

VACANCY Walsingham House at Abbotswick are seeking an Assistant Manager. Start mid-August 2019. This exciting role - leading faith-filled and engaging retreats for thousands of young people every year - would be ideal for someone with Youth Ministry or Lay Chaplaincy experience. Living at Walsingham House, you would be part of a vibrant staff and volunteer community, with the chance to develop the retreat programmes and facilities in our new home. Full details <https://bcys.net/assistant-manager/>

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR VACANCIES in the Basildon area. Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Basildon area and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. The Governors of a Catholic school work as a team, in close co-operation with the headteacher and all the staff. Their key roles are to:

- ensure clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- hold the headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- oversee the financial performance of the school, making sure its money is well spent.

In addition to this, foundation governors are appointed specifically to ensure:

- that the religious character of the school is preserved
- that the school is conducted in accordance with its trust deed
- that the religious education curriculum is in accordance with the Bishop's policy for this Diocese

Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Legal and HR. Anyone interested in the role and mission of foundation governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested and have not already contacted the Diocese please send your CV to: sophierussell@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

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

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Newsletter for the month of February covering:

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sunday 3rd February 2019

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sunday 10th February 2019

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sunday 17th February 2019

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

Sunday 24th February 2019

Please ensure that you are aware of the position of all the emergency FIRE EXIT doors in the Cathedral

MO RUSTON, the parish secretary, will be having surgery in this coming week. Please pray for her and that the surgery will be successful. While Mo is away, the parish office will be looked after by Fr Martin and Fr Patrick with occasional help from Lorna Harper, former Cathedral secretary.

MASS TIMES, MASS INTENTIONS AND ANNIVERSARIES for the each week of February can be found on the noticeboard in the Cathedral narthex or at the back of Holy Cross Church

THANK YOU for the collection on the weekend of 26th/27th January: £3,547.07 of which £2,569.70 was Gift Aided. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of the parish.

SECOND COLLECTIONS *Please give generously to the following second collections. If you are a taxpayer please Gift Aid your offering by using a Gift Aid envelope found in the Cathedral narthex, back of Holy Cross or at the back of your box of Gift Aid envelopes.*

10 February - Lourdes Sick and Helpers Fund second Collection is to help provide the financial resources to allow those people who do not have the money to attend Lourdes and there find healing, companionship and the graces offered by Christ.

17th February - Racial Justice Sunday focuses on the experiences of ethnic communities in England and Wales. It is a day on which we all called to earnestly pray for an end to racism and racial inequality in our country. The theme this year is Dignity of Work, looking at how all people must not be exploited or face discrimination and hatred in their work.

15th March - Cafod Lent Fast day is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters around the world.

Drought, floods and storms are having a devastating impact on our global family. Like Mahinur from Bangladesh. She makes a living from fishing but a drought last year killed all the fish, and she's struggling to support her disabled husband and son. On Friday 15 March, can you eat a simple meal in solidarity and give what you save to help people like Mahinur?

Through CAFOD's global Church network - one of the largest aid networks in the world – your support can reach to the ends of the earth. Please collect your Cafod Fast Day envelope from church this week and give whatever you can.

WELCOME BACK to our four World Youth Day ambassadors who have had an incredible spiritual and cultural experience with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service at World Youth Day. Thank you to everyone in the parish who was so generous in making sure that they got to Panama and Costa Rica.

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Mercedes Payne, Gladys Clegg and Bridget Redgrave who all died recently. Mercedes' Requiem Mass will be celebrated in Holy Cross Church on Friday 8th February at 10.30 a.m. Details of Gladys' and Bridget's funerals are not yet known. *May they rest in peace and rise in glory.*

PLEASE NOTE THAT FR MARTIN WILL BE AWAY on his post-Christmas break from Monday 11th until Friday 22nd February.

OUR SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS go to Michelle Chardin and Nicholas Laidler who were married recently in the Cathedral. May the Lord who has sealed their marriage grant them the graces to live their high calling with profound joy, serenity and love.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH Elsie Upward who will be baptised this weekend in the Cathedral; pray for her and her parents "the first and best teachers of their children in the ways of Faith".

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 am MASS today will be hosted by the HCPT Group 8; next weekend will be the turn of the Catenians. The following two weeks will be hosted by the SVP and the St Helen's Ladies Group respectively.

MOTHERS PRAYERS are held fortnightly; our next two meetings will be on Wednesday 6th February and again on Wednesday 20th February at 10.00 a.m. in Clergy House. All are very welcome.

A WEEKLY HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION AND BENEDICTION will be held **every Monday** in the Cathedral from **7.30 to 8.30 p.m.** In the midst of all the busyness and distractions of daily life, this is an opportunity to rest before our Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament and adore Him. Silent adoration before the Holy Eucharist is a great spiritual tradition of the Church.

GIFT AID SCHEME

Ahead of the end of the tax year, we are considering our gift aid claim. Please get in touch with Lorna Green, the gift aid organiser, on 01277 205923 or philandlorna@aol.com, if any of the following circumstances apply to you:

- you are no longer a tax payer or became a non-tax payer in 2018/19;
- you wish to leave the gift aid scheme;
- you signed up to the gift aid scheme, but were unable to make payments during the year.

As a housekeeping exercise, if those within the scheme are no longer donating, their record is terminated. It can always be reinstated at a later stage. Please contact Lorna if this applies to you. Many thanks for your continued support and for making a real difference to our parish finances.

CATHEDRAL GIRLS' CHOIR: On Saturday **9th February** the Cathedral Girls' Choir will be travelling to Cambridge to visit the church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs and to sing a joint evensong with the Pembroke College Girls' Choir. This is a very exciting and unique opportunity for the girls. The evensong will be taking place at Pembroke College Chapel, Cambridge and the service starts at 6.15 p.m. Everyone welcome to attend.

READERS, COUNTERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS Please let Ann Camp know any dates that you are not available for the period 2nd March – 19th May; please note that unless you state you are not available over the Easter Triduum (Thurs. 18th – Sun 21st April) she will presume that you are available. If you prefer a particular Mass please state which you can cover. A quick response would be greatly appreciated. At the latest **by Saturday 9th February** please. 01277 231593 or email messina21@btinternet.com

OUR NEXT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING is on **Wednesday 27th February**. The Parish Pastoral Council is composed of parishioners who work together with the clergy to support the spiritual, pastoral, sacramental, catechetical, evangelical, liturgical, social and financial needs of our parish.

If you have any items that you would like to be discussed at the next meeting then please write to the Chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, Helen Brown c/o Clergy House *by Sunday 24th February*. Thank you.

OUR ALTAR SERVERS ALBS are in very poor condition and we are looking to replace them with new albs. Our altar servers, past and present, have such an important role serving at Mass and it is important that they are dressed properly. However, to replace all 40 albs is extremely expensive. Each alb costs around £50 to replace. If you have served in the past, have had a child who has served or just want to show your appreciation of our altar servers, would you be willing to buy an alb or give something towards the purchase of a new alb? Any donations, big or small, would be gratefully received. Cheques made payable to "Brentwood Cathedral" and placed in an envelope marked ALTAR SERVERS ALBS can be handed in to Clergy House. *Our grateful and sincere thanks to those parishioners who have, to date, already given donations to enable us to buy 21 albs; we are over half way! Thank you for your generosity.*

BLESSING OF ENGAGED COUPLES who are being prepared for marriage takes place at the 11.30 am Mass on **Sunday 10th February**. Please pray for all couples who are called to this great vocation of married life that the Lord may richly bless them and their future lives together as "one flesh".

PARISH WELCOME SUPPER This will be held on the evening of **Friday 1st March at 7.00 p.m.** to welcome all newcomers who have joined our Parish in the *last 18 months*. Come and join the clergy and representatives of our many Parish groups for an informal supper to get to know more fellow parishioners. The supper will be in the parish Hall and is being organised by the Parish Pastoral Council. If you are new to the Parish, or know someone who is, and interested in coming to this free event, please put your name and contact details in the sign-up sheet in the Narthex and Holy Cross **by 17th February**.

THE NEXT CHAPTER OF CANONS MASS will take place in the Cathedral at 12 Noon on **Monday 18th February**. All are welcome to attend. There will be no need for a Minister of Holy Communion to assist with Holy Communion at this Mass; Priests will distribute Holy Communion.

FR MARTIN IS SLEEPING OUTSIDE from **Friday 12th April 2019 - Saturday 13th April** in solidarity with those 307,000 people who have found themselves homeless in our country according to the homeless charity, Shelter.

Please sponsor Fr Martin on the sheets in the Cathedral narthex or at the back of Holy Cross. All money raised will go towards supporting the homeless charities on the Caritas Brentwood website (50%), especially helping homeless people to have food and shelter in the coldest months of the year and young people in our Diocese (50%), especially helping young people in financial need to attend pilgrimages and events.

Would you like to join Fr Martin and be one of 1000 people from across the Diocese sleeping outside for the night at Walsingham House, Abbotswick? No tents! Just you and a sleeping bag. Open to all ages, from 15+. Sponsorship target of £100/participant. Why not ask your company to match/fund your sponsorship? Mass at 11.15 p.m. then sleep out midnight – 7.00 a.m. For full details and sponsor forms visit <https://bcys.net/events/sponsored-sleepout-walsingham-house-abbotswick/> and for further details of the homeless charities please go to <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/charities/?cause=homeless>.

FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT is a national campaign that is taking place from 25 February to 10 March. During this time please consider swapping one of your shopping items for a Fairtrade product. There is such a wide choice available now; bananas, coffee, tea, chocolate, sugar as well as wine, flowers and cotton. Fairtrade ensures fair prices, living wages and decent working conditions for farmers and workers in developing countries. Please think how your actions in Brentwood can help those in need in countries far away. Thank you.

ASH WEDNESDAY is on **6th March** and marks the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Masses with distribution of ashes in the Cathedral at 9.15 a.m., 1.10 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.

LENTEN SOUP LUNCHESES will be held on Wednesdays in Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, for 6 weeks (so not in Holy Week) in the Small Hall at the Cathedral from 12 Noon until 2.00 p.m. All are very welcome. Voluntary donation with all proceeds going to homeless charities.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will take place every Friday evening 7.00 – 7.45 p.m. during Lent.

40 HOURS OF CONTINUOUS PRAYER AND MEDITATION before our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7.00 p.m. on **Thursday 28th March** and finish at the 9.15 a.m. Mass on Saturday 30th March. Can you stay with the Lord one hour? Can the men of the parish do an hour during the night shift? Can our older children give fifteen minutes to Jesus?

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE on **Tuesday 9th April** at 7.30 p.m. in the Cathedral. There will be a number of priests available to hear confessions and to minister the healing and forgiveness of Christ.

DO YOU HAVE UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS that are lying around your house and would make good raffle prizes at parish events? Would you be willing to donate them to our PACE (Parish And Community Events) team for use in their fund-raising efforts? If you are able to donate any unwanted gifts, please leave in the boxes in the Cathedral narthex and at the back of Holy Cross Church or drop off at Clergy House during office hours and on a Sunday.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDRENS SOCIETY have written to the parish to extend their heartfelt thanks for the recent cheque of £219.74 which was made up of donations from the parish and last year's gift aid offerings to the charity.

CHORAL VESPERS is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays at 6.30 p.m. and Fridays at 6.15 p.m. (during term time only). All are welcome.

CATHEDRAL CAR PARK: With the closing of the Council Car Park this year and the number of services at the Cathedral that attract very large numbers, if you decide to park here when attending Mass, please do so **only in marked bays** and be considerate to others when parking. There have been occasions recently when careless parking could have prevented safe evacuation from the site in an emergency or could easily have caused a serious accident. If the car park is full please park in one of the surrounding public car parks: (i) Sainsbury's, William Hunter Way or (ii) Coptfold Road/Crown Street car park; both are five minutes from the Cathedral. More details of these are now available on the Cathedral website <http://www.cathedral-brentwood.org/blog-2/parking-2017/> Better still, if possible, leave your car at home and enjoy some exercise and a stress free day!

CATHEDRAL PARISH HALLS and ST PETER'S HALL BOOKINGS: Please email Dawn Cockerton at patrickdawn8@aol.com or phone her on 07756 765567.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK is available to anyone who is gravely ill or about to have an operation, so if you know someone who would like to receive this important sacrament then please speak to a member of the clergy or ring the office on 265235.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS: If you know anyone who is unable to come to Mass but would still like to receive Holy Communion in their home, please contact Clergy House so we can add them to our Sick visits list.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:- Please pray for all our sick and housebound parishioners and friends, including: Lawrence Allum, Sheila Barnett, Bridget Barron, Hermine Bayley, Carmen Blackett, Sr Eileen Bolger, Stacey Bosley, Josephine Brooks, Toni Bryson, Beryl de Prazer, Charles Carlton, Phil Carr, John Carroll, Michael Clifford, John Collins, Linda Cooper, Sharon Cornell, David, Patricia Decup, Baby Arthur Fleming, Rebecca Florendo, Ron Fuhr, Concetta Hall, Tom Horan, Rita Hornsby, Ann Hurcumbe, Jess, Joseph, Billy Jones, James Joseph, Mary Kavanagh, Brian Kelleher, Veronica Kelleher, Marion Kelly, Ronald Lee, James Mackevoy, Tony Maule, Anita McDonald-Liggins, Diarmaid McMahon, Betty McManimon, Baby Michael, Eliane Moss, Kathleen Murnane, Michael Murphy, Barney O'Driscoll, Maura O'Flynn-Iffland, Phoebe O'Flynn-Lynch, Kathleen O'Harte, Siobhan O'Leary, Babs Page, Debbie and Brian Perrett, James Quilligan, Mary Robinson, Ted Rogers, Anne Rowe, Pat Shaw, Robin Shenton, Daisy Simpson, Bernard Slater, Rosemary Spooner, David Spring, Marie Stack, Sarah Storer, Patricia Swadling, TCT, Mark Thompson, Tim, Donald Walker, Fr John Warrington, Maria Wallis, Celine Wells, Wendy, Louisa Whiteman, and all our sick in Marillac, Mascalls, Brentwood Community, The Beeches, Queens, Nuffield and Hartwood Hospitals and St Francis Hospice.

GENERAL NEWS

THE ANNUAL LOURDES MASS will be celebrated by Bishop Alan on **Sunday 10th February** at 3.00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Leigh-on-Sea. During this Mass there will be an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL to be given by Domenico Gioffre on **Wednesday 13th February** in the Cathedral at 1.00 p.m. Please do come along and join us.

UPPER ROOM PRAYER GROUP The Upper Room Prayer Group will next meet on **Thursday 14th February** in the Upper Room of the Cathedral from 8.00 – 9.15 p.m. A time of prayer, praise, reflection and intercession. For details, please call Chris 07974 702771 or Gabrielle 07817 515207 or email: upperroompg@gmail.com.

SPRING SPIRITUALITY TALK - NEW DATE - Mgr David Manson will be giving a talk on "*The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Healing and Conversion*" on **Saturday 16th February 2019** - 10.30 a.m.-12.00 noon at Cathedral House Conference Centre, Brentwood. For further details please contact: jude@dioceseofbrentwood.org or telephone 01277 265285.

CALAIS LIGHT Would you like to help vulnerable migrants in Calais but don't know where to start? We run weekend car convoys from Brentwood Cathedral. The next trip is **1st to 3rd March** and we'll be supporting a different charity this time, Care4Calais, who go out with their volunteers to distribute aid, clothes and food to refugees. We are able to sort out car-shares, accommodation, ferries and the work with the 3 charities we support. Sign up now to volunteer on our "Calais Light" Facebook page, email calaislight@yahoo.com or visit www.calaislight.com.

CHARITY BALL Campion School have organised a Charity Ball on **Saturday 2nd March** at 6.30 p.m. to fundraise for the school's four main charities: Cardiac Risk in the Young, Motor Neurone Disease Association, Sepsis UK and Teenage Cancer Trust. The Ball is a great fundraising event and brings together so many people from the Campion community, past and present. The evening consists of a drinks reception, three course meal with coffee, DJ and entertainment throughout the night including an auction and raffle. If you would like to attend, please contact Mrs P Tucker at ptucker@thecampionschool.org to order tickets.

THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is holding an Anniversary Charity Ball to celebrate the 35th Anniversary of its founding. The Charity Ball takes place at The Rayleigh Club, Hullbridge on **Saturday 9th March**. Tickets are on sale now, costing £55 per person, which will include a drinks reception and three course dinner along with a full evening of entertainment. Guests will be seated on tables of 12, making it the perfect opportunity to get together with friends, family or colleagues, have a fantastic night out whilst at the same time raising vital funds for BCCS. Please contact Julie as soon as possible to avoid disappointment: 01268 784544 / 07912 277413 / jabbott@bccs.org.uk.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO POPE FRANCIS A study day on this theme will be held at the Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH on **Saturday 16th March**, 11.00 a.m. – 3.00 p.m. Six years after his

election we look at Pope Francis' efforts to bring renewal to the Catholic Church. The speaker will be Fr Alban McCoy OFM Conv, who is Dean of St Edmund's College, Cambridge. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please book by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS) - Head of School Services. BCCS are seeking to appoint an experienced and dynamic team manager who has the drive, enthusiasm and commitment to lead our School Service provision. The Head of School Services will provide professional support, supervision, training and leadership to social workers and counsellors who work in the school setting. Please visit our website at www.bccs.org.uk to download details, or email bfisher@bccs.org.uk for further information or to arrange an informal chat.

CATHOLIC TEACHING: Two fantastic opportunities from the Agnus Dei Teaching School Alliance:

21st March - "Get Into Teaching - Catholic Education" is a drop-in event in Billericay for anyone considering a career in teaching (primary or secondary) who wants to find out more about training and employment opportunities.

6th April - "Moving Into Catholic Education" is a Saturday networking event with a free lunch provided in Brentwood for teachers working in any non-Catholic school.

For more details please contact: <http://tiny.cc/catholicteaching> or email agnusdei@stbons.org.

ST JOHN'S RC SPECIAL SCHOOL, Woodford Bridge is recruiting for a full time Teacher MPS + SEN 1 from April to work with students aged 5 - 25 with a wide range of special needs. SEN teaching experience is essential. For an application pack please contact the school office on 020 8504 1818 or email office@stjohnsrcschool.co.uk. Applications close 4.00 p.m. on Friday 8th February, interviews 13th/14th February. Successful applicants will be subject to an enhanced DBS check. For further information about this role, please visit www.stjohnsrcschool.co.uk.

VACANCY Sixth Form Support Officer, Scale APTC 4/5 (£20,667 - £24,999 pro rata) 39 weeks per year, 36 hours per week. The Campion School is committed to providing the best possible learning and working environment for both pupils and staff and is looking to recruit an enthusiastic individual to join the Sixth Form team. This is a key role and the successful candidate must be committed to supporting the success of all young people, drawing together the pastoral and academic elements of pupils' development and ensuring the provision of individual pastoral care for all Sixth Form students. The successful candidate will have excellent communication and administration skills, be flexible and have enthusiasm and experience of working in support of young people. Please apply online. Closing date: 12 noon, Wednesday 6th February 2019.

PARISH DIARY

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL and HOLY CROSS

Day and Date	Time	Event	Venue
Sunday 3rd February	1.00 p.m.	Baptism of Elsie Upward	Cathedral
Monday 4th February	7.30 p.m.	Holy Hour and Exposition	Cathedral
Wednesday 6th February	6.30 p.m.	Choral Vespers	Cathedral
	8.00 p.m.	Youth Mass	Cathedral
Thursday 7th February	5.00 p.m.	Music Recording taking place	Cathedral
	7.45 p.m.	Marriage Preparation Course (5 of 5)	Conf Centre
Friday 8th February	10.30 a.m.	Requiem Mass for the late Mercedes Payne R.I.P.	Holy Cross Church
	5.00 p.m.	Music Recording taking place	Cathedral
	6.15 p.m.	Choral Vespers	Cathedral
Saturday 9th February	9.15 a.m.	First Holy Communion Session 5	Cathedral
	10.00 a.m.	Journey In Faith Day Retreat	Worth Abbey
Sunday 10th February	9.30 a.m.	First Holy Communion Family Mass	Cathedral
	11.30 a.m.	Special Blessing for Engaged Couples	Cathedral
Monday 11th February	7.30 p.m.	Holy Hour and Exposition	Cathedral
Wednesday 13th February	1.00 p.m.	Lunchtime Organ Recital	Cathedral
	6.30 p.m.	Choral Vespers	Cathedral
Thursday 14th February	5.30 p.m.	No Grange Mass Today	The Grange

Friday 15th February	6.15 p.m.	Choral Vespers	Cathedral
Saturday 16th February	12.30 p.m.	Baptism of Isobel and James Latchford	Cathedral
	2.00 p.m.	Baptism of Jacob Clark	Cathedral
Monday 18th February	12 Noon	Chapter of Canons Mass	Cathedral
	7.30 p.m.	Holy Hour and Exposition	Cathedral
Tuesday 19th February	10.30 a.m.	Confirmation Group volunteering at Soup Kitchen	Canning Town
Thursday 21st February	10.30 a.m.	Confirmation Group volunteering at Soup Kitchen	Canning Town
	5.30 p.m.	No Grange Mass Today	The Grange
Saturday 23rd February	8.30 a.m.	Confirmation Group Day Retreat	Abbotswick
	3.00 p.m.	Catholic Fellowship Mass	Cathedral
Sunday 24th February	1.00 p.m.	Baptism of Dylan Welch- May and Ben Brazier	Cathedral
	4.00 p.m.	Baptism Preparation Course (3 of 5)	Cathedral
Monday 25th February	7.30 p.m.	Holy Hour and Exposition	Cathedral
Wednesday 27th February	7.30 p.m.	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	Clergy House
	6.30 p.m.	Choral Vespers	Cathedral
Friday 1st March	6.15 p.m.	Choral Vespers	Cathedral
	7.00 p.m.	Welcome Supper for New Parishioners	Parish Hall

**Please see notice board in Cathedral and back of Holy Cross Church for all our usual Mass times.
Sacrament of Reconciliation each Saturday from 11.00 a.m. until Noon.**