

We now have a **Facebook Page and a Twitter Account** – both are @RomfordRC and so if you are on Twitter, please “follow”, and if you are on Facebook, please “like”, and in both cases there will be updates in the weeks ahead, as another way to communicate key information in these changing times!

Please pray for all who are sick in our hospital, our nursing homes and at home. For those who are anxious, bereaved or struggling in the Faith. May they experience the healing hands of Jesus through our prayerful actions and visitations. Especially we pray for:

Margaret Alake, Sheila Appleton, Mgr Arthur Barrow, Fr Michael Butler, Dyllis Dangerfield, Fr Kieran Dodd, Des Hall, Margaret Harvey, Fr Liam Hayes, Evelyn Hughes, Benjamin Joseph, Paula Lam, Mrs D Langan, Fr Jean-Laurent Marie, Bina McCarthy, Fr John McKeon, Brendan O'Connor, Eileen O'Connor, Jacqueline O'Neill, Bernadette O'Sullivan, Terry Raftery, Samantha Rowe, Michael Scullion, Peggy Squires, Fr John Taylor, Andrew Todd, Danny Toye, Stephen Toye, Betty Walsh and Trudy Wijeyeratnam,

Mass Intentions

Saturday 8th	6.30pm	John Galvin RIP (McSweeney)
Sunday 9th	10.30am	Tom Murnane RIP (Geary)
Saturday 15th	6.30pm	Vito Centamore RIP (Brooker)
Sunday 16th	10.30am	Ints of Mary Murnane & Family (Heneghan)

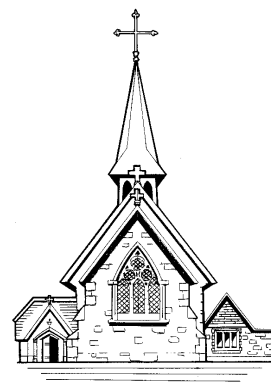
*The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
has been transferred to Sunday 16th August*

First Holy Communion 2021

Parents and carers of children in current year 2 and above are invited to register your intention to apply for your Child(ren) to join the Programme commencing Autumn 2020. Places are limited and preference will be given to Children who worship regularly and reside within our Parish Boundary. Forms can be downloaded from the parish website www.stedwards-romford.org.uk and must be returned by 30th September. Please email romford@dioceseofbrentwood.org if you have any concerns or questions, and we will help you in any way we can.

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood – Development Officer.

If you are passionate about supporting local volunteers, and have strong experience in training and networking in the charitable sector, this could be your perfect job! Please visit <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentofficer/> for the Job Description and full details of this significant new role, which will help enhance our Gospel mandate to serve and recognise Christ in the poor, and in those on the edges. Applications close 2nd October 2020 and start date is January 2021.



Parish newsletter

**ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

(St Edward is the Patron Saint of our Deanery)

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St. Peter's Primary School 01708 745506
Head Teacher: Mrs Jenny Waterfield

Our Parish is part of the Brentwood Diocese and Alan Williams is our Bishop.
We are part of the Romford Parishes Partnership within the Havering Deanery, together with Christ the Eternal High Priest, Corpus Christi, Most Holy Redeemer & St Dominic.
We are twinned with the parish of Regina Pacis, Ladysmith, Diocese of Dundee, South Africa, and pray for their Bishop, Graham Rose.

*Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (A)
Sunday 9th August 2020*

We are very sorry to share with you the sad news that our beloved Parish Priest Fr Tom, passed away peacefully at home in the presbytery, on Wednesday 5th August surrounded by his family and friends. His funeral will take place on Wednesday 19th August at 11am. Attendance will be by invitation only, due to the Covid-19 restrictions. On Tuesday 18th August, following the reception of Fr Tom into church, in timed slots from 6pm – 9pm there will be an opportunity for people to pay their respects. More details next week. The funeral Mass will be Livestreamed, and the link will be posted a few days before the service. Fr Tom's wishes were for no flowers and instead, any donations to be made to Cancer Research UK, specifically for Prostate Cancer. On the day of the funeral the cortege will leave church at 12.30pm and parishioners, clergy and friends are warmly invited to line Park End Road to pay their respects.

Our church will be open for prayer on Saturdays from 5pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm and on Sunday for Mass at 10.30am. The church will continue to be open for private prayer on Wednesdays from 11am – 2pm.

The Sunday 10.30am Mass will be livestreamed on YouTube each week – you may find this an easier and more helpful way to participate in Mass if you are in any way vulnerable – simply search “BrentwoodCYS” on YouTube. Many thanks to the BCYS volunteers who are enabling this to happen.

Are you an experienced in the creation and use of Social Media/You Tube? To continue our livestream Masses we are looking for people to be trained during August. If you are interested and think you can help please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org as soon as possible.

General information on the return to Mass

Mass timings are to ensure we can comply with all the guidelines to keep everyone safe. **Please know that there is no obligation for people to return to church at this time** – the Bishops, and our Cardinal, have repeatedly stressed that the Sunday obligation is suspended until it is safe to return to church in the usual way.

We are able to welcome just 65 people per Mass. Individuals will be able to sit three to a bench (with 1.4m between them); families will be able to sit together. **The church will be cleaned after each Mass.** Again, we are very grateful for volunteers who are assisting with this.

Before you set out for Mass: If you have any symptoms of Covid-19 – a dry cough, headache, temperature rise, or shortness of breath – you absolutely should not come to Mass. If you are in a group who is “shielding” or have underlying medical conditions, please do not come into the church; we look forward very much to welcoming you when it is fully safe to do so.

You must wear a mask or face covering on entering the church; please bring this with you. You will need to keep wearing it throughout Mass, except in the moment when you receive Holy Communion. **You will be required to complete a simple form to support Track and Trace.** We are not permitted to open the toilets, due to the cleaning regime that would be needed. **As you enter the church:** There is hand sanitiser available to use at the door of the church. **There will be stewards who will show you where to sit.**

If this is your first time returning to Mass, you are very welcome and more detailed guidelines are available when you arrive at church.

CAFOD Summer of hope

Dear Parishioners,

The Disaster Emergencies Committee [DEC] of which Cafod is a member launched a Corona Virus nationwide appeal on 14th July. Cafod is asking all parishes to try to find ways of raising funds to prevent the spread of the virus and limit food shortages in the poorest communities in the world. Cafod volunteers in the parish are suggesting that it might be possible to hold small group or family Strawberry Teas to raise funds. Obviously we would have to take notice of regulations concerning numbers and bubbles but feel that it could be an enjoyable and helpful way to get together and help those who need help so much at the same time. The Teas could be arranged on any day from now till the end of August and can be as simple or sophisticated as you wish.



If you would like to participate please could you e-mail the Parish Office romford@dioceseofbrentwood.org to give your name and the date of your event or phone Joan on 07715144078 or Caroline on 07771864758.

Thank you

The SVP would like to thank a parishioner who made a very generous donation to the Society. It is greatly appreciated especially at this time. Thank You.

Lourdes in your Living Room Someone who watched last week’s pilgrimage said, **“I feel like I have been in Lourdes for the last five days. Thank you. I even bought croissants for breakfast!”**. For pilgrims of all ages the week had a great impact, and if you have missed it, or want to watch and pray again, it is all on YouTube – turn a Staycation into a pilgrimage! You’ll find everything at www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodcys. If you have comments or questions, simply email info@bcys.net or phone 01277373959. **The 18 hour challenge** has so far raised **over £5,250**, to be split between Cafod and the BCYS. Congratulations to all who took part, and thank you to everyone who has donated. More details www.bcys.net

The Champion School require a Learning Support Assistant for a one year contract. Full details can be found at www.thecampionschool.org.uk closing date 17th August.