursday 18th May** and is a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**. Mass times are at 9.15 a.m., 1.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m. Pope Francis reflecting on this writes:

“The Gospel wants to tell us that Jesus is the great priest of our life. Jesus ascends to the Father to intercede on our behalf, to present our humanity to Him. Thus, before the eyes of the Father, with the humanity of Jesus, there are and always will be our lives, our hopes, our wounds.”

PRAY for the repose of the soul of Sheila Barnett who died recently.

Details of Sheila’s funeral are not yet known.

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.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY on Sunday May 21st Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking the truth with a pure heart: “The call to speak with the heart radically challenges the times in which we are living, which are so inclined towards indifference and indignation, at times even on the basis of disinformation which falsifies and exploits the truth.”

There will be a second collection to support the communications work of the Church.

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS should now have received, via email, the new rota which commences next week 20th/21st May; as there is only one per Mass it is important to note the date you are ministering. Thank you.

SPRING CLEAN SUNDAY on Sunday 21st May 3 - 5.00 p.m. We are looking for a group of people to help give a deep clean of the Cathedral halls especially their kitchens and toilets. All you need to bring is a pair of rubber gloves. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the narthex.

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

HOT DRINKS AND LIGHT REFRESHMENTS 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.

BCYS YOUTH MASS in the Cathedral on **Thursday 1st June** beginning in the Parish Hall from 6.00 p.m. there will be pizza and refreshments available, with the Cathedral open for quiet prayer, music and reflection, particularly thinking of those in the middle of, or nearing the end of, exams who may need a quiet space to rest and revitalise. Join us for as long or short a time as you wish to enjoy the peace of the Cathedral before we celebrate Mass with Fr Michael at 7.30 p.m. Anyone who wishes is very welcome to bring instruments or sing with our Youth led music group, or if you would like to serve, read, or be involved in the Mass in any way you would be incredibly welcome!

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 4th June* and 2nd July

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS: Sunday 14th May will be hosted by the PACE team; Sunday 21st May will be the turn of St Helen's Pre-school group. Please do come along and join us.

PARISH MISSIO SECRETARY Volunteer vacancy for position of Missio Secretary. Missio is the official charity for overseas evangelization in the developing world; it is the Pope's personal charity. If you feel you could help or would like further information, please contact Fr Patrick Daly on 01255

423319 or frpatrickdaly@brcdt.org. Sincere thanks to Joe O'Sullivan for his hard work in supporting Missio.

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, Madeleine Bevan, Ken Blackett, Charles and Eda Bright, Phil Carr, David, Iris Davis, Jenny Dean, Patricia Decup, Sheena Docherty, Charlotte Donnelly, Rosemary Filler, 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

GIDEA PARK STUDY DAY ON POPE BENEDICT AND THE LITURGY On **Saturday 20th May**, from 11.00 to 13.00 BST, Fr Vincent Twomey SVD, student and friend of Pope Benedict XVI, will speak on 'The Liturgical Vision of Pope Benedict'. The event will not be in person but live streamed from Ireland on www.whatgoodnews.org. Fr Twomey has recently produced 'The Dynamics of Liturgy: Joseph Ratzinger's Theology of Liturgy', published by Ignatius Press. Further details of the event are to be found on the attached flyer and on the website www.whatgoodnews.org. A recording of the study day will be made available subsequently on the website.

24/6 PRAYER Come and pray with us during a time of continuous prayer in the Chapel at the Sion Community House from **22nd to 27th May**. Teresa Carvalho, one of the Sion Community Leaders, has arranged for the Chapel to be open for prayer day and night in the 6 days leading up to Pentecost. There will be some times of community prayer, ecumenical praise and worship and opportunity for silent prayer. All are welcome however, if you are able to book beforehand, it would help us to ensure someone is praying throughout the six days. You can contact us either by emailing us on TKCCatholicEngagement@t-time.uk or scan the QR code on the leaflet displayed at the back of the Church, alternatively, send your name and email address/contact no. to 24/6 Prayer, SENT, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX with the details.

RECRUITMENT OPEN DAY at The Marillac Neurological Care Centre, Brentwood on **Wednesday 31st May** from 3.00 - 7.00 p.m. Vacancies for Nurses and Health Care Assistants; showcasing Therapy areas (OT, PT and SLT). For more information and an application form please visit www.marillac.co.uk or email recruitment@marillac.co.uk or call 01277 220276.

JESUIT PROVINCIAL TO SPEAK AT GIDEA PARK Fr Damian Howard SJ, provincial of the Jesuits in Britain, will be speaking at a Study Day entitled 'Serving Christ in a Hostile Environment' on **Saturday 10th June**. Fr Damian speaks frequently on contemporary issues such as social justice, inter-religious dialogue and the Church's mission today. The event, from 11.00 to 13.30 BST, will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest at Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) and will be both in-person and on-line. If you are attending in person please book by letting us know at gideapark@brcdt.org. Coffee will be available in the hall from 10.30 am. Please bring a packed lunch. For live-stream just go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day.

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/

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 Virtual weekend on **6 - 9 July 2023** or a Face-to-Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **13-15 October 2023**, call 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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.



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
			

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