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**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sunday 3rd September 2023**

My Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

It is with great joy that I address you on my first weekend here at the Cathedral Parish of St Mary & St Helen. I arrived last Wednesday, and I'm amid the chaos of boxes and personal belongings. If any of you have ever moved house, you know how long it takes to unpack.

This weekend fifteen parishes throughout the Diocese of Brentwood will be welcoming new priests. Obviously, there is always a tinge of sadness when our former Parish Priest moves on because we're all creatures of habit and as the old cliché goes 'no one likes change'! Please pray for all of us priests this weekend as we take up our new assignments.

Fr Martin has been a friend of mine for well over thirty years, and I've met with him a couple of times prior to my arrival here. He has briefed me well, and I'm happy to come as your new Dean of the Cathedral Parish, and really

look forward to getting to know you and being at your Service in the years ahead.

I think it's important you know a little of who I am. I was born in London on 15th February 1955, the eldest of seven children. My mother, Mary came from Co Wexford in Ireland, (died 1995), and my father, John was from Drury Lane, London, (died 1982). We moved from London when I was about 5 years of age to Chadwell Heath, where I grew up. From my earliest memories I always felt called to the Priesthood, and at the age of 18 I left home for the beginning of Seminary formation. I attended a Jesuit College for two years and St Mary's Seminary, Oscott for 6 years, being Ordained on the 11th July 1981. I served for 9 years in three different parishes as an assistant priest, and then was appointed Parish Priest in another three parishes. My last Parish, St Edmund of Canterbury, Loughton, I served for twenty-one years, the longest I've ever lived anywhere in my life.

In 1995 Bishop Thomas McMahon asked me to study Canon Law and I attended St Paul University in Ottawa, Canada, gaining a License & Masters in Canon Law. I serve on our Diocesan Matrimonial Tribunal as a Judge in annulment cases.

In 2017 to mark the centenary of the Diocese of Brentwood, Bishop Alan asked me to join the Cathedral Chapter of Brentwood as a Canon and Consultor.

A couple of weeks ago, I was in the beautiful medieval city of Assisi, Italy for a few days in spiritual preparation for my move to the Cathedral Parish. I asked the invocation of St Francis, St Clare & Blessed Carlo Acutis for the whole parish of Brentwood in this new chapter that is about to begin.

I ask for your prayers especially at this time of transition; and may Our Lord and Our Blessed Lady intercede for all of us.

*Love & God Bless You All*

Rev Canon John J Harvey



## GENERAL PARISH NEWS

**THERE WILL BE A SECOND COLLECTION TODAY** for the Catholic Education Service; the Catholic Education Service supports Catholic schools throughout the country and works with government to safeguard our Catholic schools. Please give as generously as you are able.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS** are Monday to Thursday from 8.30 a.m. - 3.00 p.m.

**COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS today** will be hosted by the Brownies; next week will be the turn of the SVP Group. Why not come along for a cuppa and a chat?

**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.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** Following the summer break, Children's Liturgy will resume again, for children aged 3 and older, next **Sunday 10th September**.

**PLEASE NOTE** due to some essential works taking place during the next few weeks, there will be some mobile tower equipment in place around the Cathedral; please take extra special care when walking around the building.

**THE NEXT CHAPTER OF CANONS MASS** will take place in the Cathedral on **Monday 11th September** at **10.30 a.m.** All are very welcome to attend.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** will meet in the Upper Room of the Cathedral on **Thursday 14th September** 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.

**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!

**PRAY** for the repose of the soul of June James (formerly of St Helen's Pre-school), 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.*

*June's Funeral Service will be celebrated in Bentley Crematorium on Friday 8th September at 11.30 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.

**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 **next 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.

**CONFIRMATION PREPARATION** We are now beginning to make preparations for the **2023-24 Confirmation Course**. If you are you are about to start in Year 12 and are interested in learning more about your faith and/or feel ready to take this next step then please register your interest by emailing to [cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com](mailto:cathedralbrentwood@gmail.com) The only information we need at this stage is your name, your year group at school, and parents' contact details. Full registration information will be sent out once we receive these details. Please bear in mind that classes take place on Sunday afternoons and attendance at these is compulsory.

There will be an **Introductory Meeting for Parents and Candidates** on **Thursday 21st September** (venue will be advised in due course). The **deadline for applications** for this course will be on **Sunday 24th September**; *please note no applications will be considered after this date.*

**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.

**250 CLUB WINNERS** are as follows: Johanna Peluso - £50 (April draw), Ruth McCarthy - £50 (May draw), Pat Redfearn - £300 (June draw), Johanna Peluso - £100 (June draw), Deacon Simon and Sarah Conrad - £100 (June draw) and Liz Murrell - £50 (July draw).

Our congratulations to all; the cheques will be in the post in the coming days!

**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](mailto: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 at 5.00 p.m.

**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](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, 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, Deacon Nicholas Holmes, 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

**BCYS YOUTH MASS - Thursday 7th September**, Brentwood Cathedral. Pizza and refreshments in the Cathedral Parish Hall from 6.00 p.m. with a chance to catch up with those from pilgrimages this Summer or perhaps find out more if you are thinking about joining the BCYS Lourdes or World Youth Day Pilgrimages in the future. Youth Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book! Youth Mass always takes places on the first Thursday of the month at Brentwood Cathedral, and coming up this term there is input from Charitable organisations in October, the fantastic David Wells speaking in November and an Advent Reconciliation service in December.

**BCYS YEAR 13 RETREATS - Midweek, Wednesday 13th - Friday 15th September OR Weekend, Friday 22nd - Sunday 24th September** at Walsingham House at Abbotswick.



You are made for a purpose. Going into year 13, you may be about to make big or tough decisions about your future, wonder what God may have planned for you or where to go next. This retreat is time to think, pray, chat with those in your year from across Essex and East London, and get a good focus for the future, right at the start of Year 13 and will take place in our beautiful Diocesan youth retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick, just outside Brentwood. For just £35, the cost will include meals, accommodation and youth-led formation. Last few remaining places so **APPLY NOW**. Visit [www.bcys.net/events/year13weekday/](http://www.bcys.net/events/year13weekday/)

**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.

**THE DEDICATION OF A CHURCH:** The next Gidea Park Faith Talk is due to take place at 7.00 p.m. on **Wednesday 20th September** in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Parish priest and liturgical scholar, Fr David Manson, will be speaking about 'the Dedication of a Church', explaining how this rare ceremony takes place, and pointing to its deeper significance. All are welcome. Tea and coffee will be available from 6.30 p.m.. The event can also be viewed on line simply by going to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING** at Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School will take place on **Thursday 28th September 2023** from 6.30 - 9.00 p.m. with Head Teacher's talks at 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. Open Mornings 9.30 - 11.30 a.m. (by appointment only) on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th October 2023. For further information contact the school on 01277 227156 or email [admin@buchs.co.uk](mailto:admin@buchs.co.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** Property Administrator - Cathedral House. The successful applicant will provide comprehensive, effective, and efficient administration support. Full Job description is available online. Hours: 35 hours per week- Office Based. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to [recruitment@brcdt.org](mailto:recruitment@brcdt.org) Closing date for applications is **15th September 2023**.

**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** 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](mailto:admin@eppingparish.plus.com)

## **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.

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
			