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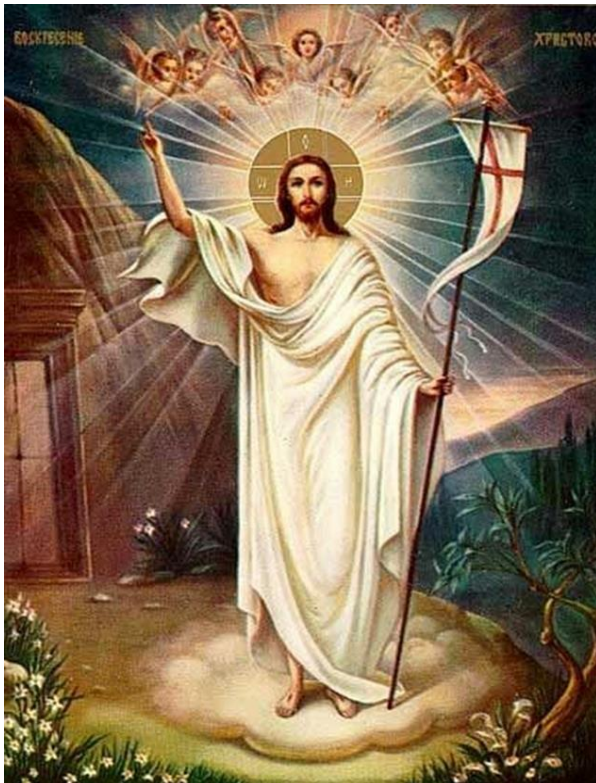
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**THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (B)
Sunday 31st March 2024**



Resurrexit sicut dixit, Alleluia!

Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

On behalf of Fr Gary and myself, we would like to wish you all a very happy, holy, and blessed Easter. We thank you kindly for your Easter Greetings and Cards, also for your Easter Offerings. The Lord has truly risen Alleluia! As we gather on this Easter Day to celebrate the greatest event in the whole of human history; that at a moment in time God raised his Son Jesus Christ from the tomb; He triumphed over Sin and Death, and the life of faith, is our response to share in the Risen life of Christ.

I would like to welcome all our visitors this weekend who are visiting family and friends here in Brentwood. Our Holy Week and Easter Masses and Services have been the high point of the liturgical year. For those who have been involved in any way whatsoever, from Bishop Alan, Priests and Deacons, Music Director, Organist and Choir, MC and Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Ushers, all those who cleaned the Cathedral this week, prepared the Altar Linen; those who prepared the beautiful flowers; also, those who donated towards the Easter Flowers. A very BIG thank you!

At the Easter Vigil we baptised 6 Catechumens and received 7 new members into full communion with the Roman Catholic faith. We welcome them into our Cathedral Parish Community.

Wishing a Very Happy & Blessed Easter to you All,

Fr John and Fr Gary

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**THANK YOU AND FAREWELL** It has been wonderful to have the Student Priests and Deacons from the Pontifical North American College with us during this Holy Week and Easter, and especially for assisting us at the Sacred Liturgies. My sincere and grateful thanks to all those parishioners who provided desserts and various goodies for the students. I know they are truly grateful for your generosity. Please keep them in your prayers, and

especially the three Deacons who will be Ordained to the Sacred Priesthood in the next few months.

**YOUR EASTER OFFERTORY** is your personal gift to Fr John and Fr Gary and goes to make up the major part of their annual salary.

**ELECTRONIC EASTER OFFERING** This year, envelopes will be available for you to make your Easter Offering, which, as you know, is an opportunity in every Catholic Church for parishioners to make an Easter gift to your Parish Priest. You can also make your Easter Offering electronically. You just need to transfer the money to the parish account with the reference 'Easter Offering'; please also quote your Gift Aid Number. The details of the bank account are:



Sort Code: 40-13-22, Account Number: 30217492 (EASTER OFFERING + GIFT Aid No), Account Name: Brentwood Cathedral.

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** I would like to say a very Big Thank you to all our parishioners who assisted and help with the 'Big Clean' last Monday. I was very heartened to see so many parishioners turn up to make the Cathedral sparkle for Holy Week and Easter. We are hoping to have a 'Big Clean' once a month; our next clean will be on **Monday 29th April at 9.45 a.m.** after the morning Mass.

**MASS ON EASTER MONDAY** Holy Mass on Easter Monday will be celebrated at 10.00 a.m. Daily Mass is such a gift, could I encourage more parishioners to attend an additional Mass during the week. The Eucharist is the great act of Thanksgiving, and we all have so much to be grateful for.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS** We have just completed the Journey of Faith Programme for 2023/24 with 6 Baptisms and 7 Receptions into full communion at the Easter Vigil. If there is anyone who is interested in knowing



more about the Roman Catholic Faith, possibly with the view of receiving the Easter Sacraments next Easter 2025, please contact Fr John, (Tel No: 01277 265235), who will be only too willing to explain the programme and what is involved.

The RCIA is a systematic programme of instruction in the Roman Catholic Faith, looking at Sacred Scripture, the Dogmas and Teaching of the Faith, Christology, the History of the Church, the Sacraments, Living the Catholic Christian Life, Prayer, The Role of Our Blessed Lady in the life of faith; the four last things - death, judgement, heaven and hell; The Sacramentals - the Rosary, Benediction, devotion to the Saints, Stations of the Cross, Novenas, etc. It is hoped that we will have another big class again for 2024/25. If there are any spouses of Catholics here in the parish who would like to come along and learn a little more about Catholicism, please encourage them to do so.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the soul of Adele Bruce who died suddenly and unexpectedly last week. Adele was a well known and loved former parishioner of the Cathedral who moved to Somerset with her husband a couple of years ago in order to be nearer their daughter, Helen. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

**COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS** there will be no coffee after Mass today, Easter Sunday. Next week will be hosted by Angela James who will be raising funds for BCCS and the following week will be hosted by the SVP team.

**THE FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GROUP** is hoping to offer pre-loved dresses/outfits to our parish families this year and are appealing for donations of dresses and outfits in good condition, which are no longer needed. If you can help, please contact the Catechists at [brentwoodfhccatechists@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodfhccatechists@gmail.com)

**CAN YOU OFFER A LIFT TO MASS?** One of our long-term parishioners has early-stage dementia and has recently moved to a retirement home in

**CATHEDRAL CAR PARK** During this busy time, please could I request that people are thoughtful and careful in the way they

park on the Cathedral site and, if possible, please consider parking elsewhere so we can ensure public safety and emergency access within the car parks.

**PLEASE NOTE** the parish office will be closed on Monday 1st April.

**YOUTH MASS** Celebrating the Easter week with a Praise and Worship Music Workshop, our next Youth Mass will be held on **Thursday 4th April**. Meet in the Parish Hall from 6.00 p.m. for pizza and refreshments, before being lead in a music workshop with Art Wangcharoensab from the Cathedral music department. Singing is a wonderful way of praying together, sharing our talents and celebrating our faith, particularly in the joyful week following Easter Sunday! You are welcome to sing, bring an instrument or just listen if you prefer! Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7.30 p.m. where you are also welcome to sing, play, read or serve (just bring along an alb or instrument.) All information can be found at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

**LUNCHTIME RECITAL** Our next Lunchtime Recital will be on **Wednesday 10th April** at the usual starting time of 1.00 p.m. This will be given by our Cathedral Organist Stephen King who will be accompanied by Sophia Assitzoglou on the Violin and Owen Romhany who will be playing the Trombone and Cello. Please do come along and join us.

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** will meet in the Upper Room of the Cathedral on **Thursday 11th April** from 7.00 p.m.

**WINTER WARMER SOUP LUNCHES** We will be taking take a break for Easter and **return again on Friday 12th April** when we will be providing light lunches of freshly made sandwiches and cakes. **PARISHIONER ANGELA JAMES** will be running the London Marathon on **Sunday 21st April** to raise money for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. If you are able to support in any way, she would be very grateful; you can donate on the following link at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/angela-james->

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

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY DEVOTION** St John Vianney, Clayhall, is holding an afternoon of Divine Mercy Devotion on Divine Mercy **Sunday 7th April 2024**. Starting at 1.00 p.m. and ending with Mass at 5.00 p.m. which will comprise Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, recitation of St Faustina's Praises, the Litany of the Divine Mercy, the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and the Holy Rosary, prayers and time for Confession. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome at St John Vianney Catholic Church, 1 Stoneleigh Road, Clayhall IG5 0HE. Parking available, nearest TfL station Gants Hill, buses 123 and 179 pass nearby, also bus 462 slightly further away.

**CONCERT FOR ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP** Come and enjoy an exciting variety show of music and entertainment, to raise money for the camp, which provides holidays for over 100 children. The camp is restarting in 2024, under the umbrella of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood. The fundraising concert is on **Saturday 13th April 2024** - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. 7.00 to 9.00 p.m. Wine and refreshments included. Adult tickets £10; children £5. Bookings by phone: 07957 382592. Online bookings and further details are available at: [www.boscocamp.co.uk/events](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk/events)

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY** will be hosting a very special Anniversary Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea on **Tuesday 23rd April 2024** at 1.00 p.m. for service at 1.30 p.m. They are delighted that Bishop Alan, BCCS President, will be attending as guest of honour. Tickets for the event are £34.00 per person and should be purchased **before Monday 8th April** directly from their event webpage: [www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/) Once you have purchased your tickets, please advise Julie of any special

dietary requirements or seating requests by contacting her by email [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) or call her on 07912 277413. Guests will be seated at tables of 12.

**INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC RESPONSE** to homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, assisting with the Cost-of-Living Crisis, or tackling the causes and effects of climate change? You are invited to the 2024 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, **Saturday 27th April**, 10.00 a.m. - 2.30 p.m. at the St Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford. This day is a chance to be sustained, share ideas and good practices with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. Details and Registration (for free!) at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/network](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/network)

**THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC CHILDREN'S SOCIETY (BCCS)** are looking for thrill seekers with a passion for fundraising to take part in Harlow Tye Rotary's annual Harlow Water Tower Abseil on **Saturday 18th May**. For details, please visit our Harlow Water Tower Abseil webpage here: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> To secure your spot, a £35 entry fee will be paid to the Harlow Tye Rotary Club, with all funds raised through your efforts being donated to BCCS. Please reach out to Charlotte: [cwalker@bccs.org.uk](mailto:cwalker@bccs.org.uk) / 07986841178 to sign up.

**A DAY WITH MARY PILGRIMAGES** Further information on 'A Day With Mary 2024' Pilgrimages to Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 September) is available at [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org) or email [adwmary.uk@gmail.com](mailto:adwmary.uk@gmail.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](mailto: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](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) - or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**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](http://www.thecampionschool.org.uk)

**VOLUNTEER AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP;** from 27th July - 3rd August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply. Details: [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk)

**APPRENTICESHIPS AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE** Walsingham House are offering a two-year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information, please email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or visit [www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/](http://www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/)

**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](http://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](mailto:Lourdes@brcdt.org)

**40 YEARS OF WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAMS 2024** marks 40 years of retreat teams at Walsingham House. There will be a celebration Mass with Bishop Alan on **Saturday 31st August 2024** at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Please save the date as it would be wonderful to see Walsingham House and BCYS alumni and friends gather together to mark this milestone. More information to follow in the new year.

**VACANCY** Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster are seeking a Teacher of Religious Studies required for September 2024 (maternity cover). Qualified Teachers' Pay Spine + Outer London Allowance. For more information and an application pack, please contact the school. Closing date **Monday 15th April 2024**.

**VACANCY** Ursuline Links: Youth Volunteer Programme are recruiting for a Director for the charity's future working in Forest Gate, London. If you feel you have the relevant skills and experience to fulfil this role, please send your CV to [officemanager@ursulines-ru.uk](mailto:officemanager@ursulines-ru.uk) All suitable applicants will be sent an application form to complete. Closing date **19th April 2024**.

**VACANCIES IN DIOCESAN SCHOOLS:**

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

1696073073514 or alternatively, please join Angela for the Coffee Morning on **Sunday 7th April** where all donations received go to BCCS. Thank you.

**YOUTH 2000 LONDON RETREAT DAY: COME AND SEE.** Youth 2000 are running a retreat day for young adults (16-35) on **11th May** at Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon. It is jam-packed one day event, where people come together as a community of young adults in prayer and friendship. The retreat is an invitation to come as you are, and to come and see who Jesus is and what He can do in your life. The cost £25 and more information can be found at: <https://www.youth2000.org/events/london2024>

**NEW GIFT AID BOXES** Please do remember to pick yours up and take it home with you. If you do not use the envelopes, we cannot claim the Gift Aid!

**ALTAR LINEN** Many thanks to all those who expressed an interest in donating towards the replacement altar linens; I am currently contacting ecclesiastical suppliers for quotes and once details are available, we will let people know.

**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.

**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](http://www.cathedralbrentwood.org) or use the QR code:

**COMPLETE THE  
FORM ONLINE**



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, Julia Blencowe, 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, Wong Su Hwa, Jess, Brian Kelleher, Lisa Landy, Lawrence, Susan Maskall, Romek Matyszczyk, Tony

**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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