

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

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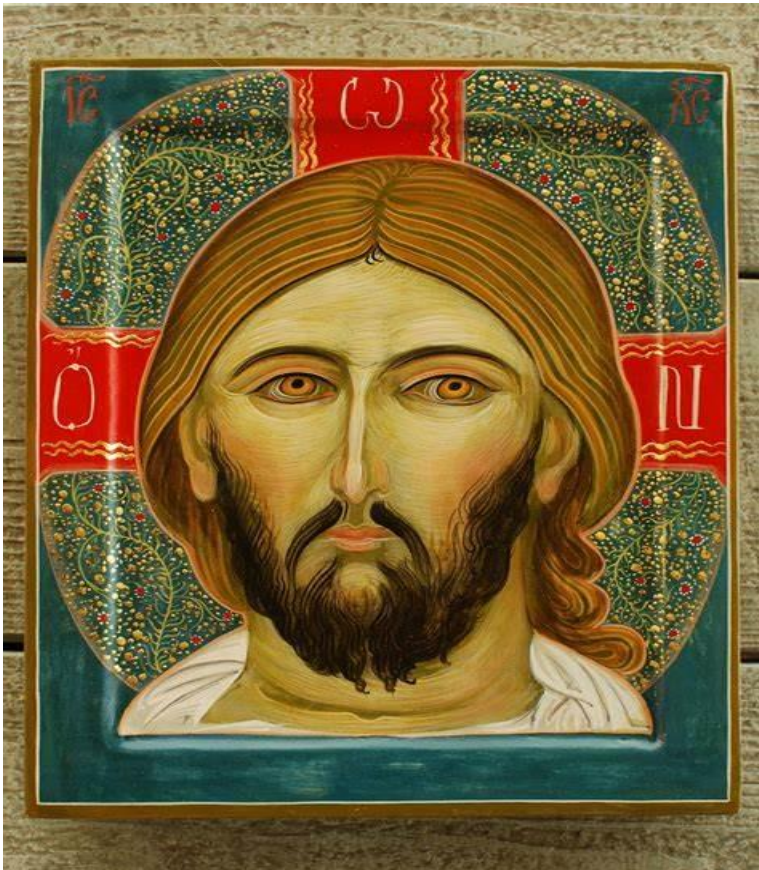
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**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Sunday 20th August 2023**



GENERAL PARISH NEWS

PRAY FOR CANON JOHN HARVEY as he prepares to come to the Cathedral. May he receive a warm and generous welcome from the community and every support as he takes up his role as the Cathedral Dean.

Canon John was born on the 15th February 1955 in London. He is the eldest of seven children, with three brothers & three sisters. When he was about 5 years of age the family moved to Chadwell Heath, Essex, where he and his siblings grew up. Canon John was accepted as a student for the Diocese of Brentwood in 1973. On 11th July 1981 he was ordained to the Sacred Priesthood by Bishop Thomas McMahon in his home parish of St. Bede's, Chadwell Heath.

List of Assignments:

Assistant Priest:

1981 - 1984 SS. Mary & Ethelburga's, Barking

1984 - 1986 SS. Mary & Helen, Westcliff-on-Sea

1986 - 1990 St. James the Less, Colchester

Parish Priest:

1990 - 1995 St. Teresa's, Rochford

1995 - 1997 St. Paul University, Ottawa, Canada. Studies in Canon Law

1997 - 2002 St. Augustine of Canterbury, Springfield

2002 - present. St. Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton

Canon John obtained a BA in Divinity from the Maryvale Institute in Birmingham in 1995 and a Licentiate & Masters in Canon Law from St. Paul University Ottawa in 1997.

Diocesan Responsibilities:

Judge on the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal /Promoter of Justice and he is a member of the Chapter of Cathedral canons.

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.

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. From September onwards, office hours will be Monday to Thursday from 8.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

MARCH FOR LIFE The annual UK March for Life will take place on **Saturday 2nd September**. The theme this year is ‘Freedom to Live’. ‘Many are concerned about restrictions on freedoms but it’s often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Sadly, those who have their most fundamental freedom taken from them, by abortion, cannot speak for themselves - this is why we march. For our nation to

be truly free, no one can be denied the number one freedom, the freedom to live!' (Taken from the March for Life UK website). With evermore legislation being proposed to criminalise pro-life witness, it is vital that advocates for the unborn in the UK continue to make their voices heard. The March for Life is a major opportunity to do so.

Morning events: 10.30a.m. - 1.30 p.m. The Emmanuel Centre, Marsham Street, SW1P 3DW

Mass: 10.30 a.m. Westminster Cathedral

The March: 1.30 p.m. From The Emmanuel Centre Ends at Parliament Square 4.30 p.m.

For more information visit www.marchforlife.co.uk

PRAY for the repose of the soul of Tom Ryan and Charles Bright who died recently.

Tom's Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Tuesday 5th September at 11.00 a.m.

Charles's Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Thursday 14th September 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.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING We are looking for any children who 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 in the Parish Office on cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com giving your name, your contact details (telephone number and email address) and your child's name. There will be 3 sessions offered and it is important that your child is able to attend all of them; each session will last for around 45 minutes and parents are asked to be in attendance also. In order to best accommodate the majority, please indicate if Saturday morning sessions or weekday sessions would suit your family better. We would look to schedule Saturday morning sessions at 10.00 a.m. and weekday sessions around 5.00 p.m.

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 today will be hosted by the Love in Action Group; next week will be the turn of the PACE (Parish And Community Events) group. Why not come along for a cuppa and a chat?

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 LUNCHESES 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.

PARISH WELCOME SUPPER 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 are available in the narthex now**; please complete and pop the form through the letterbox of Clergy House.

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:

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.

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 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, Eda Bright, Phil Carr, Roisin Cassels, 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/ 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).

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

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 / 07912 308000.

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 Closing date for applications is **11th September 2023**.

VACANCY St Joseph the Worker, Hutton 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 two days (one must be a Friday). Closing date is noon on **Friday 25 August 2023**. CV and covering letter required for application. For further information, please contact Fr Leslie Knight on 01277 221917 or email hutton@brcdt.org.

VACANCY A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Site Manager at The Immaculate Conception, Epping. The post will be part-time (three hours per week - with a flexible working agreement to be agreed). Please send your CV and cover letter by email to admin@eppingparish.plus.com

VACANCIES IN DIOCESAN SCHOOLS:

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



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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
			