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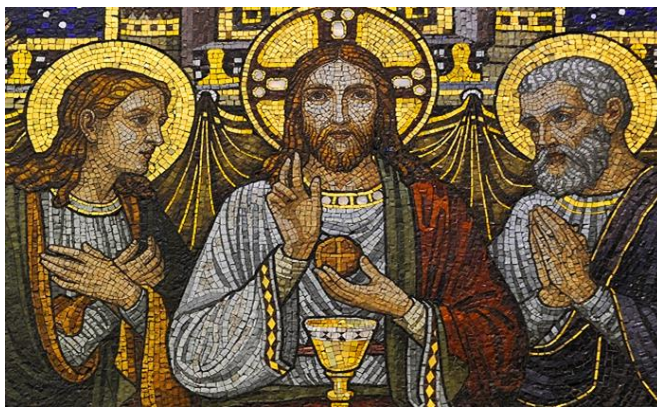
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**THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (B)
Sunday 2nd June 2024**

Spiritual Reflection:



Today we celebrate the Sacrament which is the source and summit of the Christian life. This phrase 'source and summit' is a rather awesome one. It is as if in the blessed Eucharist is contained the entire spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Passover Lamb. The great St. Irenaeus put it so beautifully when he said many centuries ago 'Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn

confirms our way of thinking.’ What does it mean to have our way of thinking attuned to the Eucharist?

Our word Eucharist has its roots in the Greek words *eucharistein* and *eulogein*, which recall the Jewish blessing - especially during a meal - of God’s works of creation, redemption, and sanctification. At the very heart then, of the Eucharist is a celebration of praise and thanksgiving at which Christ is made real and present. This is why, on entering a church where the Eucharist is in the Tabernacle, we acknowledge the real presence of Christ Jesus in the Tabernacle and genuflect in adoration.

We must continue to cultivate a genuine sense of Eucharistic wonder and awe. As we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us, he helps us grow in awareness of the fact that it is truly Christ himself whom we are receiving.

This understanding that Christ is real and present in the Eucharist cannot be apprehended by the senses but only by faith, and our faith relies on God’s authority, for it was Jesus himself who said: This is my body, which is given for you.’ The eminent Church father St. Cyril said, ‘Do not doubt whether this is true but rather receive the words of the Saviour in faith, for since he is the truth, he cannot lie.’ The Eucharist is our greatest gift; it is our richest blessing and most cherished treasure. Nothing in the Christian life compares to it for in the Eucharist is Christ himself, the ‘Godhead here in hiding’.

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

In this most wonderful Solemnity of Corpus Christi, we celebrate the Miracle of the Mass, the great gift that Jesus gave to the Apostles at the Last Supper and, which he continues to give to us for all time, His Body & Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In faith, we gather each week to celebrate this most wondrous gift. In fulfilling our Sunday Obligation to worship with the Faith Community, we become more like our Divine Master. In living the Christian life, we are striving to emulate Jesus Christ in all



things. It is the Eucharist which gives us the strength and courage to continue to bear witness to Christ, through the holiness of our lives. Jesus feeds us with his very presence so we can grow in his likeness! Let us always love and respect this priceless gift of his Body & Blood!

MONTHLY BIG CLEAN OF THE CATHEDRAL God's House is very special to all of us. It's cleanliness and tidiness is certainly key to enhancing the beauty of our Cathedral. I appeal to our parishioners who assist and help with the monthly clean of the Cathedral. If you could even give half an hour, this would truly be a great help. We have so many visiting groups to the Cathedral on a regular basis, especially school groups. The Cathedral Parish is the showcase of the Diocese, the Mother Church; that's why it's important to present it thus! If you can, on **Monday 3rd June at 9.45 a.m.** immediately after Mass, this would be wonderful. Please bring your mops and buckets, and dusters. 'Many hands will make light work of it.' With grateful thanks!

PROBABLE CANONISATION OF BL CARLO ACUTIS During the Holy Year 2025. Pope Francis has just cleared the way for the probable Canonisation of Bl Carlo Acutis.

In recognition of the Second Miracle associated with Bl Carlo. Born in London in 1991 to Italian parents, from a very young age, he displayed an incredible spirituality and devoutness. He loved the Holy Eucharist, and as a young millennial, was proficient in Computer Studies, and collated all the Eucharistic Miracles throughout the world. His kindness and care for others was exemplary. He stood up for people who were bullied, he visited the sick, made daily visits to Church for the Holy Mass. When he was 12, he became a Catechist in his Parish. He had wonderful devotion to the Blessed Mother and made many pilgrimages to the Marian Shrines. In October 2006 he got very sick and died very quickly from a diagnosis of severe leukaemia. He was only 15 years of age when he passed away. He was beatified in Assisi in 2020, and now the final state of the



Canonisation process will probably take place in 2025. He is a Millennial Saint and should be a wonderful inspiration to young people. Please pray to Bl Carlo Acutis.



JUNE IS THE MONTH OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS This devotion had its origin in the Apparitions to St Margaret Mary Alacoque in 1673, when Jesus advocated that a devotion to His Sacred Heart. In 1856, Pope Pius IX designated the Friday following the feast of Corpus Christi as the feast of the Sacred Heart for the universal Church. Ever since, the month of June has been devoted to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and his immense love for us all. Sister Margaret Mary died in 1690 and was canonized by Pope Benedict XV on May 13, 1920.

NEW CANDLE STAND I'm truly grateful to the many parishioners who kindly gave feedback on the new candle stand and smokeless candles. As you can appreciate smoke damage to the walls in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be reduced drastically; and the whole cleaning process of the stand will be much easier on the ladies who so faithfully look after it each week.

PLEASE JOIN PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME Our Parish Gift Aid Organiser is Lorna Green. I would encourage all parishioners to join the Parish Gift Aid Scheme. If you are a Taxpayer, it's a painless process, all we need is your name and address; there are Gift Aid Application Forms in the porch of the Church, or you can do it through the Parish Website.



We can claim back 25 pence in every pound donated to the Cathedral, when you use your envelopes or pay by Standing Order. Please think about joining, and many thanks to those who already belong to the scheme!

May God Bless You All,

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Walter Campling, Mary Chellew and Julia Blencowe who died recently; funeral details are as follows:

Walter's Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Thursday 30th May at 10.30 a.m.

Mary's Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday 7th June at 11.30 a.m.

Julia's Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday 28th June 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.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Baby Austin Hughes, grandson of Carmel and Anthony Jones, born on Monday 27th May and moved to Addenbrooke's Hospital for surgery on the following day.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS FOR THE PARISH Considering the recent First Holy Communions, if there are any children who would like to start serving at Holy Mass each weekend, could you kindly contact the parish office to give the following details as soon as possible: the child's name, contact details of parent/guardian and which mass the family regularly attend. Thomas will give instruction and training for new servers who have expressed an interest in serving on the following dates:

Saturday 22nd June 2024 - 10 - 11.00 a.m. - Training day (1 of 3)

Saturday 29th June 2024 - 10 - 11.00 a.m. - Training day (2 of 3)

Saturday 6th July 2024 - 10 - 11.00 a.m. - Training day (3 of 3)

To serve at the altar is one of the great honours and privileges for our children, and it is something they can do from a young age. This teaches our children about service and commitment in faith.

COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS today will be hosted by the PACE (Parish And Community Events) team; next week will be hosted by the Love in Action representatives. Why not pop along for a coffee and a chat?

NEW LECTIONARIES will become effective from the First Sunday of Advent this year. There will be a new biblical translation: The English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter for the psalms. If there are any parishioners who would be willing to sponsor these Lectionaries in remembrance of deceased loved ones, there is a remembrance plate attached to each book which can be inscribed with your loved one's name. All four Lectionaries will be used constantly throughout the Church's Liturgical Year. The Price of Each Lectionary is £175 (4 of them). Please make any cheques payable to Brentwood Cathedral.

THE NEXT "ENQUIRERS' EVENING" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 4th June** at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Dan Mason. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

YOUTH MASS Our next Youth Mass will be celebrated this **Thursday 6th June 2024** in the Cathedral. This may be a busy and stressful time for many of you, particularly those taking exams. The Cathedral and Parish Hall will be open for you to socialise, pray and celebrate Mass with us, or pop in for a break from revision, change of scenery or quiet personal prayer. Pizza from 6.00 p.m. in the Parish Hall, Mass in the Cathedral at 7.30 p.m.

BUG HOTEL Come along to the Love in Action coffee morning on **Sunday 9th June** and help us build a bug hotel for the Cathedral grounds. It's a great way to appreciate the beauty of our natural world and to care for it. Everything supplied, we just need willing hands, particularly little ones!

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP will meet in the Upper Room of the Cathedral on **Thursday 13th June** 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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME Please continue to pray for our remaining children who will be making their First Holy Communion on **Saturday 15th June 2024**, at 11.00 a.m. & 2.00 p.m. This will be the second of our First Communion celebrations. Once all the children have received First Communion, they will all come together on **Sunday 30th June** and celebrate their '**Going Forth**' Mass. The children should wear their special First Holy Communion clothes on this occasion.

READERS & EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS should now have received an email regarding dates for new rotas over the next few months. Please could you reply to let Ann know your availability for the period 28th June to 29th September by **Sunday 16th June**. Many thanks Ann. messina21@btinternet.com or 01277 231593.

BATTLE OF THE ORGANS On **Saturday 29th June** at 8.00 p.m. a one-off event will take place in Brentwood Cathedral...a Battle of the Organs. The mighty Cathedral instrument, originally built by Hunter, and rebuilt in 1990 by Daniel of Clevedon, will go head-to-head with a new Allen GX350. Allen Organs UK are very kindly lending us the instrument not only for the Battle, but also for the following morning to allow the Cathedral Choir to sing one of the great French double organ Masses at the 11.30 a.m. Mass.

In charge of these instruments on the night will be Donald MacKenzie (Organist of the Odeon, Leicester Square) and James Davy (formerly Master of Music of Chelmsford Cathedral and currently Organist at the Royal Hospital School, Holbrook). We can promise you highly entertaining evening as these two amazing organists put these organs through their paces, and 'pull out all the stops' to give us a concert to remember.

Tickets are £15 and £7.50 for under 16s, and are available from Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/83220321803>

Further details available from Richard Nott at organisttraining@brcdt.org

MISSIO. In 2023 our parish raised £2788.43 through our Red Boxes and other donations to MISSIO and the Mill Hill Missionaries, thank you. Our community is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. To find out more about how our money is spent visit mission.org.uk

RECALL OF MISSIO RED BOXES. Please would you return your Red Boxes to for emptying to Clergy House by the end of June. Please include your name on the box. New boxes will be available and if you wish Missio to increase your donations through the Gift Aid scheme please complete the forms which are in the narthex.

REFERENCES FOR WORK AND OTHER POSITIONS Fr John receives many requests for references which he is happy to write for people that he knows. However, it is not helpful to mention to him in passing that you have given his name as a referee or for him to receive unexpected reference requests. Therefore, before you give his name as a referee, please ensure that you make an appointment to meet with Fr John first to discuss the position you are applying for and the nature of the reference required. Thank you.

JUST FOR INFORMATION Clergy days off are Tuesday (Fr John) and Wednesday (Fr Gary); if you need to contact them at these times, please leave a message and they will call you back when they are able.

CHORAL VESPERS is celebrated in the Cathedral on Wednesdays and Fridays at 6.00 p.m. (during term time). Everyone welcome.

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.

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



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.

MASS TIMES in the Cathedral:

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS at 6.30 p.m.

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.

SATURDAY: 9.15 a.m.

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, contact Clergy House so we can put them on our Sick Communion list.

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 should receive this important sacrament then please speak to a member of the clergy or ring the parish office on 265235.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION is available in the Cathedral on Saturdays from 10.00 - 11.00 a.m. Confessions in Italian are also offered.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK and housebound parishioners and friends, including: Merle Anderson, Alistair Bailey, Yvonne Ball,

Hermine Bayley, Madeleine Bevan, Eda Bright, Phil Carr, Roisin Cassels, Keith Chester, David Cutter, Dermot Dalton, David, Iris Davis, Jenny Dean, Patricia Decup, Charlotte Donnelly, Margaret F, Rebecca Florendo, Julian Goode, Deacon Nicholas Holmes, Baby Austin Hughes, Wong Su Hwa, Jess, Brian Kelleher, Lisa Landy, Lawrence, Susan Maskall, Romek Matyszczyk, Tony Maule, John McCarthy, Carmel Micallef, Harry Newman, Barney O'Driscoll, Joe O'Herlihy, Matthew Pegg, Steven Poole, Geraldine Sheehan, Robin Shenton, David Spring, Mary Stretch, Tim, TCT, Siobhan Vaughan and all our sick.

GENERAL NEWS

THE GENERAL ELECTION This week the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have launched a set of informative resources to help us think about our election choices. It covers pro-Life issues as well as the criminal justice system, education, poverty, the environment, refugees and migrants. The Bishops remind us: "We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead." The resources include suggested questions for candidates, links if you want to go deeper, and actions we can take to make a difference. You will find everything at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

SION COMMUNITY CHARISMATIC TEACHING WEEKEND From 6pm Friday 7th June to 2pm Sunday 9th June 2024. Theme: 'Receive the Holy Spirit' (part of the 'Moving in the Anointing' series). This weekend is a great follow-up to 'Life in the Spirit' seminars and is especially aimed at those new to the Gifts of the Holy Spirit as well as those for whom these Gifts have become dormant. A great opportunity to learn more and grow in the Gifts and Charisms of the Holy Spirit. Guest Speaker: Michelle Moran. Cost: £130 residential, £100 non-residential. To book a place or visit <https://sioncommunity.churchsuite.com/events/f8v3emks>

CONCERT IN MEMORY OF ANGELA HARRIS - Edward Elgar - The Dream of Gerontius on Saturday 8th June, 7.30pm at Chelmsford Cathedral.

Angela was a much-loved member of Hutton & Shenfield Choral Society, having joined for its first concert back in 1967. She was a fine musician, studying piano and voice at the Royal College of Music where Herbert Howells was one of her teachers. She was cherished throughout the musical community in Brentwood, having taken a prominent role in the music at Brentwood Cathedral for many years. Angela sang in nearly every concert HSCS gave during her 56 years as a member, singing right up to our July concert last year. She often led sectional rehearsals, accompanied or standing in when the M25 stopped our Music Director from arriving at rehearsal on time! Performing Elgar's masterpiece, The Dream of Gerontius has special meaning as, not only was it one of Angela's favourite choral works, she met her husband, Philip, at The Newman Society.
www.ticketsource.co.uk/huttonshenfeldchoralsociety
email hscstickets@yahoo.com

CATHOLIC PARISH SUMMIT The Catholic Parish Summit is taking place in Harrogate from the **12th to the 14th June** with over 1,000 parish leaders from across the country. Our diocese has booked some places for the Summit which are available to anyone who is interested in attending. These places are free but they are limited and you will need to make arrangements for accommodation while you are in Harrogate. For more information about the Summit please visit their website: <https://catholicparishsummit.com/> If you would like to find out more, please email Father Dan Mason, the Episcopal Vicar for Parish Renewal at billericay@brcdt.org

REDISCOVER YOUR MARRIAGE Retrouvaille offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. 10s of 1000s headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work. The next programme commences with a weekend in Welwyn Garden City on **14-16 June 2024**. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IN AN ELECTION YEAR On **Saturday 15th June** Raymond Friel OBE, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, will lead a Study Day, reflecting on Catholic Social Teaching and what the Church says about democracy and voting. Talks will be at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Coffee will be available from 10.30 am and the talks begin at 11 am, and conclude by 2 pm. This is an in-person event, also available online at www.whatgoodnews.org If you intend to be present, please email gideapark@brcdt.org Please bring a packed lunch. No booking necessary for online participation. Simply go to the website. Talks will be available on the website after the event.

‘REVIVE; DISCOVER; EMPOWER’ a young adults retreat: Walsingham House are hosting a young adults retreat on the weekend of **22nd - 23rd June**. The retreat is open to those who are 19+. It will be a weekend of prayer and friendship and a wonderful opportunity to take a break from work or university. The cost of the retreat is £45 and more information, including how to book, can be found at www.bcys.net/events

OPEN EVENING The Champion School would like to warmly invite parents/carers and year 5 boys to our Open Evening on **Wednesday 26th June** from 4.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m. The Headteacher's talk will be at 5.00 p.m. and repeated at 6.30 p.m. Please visit our school website for more details www.thecampionschool.org.uk

ST BONAVENTURE'S RECONNECT EVENT at St Antony's Catholic Club - The Red House on **11th July 2024** from 6.30 p.m. The goal of this event is to bring together former students and staff, celebrate their life achievements, reconnect and share stories and memories and support the school's Alumni Fund in assisting students in need with resources that enhance their educational outcomes. For more information email alumni@stbons.org

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY is pleased to host their first Charity Tribute Night featuring ABBA Chique at the Mill

Hall Arts & Events Centre in Rayleigh on **Friday 12th July** from 7.30 to 11.00 p.m. Please spread the word among friends and family, join them at this special anniversary event and get ready to dance and sing along to your favourite ABBA hits! Tickets cost £20 plus a small booking fee and can be purchased via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abba-tribute-night-tickets-849314000037> Please keep your e-ticket to show on entry to the venue. All details can be found on the BCCS website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/ If you have any questions about the event, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (**Friday 19 - Friday 26 July**). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com). If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves at Lourdes@brcdt.org

THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP is now open for bookings! Children age 9 - 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from **27th July - 3rd August**. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and this year there is space for just 100 children - book early! All details are www.boscocamp.co.uk, including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

WALSINGHAM HOUSE ANNIVERSARY MASS Celebrate 40 years of team at Walsingham House with us, beginning with Mass on **31st August** at Walsingham House at Abbotswick at 12pm to be celebrated by Bishop Alan followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.

VACANCY St Peter's Primary School, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham are seeking to appoint a KS2 Class Teacher from 1 September 2024. Please call the school office for more information tel.0208 270 6524, email: office@st-peter.bardaglea.org.uk. School visits welcome. Closing date 10 a.m. on **11th June 2024**.

VACANCY Learning Support Assistant: 8.45 a.m. - 3.15 p.m. (term-time only). St Helen's Infant School are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-motivated person to join our staff in September 2024. Please contact the school office for further information and an application pack: office@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk Deadline: **Friday 14th June 2024**



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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