



# *Parish newsletter*

CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September 2021  
Twenty-Third and Twenty-Fourth  
Sundays of the Year (Year B)

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## **WELCOME – and welcome back**

If you are here for the first time ever, the first time in 18 months, or the first time since last week, **welcome** to this weekend's Masses where there is a special focus on people meeting each other. Please stay for refreshments, fun and chat after the Sunday morning Masses. Please do have a look at the "Welcome Back Sunday" leaflet, with over 20 different groups and activities: which one could you be part of? What is missing, that you would like to start? **Thank you** to the 100+ volunteers that enable all of these different activities to take place.

**Supporting Refugees and those in need.** I have been in touch with Havering Council, and offered the support of the parish through food and clothing if any families arrive in the Borough; to date there is no news of any families being settled here. In the meantime, there are families already settled who need help, and the best way to support is via Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) – go to <https://www.jrsuk.net/> to donate, or even to host a family for a short term stay. For support in Afghanistan – as well as in Haiti, South Sudan, Yemen, Ethiopia, and places not in the headlines – go to <https://cafod.org.uk/>

**This weekend's Gospel** focuses on Jesus as healer – the deaf hear, the dumb speak. Perhaps the last 18 months have shocked us in a way that means we have found it hard to speak about what we feel, or hard to hear voices of hope in amongst so much difficult news. In this weekend of returning to Mass, let the love of Jesus liberate you afresh, and fill your heart. If you want to read more about the story of Helen Keller (featured in this weekend's homily) have a look at [www.hki.org](http://www.hki.org)

**Cycling for charity (“Pedalling through the Pandemic”).** Fr Dominic has now been cycling for many months (“Vicar in the Velodrome”), on a static bike in the presbytery. This weekend – at 12.45 on Sunday – he will complete the last 5km to reach the “finishing line” of **5,000km**. He is raising money for the Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society, Walsingham House, HCPT Easter Lourdes Group 709, and Help Refugees. Read more & sponsor online <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/frdominic5000at50>, or put cash or cheque (payable to Fr D Howarth) in an envelope marked “Cycle ride” and put it through the presbytery door. **Thank you** for any support you can give.

**COVID safety measures** are detailed on the website, and remain unchanged. Please speak to a steward at the back of the church if you have any questions or suggestions.

### **Rest in Peace**

We pray for the Repose of the soul of **Kathleen Galvin** who died recently. We pray for her daughter and all her family and friends. Kathleen was part of the committee of the Golden Club for over 20 years, and was a parishioner in Rainham. Her funeral will take place at La Salette Church, Rainham at 10.30am on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September.

**We Congratulate Izzy Roberts and Aidan Marshall** who this weekend will receive the Silver Medal of the Guild of St Stephen, in recognition of 10 years’ service as Altar Servers here in the parish. They are wonderful young adults, and as they head off to Uni we look forward to seeing them back in the holidays. **We pray for all those beginning school, University, Apprenticeships, and College Studies** in these days, especially those who are making new beginnings; we wish you all every blessing and prayer. Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September is Education Sunday, and there will be a message from Bishop Alan.

**We welcome into the family of the Church,** Amelia Clancy, Violet Grace Woodards, Constance May Woodards, Nancy Rose Woodards, Philippa Oluwakemi Apata, Neria Chimnora Mbachu, Arianna Amarachi Mbachu, Grace Lily Hogger and Joshua Nathan Ukpokolo who were baptised this weekend. We pray for them and their families as they grow in knowledge and love of Christ.

**New and existing Altar Servers.** After 18 months of few Altar Servers, with limited roles, due to Covid limitations, we look forward to welcoming back many former servers, as well as new servers. If you have made your First Holy Communion, you are welcome to serve. You must come for some training before starting; please come **4.30 – 5.30pm on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September.**

**Foodbank donations.** The foodbank continues to be as busy as ever, and your donations are helping to feed families every week. They are in particular need of nappies but are very grateful for any donations - donations can be left whenever the church is open for Mass, and can also be left at the presbytery.

**The Golden Club** will return this Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September from 1pm – 3pm in the Community Centre. All are welcome.

**The readings for every Mass, on Sundays and weekdays**, can be found at <https://universalis.com/> You can print out the readings from there, too, if that is a help, as we are not yet able to give out Mass books for use at Masses.

**The SVP** will return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm in the Community Centre.

**Repository Rotas** are in the correspondence rack in the porch. Thank you.

**BCYS Autumn Youth Gather** - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Join the parish Confirmation group and young people from across the Diocese (Year 9 – Year 13) at this wonderful event, with great speakers plus outdoor activities and inflatables. John Pridmore will speak about his conversion from a life of serious crime in the East End of London, and Leila Bousbaa will inspire and educate us on the Catholic response to climate change. If you are in the Confirmation group, you are booked! Others, please book at <https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2021/>

**Save the date – McMillan Coffee Morning** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October from 9.30am in the Community Centre. More details to follow.

**Parents of Pupils in School Year 6 – Certificate of Catholic Practice.** For those applying to Catholic Secondary Schools (Sacred Heart, Ursuline, Campion and All Saints) your application should be supported by a Certificate of Catholic Practice. This indicates that you attend Mass regularly; if that applies to you please bring your child's Baptism Certificate to any of the **weekend Masses on 17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> October** and Fr Dominic will have copies of the Certificate with him, to sign for you.

**Laudato Si' – Caring for our common home; listening and responding to "the cry of the earth, the cry of the world's poorest people."**

**The Season of Creation** has just begun, running from the **World Day of Prayer for Creation, 1<sup>st</sup> September, through until the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4<sup>th</sup> October.** On the weekend of 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> October there will be a major Diocesan focus on this part of our Catholic faith, with many ideas and resources. For the month of September, have a look at the dedicated prayers, short videos and other resources produced by Cafod at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation>. And why not make this the month when you read Pope Francis Encyclical (Letter to the World) on this vital issue. It is full of powerful quotes. Google "Pope Francis Laudato Si" or follow this direct link: [https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco\\_20150524\\_enciclica-laudato-si.html](https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html)

***Plus: Book into this retreat! Living Laudato Si' – Online Retreat – 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021.*** Open to all, this retreat will help personal prayer and reflection, and parish action, on the critical issue of care for God's creation. Bishop Alan will open the retreat, which will be led by expert speakers. For more information see the poster at the back of church or email [laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

During the next two week's we celebrate:

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	St Peter Claver
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year (Year B) Education Day
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	St John Chrysostom
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Exaltation (Triumph) of the Holy Cross
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Twenty-Fifth Sunday of the Year (B) Home Mission Day

### Two Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Raymond O'Donnell RIP (F)
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Catherine Healy RIP (Collins/O'Shea)
	11.30am	Kathleen Page & her sons Martin & Tony Glynn RIP (Paradine)
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Bernard Ling RIP (Golden Club)
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Dec'd Relatives & Friends of Kathleen Ryan (F)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Florence Howett RIP (F)
	2.00pm	<i>Wedding – Danielle Boyle &amp; Paul Edge</i>
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	William Rebellion & Norman Martyn RIP (Martyn)
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Ellen Scannell RIP (Scannell/McDaniel)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Patrick Lobo RIP (Gillooly)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Bishop Abraham Oluyemi Awosan RIP (Ebkunu)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Frederick & Winifred Howett RIP (F)
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	John Wilson RIP (Wilson)
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Raymund Graves RIP (Graves)

**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. Especially we pray for:

*Margaret Alake, Sheila Appleton, Joe Bellotti, Mgr Arthur Barrow, Fr Michael Butler, Mark Dalton, Dyllis Dangerfield, Fr Kieran Dodd, Angela Fitzpatrick (Moss), Dympna Foxen, Pauline Gillooly, Margaret Harvey, Fr Liam Hayes, Evelyn Hughes, Benjamin Joseph, Yvonne Kieran, 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, Maureen Symes, Fr John Taylor, Andrew Todd, Danny Toye, Stephen Toye, Betty Walsh and Trudy Wijeyeratnam*

*Our Parish is part of the Brentwood Diocese and Alan Williams is our Bishop and we are part of the Romford Parishes Partnership within the Havering Deanery.*

*We are twinned with the parish of Regina Pacis, Ladysmith, Diocese of Dundee, South Africa, and pray for their Bishop, Graham Rose.*

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