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14th and the 15th Sundays in Ordinary Time

GENERAL PARISH NEWS

APPOINTMENTS: Bishop Alan has made the following appointments that take effect from the first Sunday in September:

Fr Martin will move from the Cathedral to Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead as parish priest.

Canon John Harvey will move from St Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton to Brentwood Cathedral as the Dean.

Fr Gary will remain at the Cathedral and has been appointed as Director of Liturgy and Diocesan Master of Ceremonies

Fr Martin's final weekend in the Cathedral parish will be 26th/27th August.

Other moves are as follows:

Fr Adrian Lowe from Wanstead to Loughton

Fr Mark Reilly from Wickford to Hornchurch, St Mary

Fr Martin Fletcher from Hornchurch, St Mary to Epping

Fr Britto Belevendran from Hornchurch, English Martyrs to Wickford

Fr Linu Thankachan from Ilford, St John the Baptist to Hornchurch, English Martyrs

Fr Clement Orango from Nottingham Diocese to Stansted as Priest-in-Charge

Fr Henry Mobela Zambian Chaplaincy in London to Chadwell Heath as Priest-in-Charge

Fr Tarciziu Erdeş from Assistant Priest to Parish Priest of The Assumption, Hainault

ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Fr Paschal Uche from Colchester to Chelmsford, Our Lady Immaculate, Holy Name & Springfield

Fr Jerold Terrence from Kerala to Manor Park

Fr Philip Okoli resident at Community of St John, Forest Gate to Colchester

COVER: The Sower (after Millet), 1889 by Vincent Van Gogh was inspired by Jesus's parable of the Sower in Matthew 13:1-9

"Christ alone, of all the philosophers, magicians, etc., has affirmed eternal life as the most important certainty, the infinity of time, the futility of death, the necessity and purpose of serenity and devotion. He lived serenely, as an artist greater than all other artists, scorning marble and clay and paint, working in the living flesh. In other words, this peerless artist, scarcely conceivable with the blunt instrument of our modern, nervous and obtuse brains, made neither statues nor paintings nor books. He maintained in no uncertain terms that he made...living men, immortals."

Letter Van Gogh to Emil Bernard on June 26, 1888

CLERGY HOLIDAYS Please note that Fr Gary will be on holiday 30th June - 15th July and Fr Martin from 17th July - 18th August

RETIRING COLLECTION Sea Sunday - Sunday 9th July.

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and

poorer mental health. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea.

Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously.

LUNCHTIME SOPRANO RECITAL on **Wednesday 12th July** at 1.00 p.m. in the Cathedral; please do join us.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS: There will be no coffee on 9th July. The Catenians will be hosting the coffee morning on Sunday 16th July; while on Sunday 23rd July, it will be the turn of the Spanish Speakers Community. Please do come along and join us.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP will meet in the **large parish hall** of the Cathedral on **Thursday 13th July** 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.

SUMMER FOODBANK COLLECTION - Please contribute as generously as you can to the parish Summer Foodbank collection that will be taking place **next weekend, 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.

PRAY for the repose of the soul of Margaret Prendergast who died recently.

Margaret's funeral service will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Monday 17th July 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.

THE HOLY HOUR of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament will resume again from **Monday 17th July** from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. which will be preceded by the **ROSARY** for Ukraine and peace in our world at 6.10 p.m.

ALTAR SERVERS BBQ Roman and Meryl Mikolajczyk have most generously agreed to hold a barbecue for altar servers and their parents at their home. This is an opportunity to thank our altar servers for the great act of service that they do and for them to spend some fun time together. The barbecue will be held on **Saturday 19th August** from **1.00 - 4.00 p.m. at 18 Westbury Drive, Brentwood, CM14 4JZ**. For catering purposes, servers and parent(s) interested in attending are asked to sign up on the sheet in the Altar Servers Sacristy.

VESPERS FOR UKRAINE On **Wednesday 23rd August** at 6.30 p.m., the eve of Ukraine's National Day, we will be holding a special Vespers for Ukraine in the Cathedral. This will be an opportunity to join in prayer with the Ukrainians who have been welcomed into our town and the people of Ukraine. It will feature Ukrainian and English music and hymns with a dual language service book available. There will be refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards. Everyone is welcome to this important service.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY would like to thank Fr Martin, David Worsfold, the Music Department and everyone who helped and supported their recent Charity Concert at the Cathedral by 'The Priests'. Particular thanks to Peter Dowse and his team who manned the car park, the First Aiders and all the volunteers who held collecting buckets at the end of the evening. Without willing helpers such as these, BCCS simply could not deliver these large-scale events and so they would like to pass on their grateful thanks. The performers have been in touch to say that they had a wonderful evening

and were delighted to be back in Brentwood Diocese. Thank you to everyone who welcomed them so warmly.

'SAVE THE DATE' If you have joined our parish community since our last Welcome Supper or you were unable to attend the previous event in October 2022, then you and your family are invited to come along to our next **Welcome Supper** on **Friday 29th September 2023** at 6.00 p.m.

This is an opportunity for you to come along and meet other fellow new parishioners and members of the clergy over a lovely supper. We do hope you can join us. Whether you are single, a couple, married or have a family, you will be very welcome. Forms will be available in the narthex from the middle of August onwards; please complete and pop through the letterbox of Clergy House.

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.

BANKING OF COINS The Post Office will no longer allow the Cathedral to deposit coins with them and we cannot deposit them at HSBC (the bank that all parishes in the Diocese of Brentwood use). Therefore, we have nowhere presently to bank coinage which is a real concern especially as we can receive anywhere between £300-500 in coins each week.

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.*

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.

DETAILS OF PARISH ANNIVERSARIES AND MASS INTENTIONS

can be found on the narthex noticeboard and at

www.cathedralbrentwood.org/news/news-latest.pdf

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, 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, Ken Eady, 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

TALK ON THE OUR FATHER On Wednesday 12th July at 7.00 p.m. in the parish hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), Fr Adrian Graffy will give a short talk entitled '*The Prayer of Prayers: An exploration of the Our Father*'. The talk is free of charge, and tea and coffee will be available from 6.30 pm. Ample free parking, and easy access on the Elizabeth Line. Available also by live stream on www.whatgoodnews.org

YEAR 13 RETREAT AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE: Made for a purpose. Will you be in Yr13 in **September 2023**? Are you currently making decisions about your next steps? Would you like some time to step back, reflect, pray and think about the different pathways ahead of you? Then if so, the Yr13 retreat at Walsingham House is just the opportunity to do that. There will be two retreats on offer, either 13th-15th Sept or 22nd-24th Sept. The cost is £35 more information at www.bcys.net/events/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES The Jumbulance Trust is delighted to be able to offer a new pilgrimage date for Lourdes 2023 for those who would love the opportunity to travel with us. We are able to take children, young people and adults of all ages, who may need assistance of any kind (subject to assessment for a suitable place). If you have never seen a Jumbulance it is a custom-built coach, which has wheelchair access, trolley beds for the overnight stretch for those who need it, an accessible toilet and a kitchen.

We are also looking for helpers, with or without experience, but willing to be trained and able to help with assisting others. Some funding is available to help if the cost is prohibitive and fund-raising ideas may also help you to meet such costs. The dates are **29 September - 6 October 2023** and the cost is £1,100, inclusive of travel and half board accommodation. Please contact Caroline Southgate for more information on 07775773805 or info@jumbulance.org.uk

VACANCY Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is looking for a part time Finance Assistant to join the team working from their head office in Billericay High Street. Initially the role is for 10 hours per week, with potential to increase hours as training continues. Job specification and application form available at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/>. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Fiona Reading freading@bccs.org.uk

VACANCY St Peters RC Primary School, Dagenham is looking for a Breakfast Club Assistant and an After School Club Assistant. Please see the Barking and Dagenham Schools Vacancy Bulletin or contact the school office for more information on 0208 270 6524 or email office@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk. Closing date **17th July 2023** at 10.00 a.m.

VACANCIES IN DIOCESAN SCHOOLS:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>




You can follow Brentwood Cathedral on:



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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