

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

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**PENTECOST SUNDAY AND THE FEAST OF THE
HOLY TRINITY 28th May – 10th June**

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

PRAY for the young men and women who received an outpouring of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday. May the Spirit of the Lord be upon them so that they may draw closer to Christ and be true witnesses of His love and mercy in our world.

A sincere thanks to the team of Confirmation catechists who have given so generously of their time to prepare our young people for this sacrament and, above all, for the witness of their own faith.

CATHEDRAL HALLS SPRING CLEAN A huge thank you to all who came along to clean the halls. They did a great job. During the Summer holidays we are planning to have the floors varnished, the halls painted and the curtains cleaned.

RETREATS AND HOLIDAYS Please note that Fr Martin will be on retreat at Pluscarden Abbey, Scotland from 29th May - 6th June. Fr Gary will be on holiday from 8th - 15th June and 30th June - 15th July.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING Now we have celebrated all the first Holy Communion Masses, our first Communion children might wish to play a part in the life of the parish and become an altar server. If your child would be interested, please email Mo at Clergy House on cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com with your name, your contact details (telephone number and email address) and your child's name. The sessions are as follows and it is important to be able to attend all of them: **Saturdays 10th June 17th June and 1st July**; each session will be at 10.00 a.m.

250 CLUB WINNERS Our congratulations go to David Worsfold (January), Mary Ward (February) and Marian Gallacher (March) who each win £50.

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. We are immensely grateful to Sainsbury's and Gail's Bakery for their continuing support.

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

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

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.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS: Sunday 28th May will be hosted by the Scouts; Sunday 4th June will be the turn of St Helen's Ladies group and Sunday 11th June will be the turn of the First Holy Communion group. Please do come along and join us.

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*

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.

THE NEXT PARISH AND COMMUNITY EVENTS (PACE) meeting will be on **Wednesday 7th June** at 7.30 p.m. in Clergy House. The Jubilee Celebration, Quiz Night and Coronation Party have all been huge successes. If you would like to get involved in future events or have ideas of social events that will help build up the community please come along. All are very welcome.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP will meet in the Upper Room of the Cathedral on **Thursday 8th June** 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.

MASS FOR THE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN will be celebrated in the Cathedral on **Saturday 10th June** at 2.00 p.m. Our parish Altar Servers and their parents / families are invited to attend.

For those who plan to be there, please sign up on the list in the altar servers' sacristy.

BIG GREEN WEEK is taking place from **10th - 18th June**; for more information about this see the Love in Action page on the parish website.

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI, THE MOST HOLY BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST is on **Sunday 11th June** and the children who have just made their First Holy Communion will join us at the 9.30 a.m. Mass. This is an opportunity for the whole community to thank God for the gift of the Eucharist and to pray for our children and their families.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS:

11th June - *Sick and Retired Clergy collection* is to help those priests who are no longer able to minister in a parish community and be supported by them.

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.

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.

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.

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, 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.

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

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**. 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 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 pm to 7 pm. Talks from the Headteacher will be at 5.15 pm and 6.30 pm. Admissions forms, including The Supplementary Information Form (SIF) will be available online.

‘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> 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

VACANCY - PARISH ADMINISTRATOR Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford is looking for a Parish Administrator to provide

complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. The post is for 12 hours a week, over 3 days (preferably Monday, Wednesday and Friday). Closing date is noon on Friday 2nd June 2023. CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information (as well as Job Description) please contact Fr Mark Reilly on 01268 733219 or email or wickford@brcdt.org.

VACANCY A vacancy has arisen for a Health and Safety Officer to work full time from Monday to Friday. They will be based at Cathedral House and will be required to travel around the Diocese. Candidates must have H&S experience and H&S qualifications including NEBOSH. Please send your CV and cover letter by email to hr@brcdt.org Full job description is available: [Health-and-Safety-Officer-JD.pdf](#) (dioceseofbrentwood.net) Closing date for applications: **9th 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:

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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.

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