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**The Transfiguration of our Lord  
Sunday 6th August 2023**

## **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

**SAVE THE DATE: Fr MARTIN'S FAREWELL MASS** Fr Martin is now on holiday until 18th August. His final weekend in the parish will be 26th/27th August but he will return to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Sunday 17th September at 6.30 p.m.** followed by light refreshments in the Cathedral parish halls where the parish will make a presentation to him.

If you would like to give towards this presentation, you can give your gift:

i) in the retiring collection for Fr Martin on Sunday 10th September

ii) by bank transfer to:

Account Name: Brentwood Cathedral

Sort Code: 40-13-22

Account number: 30 21 74 92

If you use bank transfer, please ensure that you state it is for “Fr Martin’s leaving gift”

iii) drop in your gift offering to the office at Clergy House.

If you are a tax payer and would also like to Gift Aid your offering, then please use an envelope available in the Cathedral narthex.

**VISIT OF THE HOLY RELICS** of Saint Columba, Saint Margaret of Scotland and Saint Andrew the Apostle takes place this August throughout Great Britain. On **Sunday 6th August** the relics will be received at the 6.30 p.m. Mass here and remain in the Cathedral until Tuesday 8th August. We thank the Knights of St Columba for arranging this visit and for stewarding this event. Please see the Cathedral noticeboard for the full timetable of the visits.

**READERS and EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS** Please would you let Ann know your availability for Saturday 2nd September - Sunday 10th December by **Sunday 6th August** so that new rotas can be compiled. Many thanks [messina21@btinternet.com](mailto:messina21@btinternet.com) / 01277 231593.

**THE CATHEDRAL WILL BE CLOSED** for 4 days from **Tuesday 29th August to Friday 1st September** for essential works to be carried out. Please note, there will be some mobile tower equipment in place around the Cathedral for several weeks over the summer; please take extra special care when walking around the building.

**OFFICE HOURS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST** will be Tuesday to Thursday from 8.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

**PRAY** for the repose of the soul of Tom Ryan who died recently.

*Funeral details 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.

**THE HOLY HOUR** of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Monday evening from 6.30 - 7.30 p.m. and will be preceded by the **ROSARY** for Ukraine and peace in our world at 6.10 p.m.

**COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS** Please note there will then be no coffee mornings between for the next few weeks due to essential works being carried out in the parish halls during this time; **coffee will resume on Sunday 20th August** and will be hosted by the Love in Action Group.

**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 served in the parish hall following the service. Everyone is welcome to this important service.

**FRIDAY LUNCHES** will be returning on **Friday 15th September** and every Friday from 12-2.00 p.m. everyone is welcome to come along to the parish hall for a light lunch and chat. Why not come along and give it a try? All ages are welcome and please pass the word on to anyone else who might be interested (e.g. neighbours, friends, colleagues). We look forward to greeting you with a cuppa and a smile!

**MISSIO** You are invited to spend an afternoon with Missio on **Saturday 16th September 2023** at Our Lady of Light & St Osyth Church, 1 Church Road, Clacton on Sea, CO15 6AG. Join Fr Anthony Chantry, National Director, and Fr Patrick, Diocesan Director for Missio. The event will commence with Mass at 11am, followed by presentations from Missionary Priests in the parish hall. Please bring a packed lunch. Teas, coffees, and cakes provided. Maria Awogu, Parish Missio Promoter.

**BANKING OF COINS** The Post Office will no longer allow the Cathedral to deposit coins with them and we cannot deposit them at Brentwood HSBC. Therefore, we have presently nowhere 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:

<b>HSBC PLC, High Street, Brentwood, Essex</b>	
Account Nar	<b>Brentwood Cath</b>
Sort Code:	<b>40-13-22</b>
Account nur	<b>30 21 74 92</b>

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.*

**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.

**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](http://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, Margaret F, Rebecca Florendo, Julian Goode, Angela Harris, Georgie Harvey, 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

**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/](http://www.bcys.net/events/) or email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto: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).

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](mailto:info@jumbulance.org.uk)

**STALLHOLDERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR:** The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are seeking stallholders for their Christmas Craft and Gift Fair being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on **Sunday 5th November** from 10.30 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Pitches are £30, and all profits made on the day are the stallholders' own. For further information please contact Damian: [ddillon@bccs.org.uk](mailto:ddillon@bccs.org.uk) / 07912 308000.

**VACANCY** - Site Manager at Cathedral House. The successful applicant will identify and carry out effectively, routine and

reactive maintenance tasks, regular health and safety checks and other general duties associated with the management of buildings and grounds comprising the Cathedral House and the Brentwood Parish. Hours 35 per week, salary: £23,000 - £27,000 p/a depending on experience for a start date ASAP. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) [recruitment@brcdt.org](mailto:recruitment@brcdt.org) The closing date for applications is **14th August 2023**

**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. 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](mailto:freading@bccs.org.uk)

**VACANCY** for Newham Partnership Youth Co-Ordinator. The successful applicant will build and develop a Partnership Youth Leadership Team. Full Job description is available on request. Hours: 35 hours per week (to include evening and weekend work), salary: £25,000 p/a (fixed 2-year contract) for early October 2023 start. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to [frdanielkelly@brcdt.org](mailto:frdanielkelly@brcdt.org) Closing date for applications is **11th September 2023**.

**VACANCY** for a Part-Time Cleaner at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster; required as soon as possible. For more information contact Kerry Jones (Business Manager) [kjones@mary.havering.sch.uk](mailto:kjones@mary.havering.sch.uk) Closing date **14th August 2023**.

#### **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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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
			