



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

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**Corpus Christi (the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ)
and the 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

COVER: *Apparition of the Sacred Heart* by stained glass designer, Harry Clarke 1918 (designed), 1940 (made) in the Victoria and Albert Museum collection, London

Harry Clarke was one of the great masters of 20th-century stained glass. He trained in his father's studio and at the Metropolitan Art School in Dublin, which gave him an intimate understanding of the nature of glass. He toured Europe to study medieval glass, and was especially inspired by the 12th-century glass in the French cathedral of Chartres.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus dates back to medieval times, but it did not become a feast of the Catholic church until 1670. The spread of this devotional feast was largely due to the visions of St Margaret Mary Alacoque (1647-90), who communicated that Christ wanted to reveal his ardent love for mankind. He wished to manifest his heart with its abundance of love and mercy.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI, THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST was on **Sunday 11th June** and the children who recently made their First Holy Communion joined us at the 9.30 a.m. Mass. This was an opportunity for the whole community to

thank God for the gift of the Eucharist and to pray for our children and their families.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS: Sunday 18th June will be hosted by the CAFOD team; Sunday 25th June will be the turn of the Love in Action group. Please do come along and join us.

RETIRING COLLECTION:

18th June - *Day for Life collection* is dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death.

THE FEAST OF THE MOST SACRED HEART was on **Friday 16th June** and the month of June has traditionally been the time when we contemplate Jesus who is “gentle and humble in heart” and who lays open his heart to us so that we may be enfolded in his love:

*O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing,
I adore you, I love you and with a lively sorrow for my sins,
I offer you this poor heart of mine.
Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to your will.
Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in you and for you.
Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions;
give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs,
your blessings on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death.
Within your heart I place my every care.
In every need let me come to you with humble trust saying,
Heart of Jesus, help me.
Amen.*

HOLIDAYS Please note that Fr Gary will be on holiday from 30th June - 15th July.

THE PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL meets on **Tuesday 20th June**. If you have any suggestions that you think would help

deepen our community's faith in Christ and strengthen our bonds of friendship then do forward them by email or a note to Clergy house by Friday 16th June for the parish council's consideration.

OUR FRIDAY LUNCHES will be taking a summer break starting on 30th June; we will be ending this term with a cream tea on 23rd June from 12 noon to 2.00 p.m. and all are very welcome to drop in.

Friday Lunches will **return on 15th September** when we will be here every Friday for light lunches and friendship.

PRAY for the repose of the soul of Sheila Barnett, Ann Hurcombe and Jeffrey Reed who died recently.

Sheila's Requiem Mass will be celebrated at St Joseph's Church, Upminster on Tuesday 13th June at 12 Noon.

Details of Ann and Jeffrey's funerals 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.

HOLY HOUR Due to clergy availability over the summer there will be no Holy Hour from *5th June to 10th July*. This also means that there will be no priest in the confession at that time. Confessions will still be available on Saturdays 10.00 - 11.00 a.m. and on request.

BIG GREEN WEEK is taking place from **10th - 18th June**; for more information go to www.cathedralbrentwood.org/brentwood-cathedral-parish/love-in-action/

PARISH OUTDOOR MASS will be celebrated in Merrymeade Country Park (Merrymeade Chase, Brentwood CM15 9FE) at 4.00 p.m. on **Saturday 24th June**. We will meet at the Cathedral at 3.00 p.m. and will walk down Sawyers Hall Lane and around the Country Park with the aim to have Mass opposite Merrymeade

House at 4.00 p.m. Everyone is welcome - you may wish to bring a picnic rug to sit on. This is an opportunity to praise God for the glory of his creation and recommit ourselves to the care of our common home.

THE LAST FLASH MOB CHOIR before the Summer holidays will take place at the 9.30 a.m. Mass on **Sunday 25th June**. Bring your instruments and voices and let us make it the biggest flash mob choir before the summer break. Rehearsal 9.00 a.m. All children 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 is on 2nd July.

SUMMER FOODBANK COLLECTION - Please contribute as generously as you can to the parish Summer Foodbank collection that will be taking place on the **weekend of 15th/16th July**. All the donations go to the Brentwood Food Bank to help local people in need. Donations of non-perishable items such as tinned meat/vegetables/fruit as well as toiletries and treats (biscuits and confectionary) would be very gratefully received.

If you wish to donate money instead, please place cash in an envelope clearly marked with 'Brentwood Foodbank Donation' or make cheques payable to Brentwood Foodbank.

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 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.

BANKING OF COINS We now have to bank coins in the Post Office which is very time consuming and 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**.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the running, work and mission of the Cathedral parish.

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, Julian Goode, Angela Harris, 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.

GENERAL NEWS

THE CAMPION SCHOOL OPEN EVENING for the admission of boys (in current Year 5) in September 2024 will be held at the school on **Thursday 29th June 2023** from 4.30 to 7.00 p.m. Talks from the Headteacher will be at 5.15 and 6.30 p.m. Admissions forms, including The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be available online.

'THE PRIESTS' CHARITY CONCERT Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' will be performing a second charity concert 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 *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. 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

BCYS YOUTH GATHER - 21st - 22nd October. Youth Gather is back for 2023 and the BCYS are absolutely thrilled to be joined by the fantastic Adenike, semi-finalist on The Voice, who many of you will have seen perform and heard from at Flame back in March.

Taking place at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island, there is cabin accommodation and a brilliant range of outward-bound activities, opportunities for climbing high ropes, archery, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, plus performances, input and workshops from Adenike and the SVP! All meals are included, plus two Mersea activities, 2 BCYS workshops, accommodation and travel to and from Mersea Island - all of this for just £70. The event is open to those in school year 9 and above, including opportunities for young leaders (age 18 and above) in the Brentwood Diocese. Apply now at www.bcys.net/events/yg23/

CATECHIST TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY -- Saturday 4th November. BCYS will host our Annual Catechist Training and

Resources Day once again this November at Sacred Heart of Mary School in Upminster. With a number of incredible workshops, input, networking and welcoming back the fantastic David Wells as keynote speaker, this is a day not to miss if you are a Confirmation Catechist, First Holy Communion Catechist, Children's Liturgy or Youth leader in the Diocese of Brentwood. Visit www.bcys.net/events/catechistday23/ for details on how to book your place now.

VACANCY Our Lady of Good Counsel in Wickford are looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills. Hours: 12 hours per week working three days (Monday, Wednesday, Friday). Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to hr@brcdt.org Closing date for applications is **Friday 16 June 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:



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