

9th January 2022

Please note that face coverings MUST now be worn in the church unless you are exempt

Mass Intentions – These are most welcome. Please use the Mass Intention slips that are available in the Church entrance. When filling in the slip please supply the Christian name and the surname, the purpose of the intention and any relevant date. Please place in an envelope clearly marked 'Mass Intention' and pass to a steward or drop into the Parish office **Please note all Masses until February have intentions allocated to them.**

Prayer Needs – We continue to pray for those parishioners who are in need and for those who have recently died

Certificate of Catholic Practice – Fr Rick will be at the school on the following date to complete the Certificate of Catholic Practice for those parents who wish for their child to attend St Teresa's Catholic Primary School in September 2022: Wednesday 12th January 2-3pm

Lifts to church. The SVP are looking for volunteers who would be able to offer a lift to church to fellow parishioners. If you are unable to commit every week, then you could join a rota instead. Please contact Alexina Weston on 07770422640.

Baby and Toddler Group Whether you are a parent or carer come along to our friendly group held every Monday morning from 9:15 to 11 am during term time only, the cost is £2 per family The group is run by parents and grandparents.

Readers for 6.30 pm Mass at St John's

At the moment we are very short of readers for the above. If you feel called to become a reader at this Mass, or indeed at the other weekend Masses, please contact Peter Johnson at maryandpeter13@btinternet.com or on 07712419702.

Lexden Prayer & Praise. Come and join us. Praise and worship our loving God through song and prayer. Everyone welcome. On the first Wednesday of the month, 7:30 – 9:00pm in St Teresa's church hall. (Parking in the school). (Remember to do a LFT).

Repository – Can you spare some time as part of a team after each Sunday Mass to man the Repository?

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital copy by going to www.universecatholicweekly.co.uk or call us on 0743661 7650 and ask for Michelle. Special offer: Only £20 for 3 months.

Church Cleaning A very small group of parishioners have been carrying out the cleaning of our two churches since the start of the pandemic. The cleaning team now comprises just three people and there is a need for more people to help out with this activity now that the cleaning procedure has effectively returned to normality. If you are able to help please contact Mark Hockly on 01206 571731 or mark.hockly@btinternet.com. We would like to hold a meeting of volunteers to plan the most convenient schedule for those willing to help.

Volunteers needed to serve refreshments after 9am Sunday Mass Now that we have re-established tea and coffee in the Hall after 9am Mass we need volunteers to go on a rota to provide this facility. If you feel able to help please contact Mark Hockly on 01206 571731 or mark.hockly@btinternet.com

GIDEA PARK STUDY DAY: THE EVOLUTION OF THE MASS

On Saturday 15th January 2022 Professor John Morrill will lead a Study Day on 'The Evolution of the Mass', tracing the development of the Eucharistic liturgy from the earliest centuries to the present day. He will explore in particular the teaching of Trent and Vatican II, and the latest papal instructions on the celebration of Mass. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org The event begins at 11.00 GMT and ends by 13.30. No prior registration is needed. To be added to our mailing list simply follow the instructions on the home page of the website.

Have you downloaded the Parish App it contains all you need to know about the Parish

Stewards needed - We have very few stewards at the 11am Mass on Sundays and 6.30pm on Saturday to guide parishioners to their seats and to receive Holy Communion and to generally help to keep everyone safe. If you would like to volunteer to help in this way, please contact the Church office by e mail to lexden@dioceseofbrentwood.org or by telephone 01206 576898.

Brentwood Cathedral will be hosting a 'Be a Cathedral Chorister for a Day' opportunity for boys aged 7-12 on Saturday 29th January 2022. The day will begin at 10.30 with a welcome for families and will end with Choral Vespers at 4 pm, an opportunity for everyone to hear the boys sing. We hope the day will be of interest to all boys who enjoy singing, whatever their prior musical experience. We will be holding a similar day for girls later in the year. For more details and to register a place, please visit www.cathedralbrentwood.org or telephone 01277 265288.

Cribb Collection for the Brentwood Children's Society There is a basket in front of the Altar which will be in place until the 2nd February. You can also donate via our contactless card machine in the entrance lobby.

Thresholds of Hope Questions: What is the point of canon law? will be given by Fr Gary Dench, assistant priest at Brentwood Cathedral on Sundays 9th and 16th January 4.00 - 5.00 p.m.. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23: If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young Catholic Community, working with thousands of young people from Essex and East London. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and are also looking to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge. For more information please contact Joseph Beattie, manager of Walsingham House, by emailing josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website (www.bcys.net) and social media @Brentwoodcys

Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry: The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of 24th February, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information please see our website: <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/> or email your expression of interest to bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org by Monday 22nd February.