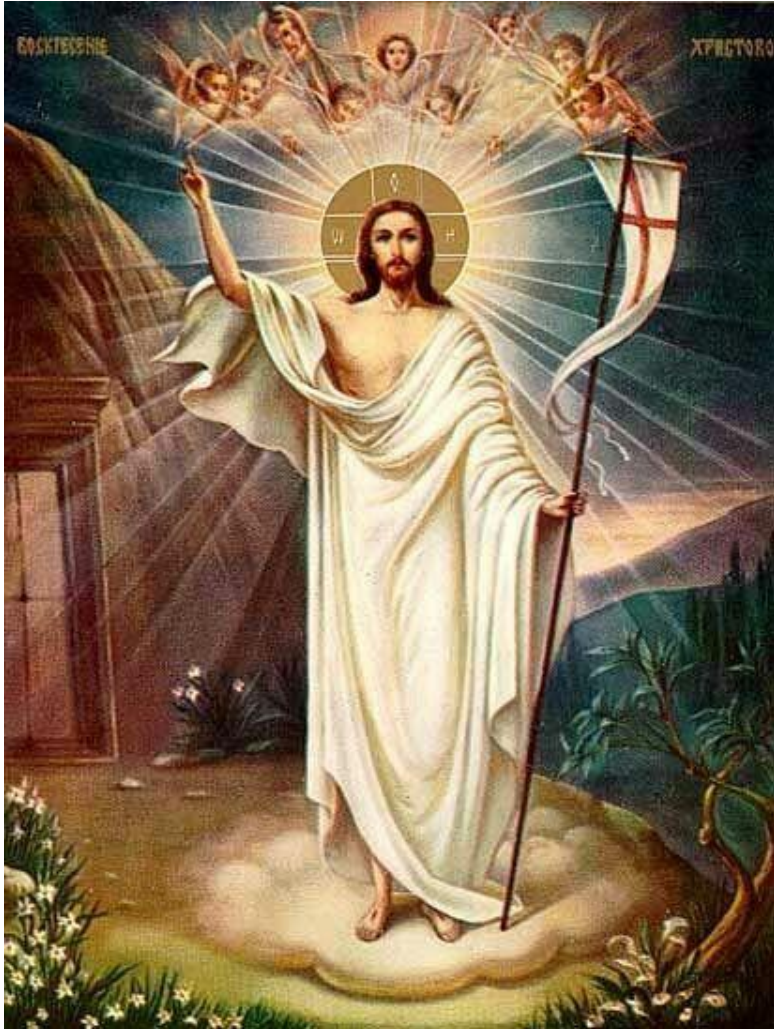


**CATHEDRAL OF ST MARY & ST HELEN  
HOLY CROSS AND ALL SAINTS**

**EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD  
JUBILEE YEAR - 'Pilgrims of Hope'**

**Sunday 20th April 2025**



*Resurrexít sicut díxít, Alleluía!*

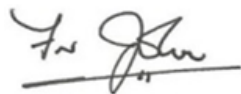
Dear Friends in Jesus Christ,

On behalf of Fr Matúš & 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 & death and the life of faith is our response to share in the Risen life of Christ.

I would like to welcome all visitors this weekend who are here with family and friends in Brentwood. Our Holy Week & Easter Masses & 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 & Choir, MC & Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, Ushers, all those who prepared the Cathedral this week; those who 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 3 Catechumens and received 5 new members into full communion with the Roman Catholic faith. We welcome them into our Cathedral Parish community.

*A very happy & blessed easter to you all,*



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**YOUR EASTER OFFERTORY** Is your personal gift to Fr John & Fr Matúš and goes to make up a major part of their annual salary. Envelopes are available for

you to make your Easter offering; you can also make your Easter offering electronically. Simply transfer your offering to the parish account quoting the reference 'Easter Offering.' Please do



also quote your Gift Aid number. The details of the parish bank account are as follows:

Account Name: Brentwood Cathedral

Account Number: 30217492

Sort Code: 40-13-22



**ON EASTER MONDAY, 21st April, Holy Mass** will be celebrated at the slightly later time of **10.00 a.m.** The Octave of Eastertide celebrates the triumph of Jesus Christ over sin and death, the Resurrection becomes the key and central feature of the life of faith. The Holy Mass gives

us the opportunity to participate and celebrate in the Paschal Mystery won for us on the Altar of the Cross. Please come and join us.

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS**

We have just completed the Journey of Faith programme for 2024/25 with 3 Baptisms and 5 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 2026, 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 Teachings 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 & 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 2025/26. 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.

## 125th ANNIVERSARY OF THE URSULINE SCHOOL

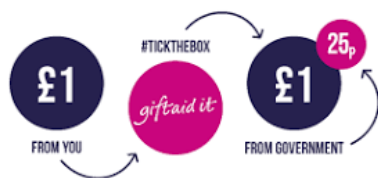
On behalf of the Cathedral Parish, I would like to send our congratulations to the Brentwood Ursuline School on the 125th Anniversary of its foundation. When the Ursuline sisters arrived here, they began their school through the great vision of the founding sisters. They were a great presence amid Brentwood, and the Order grew through those years. The school expanded to what we see today. I would like to thank the Ursuline Sisters for everything they have achieved in educating so many students over the past 125 years. There are many parishioners who have passed through the school, and many who are attending at present.



This week I will be celebrating the anniversary with the staff & students on 23rd April, in their Foundation Day celebration Mass. Next Saturday 26th April, I will celebrate Holy Mass for the Alumni of the School on this anniversary. Our grateful thanks, once again to the Ursuline Sisters, and the present Head and Staff on this momentous occasion. May God bless you all. Fr John

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH** On behalf of the whole Cathedral Parish Community, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking **Lorna Green** who has been our Gift Aid organiser for the past 11 years. She has really done a sterling job and we're very grateful for all the time and effort she has put into this important aspect of our parish life. Thankfully we have managed to find new Gift Aid organisers, Amy & Michael Edwards. I would like to thank them most sincerely for taking on this ministry and service to the parish community, it is truly appreciated.

**PARISH GIFT AID SCHEME** If you belong to the Gift Aid Scheme at the Cathedral, it means that for every pound you donate, 25 pence can be reclaimed from the Inland Revenue at the end of the Tax Year. If you would like to join the Scheme, Gift Aid Forms are available in the narthex, but you can also sign up on the Cathedral website. Any donation to the Cathedral can



be Gift Aided, all we need is your name and GA number - e.g. Christmas & Easter offerings, flowers for the Cathedral, special collections, charitable donations etc.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the repose of the soul of Margaret Keating and Michael Killarney who died recently; funeral details are as follows:

*Margaret's Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Friday 25th April at 11.00 a.m.*

*Michael's Requiem Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on Thursday 8th May at 10.30 a.m.*

May they rest in the peace of Christ.

**COFFEE AFTER 9.30 MASS** There will be no coffee morning today, Easter Sunday; next week will be the turn of the Love in Action group. Please do join us for a cuppa and a chat.

**MISSIO** In 2024 the Cathedral parish raised £2626.73 through our red box collections and other donations to MISSIO and the Mill Hill Missionaries. THANK YOU. The Diocese of Brentwood has raised in the order of £74,000.00. 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](https://mission.org.uk) Please return any Missio boxes to Clergy House by **Monday 21st April**; replacement boxes will be available for you to collect from the narthex.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2025 - Saturday 26th April** at 9.30 a.m. will be the fifth session for our First Holy Communion children; please ensure the children arrive in time for a prompt start of the session.

**GRAVEYARD TIDY UP** The Love in Action group will be hosting the coffee morning **next Sunday 27th April** which will be followed by a graveyard tidy to get the area ready for spring. Please do come along and join us!

**THE FRIDAY FRIENDSHIP LUNCH** will return again after the Easter break commencing on **Friday 2nd May**.

**NEW ALTAR SERVERS** I would like to extend an invitation to any boys and girls who have made their First Holy Communion, to consider becoming an Altar Server at the Cathedral Parish. This is a truly wonderful opportunity for our young ones to get involved in the life of faith and give great service to God and the Church. Our Parish MC Thomas Bridge will give instruction and training for new servers who have expressed an interest in serving on the following dates:

**Saturday 24th May**- 10 - 11.00 a.m. - Training day (1 of 3)

**Saturday 31st May**- 10 - 11.00 a.m. - Training day (2 of 3)

**Saturday 14th June**- 10 - 11.00 a.m. - Training day (3 of 3)

If your child would be interested, please leave your details with Mo in the parish office.

**LOCAL HISTORIANS** We have received an enquiry from someone seeking copies of parish newsletters for the period between mid-May and mid-June 1994. This does pre-date our current computer system but we are hopeful that someone among our readers might have copies or know where to find them. If you would be willing to share any knowledge/ideas/contacts, please do drop a note into Mo in the parish office marked "Newsletters from 1994" and we will pass them on. Your support of this ex-parishioner's special intention would be much appreciated.

**SECULAR FRANCISCANS** Do you wish to know more about St Francis? Did you know that there is a secular Franciscan community within the parish? It usually meets every third Sunday of the month at the Sion Community Centre, which is situated towards the end of Sawyers Hall Lane. The next meeting will on **Sunday 18th May** due to where Easter falls this year. The meeting starts with adoration and prayers starting at 2.00 p.m. followed by a meeting for conversation and reflections. The meeting usually finishes about 4.00 p.m. with a closing prayer. Should you have any interest please don't hesitate to come along to one of the meetings.

**PILGRIMS OF HOPE PRAYER GROUP** - for this special jubilee year why not join the parish Pilgrims of Hope prayer group? It couldn't be easier. The group pray every Monday evening at 8.00 p.m. Prayers and reflections are shared on a WhatsApp group with each person praying privately wherever they find themselves. If you'd like to join the WhatsApp group then please give your mobile number and name to the parish secretary.

**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 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.

**JUST FOR INFORMATION** Clergy days off are Tuesday (Fr John) and Wednesday (Fr Matúš); 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 on a 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.

**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: Sylvia Allum, Merle Anderson, Alistair Bailey, Yvonne Ball, Hermine Bayley, Eda Bright, Roisin Cassels, Esmeralda Chester, Keith Chester, Dermot Dalton, David, Iris Davis, Patricia Decup, Sheila Deed, Charlotte Donnelly, Margaret F, Rebecca Florendo, Angela Gavin, Julian Goode, Deacon Nicholas Holmes, Wong Su Hwa, Jess, Lisa Landy, Lawrence, Peter Madden, Romek Matyszczyk, Tony Maule, John McCarthy, Carmel Micallef, Stephanie Murray, Harry Newman, Barney O'Driscoll, Joe O'Herlihy, Matthew Pegg, Steven Poole, Margaret Ross, Geraldine Sheehan, Robin Shenton, David Spring, Mary Stretch, Tim, TCT, Siobhan Vaughan and all our sick.

## GENERAL NEWS

**DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION** St John Vianney, Clayhall, is holding an afternoon of Divine Mercy Devotion on Divine Mercy **Sunday, 27 April**. Starting at 1pm and ending with Mass at 5pm, it 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. Bishop David Waller will give the homily.



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 buses SL2 and 462 slightly further away.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS** Please save the date for the upcoming Life in the Spirit Seminars which are being held in Brentwood Cathedral Large Hall over 6 Tuesday evenings (**29th April - 3rd June**). Come along to hear inspiring speakers, be filled with the Holy Spirit and travel through your own 'Holy Door' as we celebrate this Jubilee Year. More details will follow shortly. The *Life in the Spirit Seminars Registration* is now **OPEN**. Register by scanning the **QR code below** and receive more information on this special Diocesan event taking place from Easter to Pentecost in Brentwood Cathedral Large Hall. The Seminars are being held over 6 Tuesday evenings from **29th April - 3rd June** inclusive and are open to all. You are warmly invited to come along to hear inspiring speakers, be filled with the Holy Spirit and travel through your own 'Holy Door' as we celebrate this Jubilee Year as "*Pilgrims of Hope*".



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**ANNUAL MASS FOR MIGRANTS** The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to a celebration of the annual Mass for Migrants on **Monday 5th May** at 2pm in Westminster Cathedral. The Mass will celebrate the contributions made to the faith, life and work in

the UK by all those from other countries who make a home here. Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, MAfr OBE, will be both celebrant and preacher. For further information please visit: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/migrants-mass-2025/>.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM** Join the St Vincent de Paul Society for a pilgrimage to Walsingham in this year of Jubilee. A wonderful occasion to gather members from all across the Society, taking place on **Sunday 6th July 2025**. The day will include Mass, Anointing of the sick and Benediction. Full details can be found in the flyer, including how to register. If you have any questions, get in contact: [bethant@svp.org.uk](mailto:bethant@svp.org.uk)

**THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025:** Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from **Friday 18th to Friday 25th July**. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours

**WeBELIEVE FESTIVAL** Celebrate the Jubilee at WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ. From **25th-28th July**, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, & many more. Early Bird Tickets available now at [www.webelievefestival.com](http://www.webelievefestival.com)

#### **LEADERSHIP VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE:**

**Headteacher** - St Peter's School, Romford. Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), **Tuesday 22nd April 2025**.

**Deputy Teacher** - St Patrick's Primary School, Walthamstow. Deadline for applications: 15:00 p.m. **Monday 28th April 2025**.

**Headteacher** - St Mary's Primary School, Hornchurch. Deadline for applications: 17:00 p.m. **Monday 28th April 2025**. For further details, please visit the Brentwood Diocesan website.

**VACANCY** St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking to appoint a **Catering Assistant** to join our established catering team preparing approximately 250 meals a day. Candidates must have experience of a similar environment as well as a passion for great food. For more information and to apply, visit:

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=109468> Closing date is **21st April 2025**.

**VACANCY** - St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated **Learning Support Assistant** to join our team. For more information about the position and to apply, please visit <https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=109344> Closing date is **21st April 2025**.

**VACANCY** The Secular Clergy Common Fund ('Big M') is looking to appoint a new **CEO**. It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London. The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50k-£60k pro rata. For further details contact Angela Rowe [secretary@secularclergy.org.uk](mailto:secretary@secularclergy.org.uk) Closing date will be **28th April 2025**.

**VACANCY** St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford are seeking a **Headteacher** for September 2025 or January 2026 start. NoR 416. Salary L19-L25. For further details please see <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

**VACANCY** The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre invite applications for the post of **Bookkeeper**. (Relevant skills and experience required). 20 hours a week. Office based in Colchester CO4 3XD. For further details please look at our website - [www.canonesses.co.uk](http://www.canonesses.co.uk) Closing date for applications **9th May 2025**.

**CASUAL EXAMINATION INVIGILATORS** are required for May, June and July at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster. There

will be opportunities for part-day and full day work depending on our needs and your availability. We are seeking responsible people who enjoy working with young people. The pay rate is £14.56 per hour If you are interested, please email the school on [kjones@mary.havering.sch.uk](mailto:kjones@mary.havering.sch.uk) for an application form.

**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.

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