



# *Parish newsletter*

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

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**This week we pray for** our children who, over two weekends and after such a long wait, have received Communion for the First Time. We thank Corpus Christi, Collier Row, for their generosity in hosting us for these Masses. Please keep our children and their families very much in your prayers together with our wonderful team of Catechists who have journeyed with them:

*Dominic Bacon, Alice Baldi, Alexandra Bekier, Riley Bellot, Charlie Boys,  
Myrka Grazielle S Brana, Roxanna Brown, Thomas Brown, Daniel Chime,  
Thomas Church Benitez, David Cornelie, Mervyn Cotin, Freddie Draper,  
Brooklyn Edwards, Brooke Gilbert, Thomas Gilley, Jack Glynn,  
Leandro Silva Gouveia, Nathan Hathaway, Matthew Hayes,  
Adam Juodaitis, Justina Kalpokaite, Caleb Kavanagh, Dexter Kelly, Lenny Lee, Dylan  
Major, Ollie McMillan, Laila Mukonorwi, Jack Murphy, Stanley Nwagboso, Rexelle Osei,  
Adam Patterson, Lennon Panayiotou, Oliver Petchey,  
Frankie Pierce-Matthews, Harry Prior, Nicole Racila, Lola Rodwell, Blaine Titre,  
Hrudaya Vetticottu and Zachary Wells*



## Saints of the week:

<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Osyth (Diocesan Memorial)</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St John Henry Newman</b>
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pope Francis will beatify Carlo Acutis; he was born in London in 1991, died in Milan in 2006, built his own website and inspired many of his friends in faith. He is a great model of a young Saint – why not look him up on Google!</b>

**A warm welcome** to all visitors, and to those returning to Mass for the first time this weekend. *If you are returning for the first time since Lockdown began, please ask a Steward for a sheet which will help you with the small differences in the celebration of Mass at this time, to keep us all as safe as possible.* For those watching and praying on YouTube, from within the parish and across the globe, welcome.

**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 visits. Especially we pray for:

*Margaret Alake, Sheila Appleton, Mgr Arthur Barrow, Fr Michael Butler, Dyllis Dangerfield, Fr Kieran Dodd, Pauline Gillooly, 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

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	Ints of Michael Scullion (Peggy)
	<b>11.30am</b>	Moina Keenan RIP (Bequest)
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i></b>	
	<b>12.15pm</b>	Billy Moriarty RIP (Anon)
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	Mary Hartigan RIP (Mernin)
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	John Galvin RIP (Winckle & Galvin Families)
	<b>11.30am</b>	The People of the Parish

**CAFOD Family Fast** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October was Family Fast Day and next weekend we will have the CAFOD Coronavirus Appeal to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world, survive, rebuild and heal. A Gif Aid envelope is enclosed with this newsletter or donate at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give)

**Season of Creation – help us become a FairTrade parish.** After Fr Dominic’s homily today, if you are interested in helping the parish gain FairTrade status, please email him to discuss this further – [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org). There is excellent information about Fair Trade at [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk).

**Confirmation 2021** Due to Covid-19 there has been a long delay in celebrating Confirmation with the 2020 cohort. We hope to celebrate with them in late November, and ask you to keep them all in your prayers. We know that a number of those currently in Year 11 are waiting to enrol for the 2021 programme, and you are most certainly not forgotten! Thank you for your patience as we work things out over the next few months; we will have enrolment and programme details for you in early 2021. If you have any questions in the meantime, you are very welcome to ask Liz (who is the lead Confirmation catechist) or Fr Dominic at any time.

**Parish Men’s Group** – launched earlier this year by Colin Smith to encourage men of all ages in the parish to get together to strengthen faith, pray and build fellowship. If you are over 18 and curious to know more about the group and our next meet-up, (which will be for no more than 6 people), please email Colin at [colinandvictoria@virginmedia.com](mailto:colinandvictoria@virginmedia.com)

**NHS Track and Trace** The NHS has released an app to help with Test and Trace. Please use this to check in *every time* you come to church. You can download the app from the App Store or get it on Google Play. When you come to church, you need to:

1. Open the NHS COVID-19 app
2. Select **Venue Check In**
3. Hold your phone up to the QR code on the poster

The QR code is the square black & white “barcode” (QR means Quick Response). When the app registers the code, you’ll see a tick and our church’s name:

St Edward the Confessor.

*You cannot check into a venue using the camera app on your phone. For increased security, official NHS QR code posters can only be scanned with the NHS COVID-19 app.*

**MARY’S MEALS:** A very big thank you to this year’s First Holy Communion children and their families for the wonderful generosity shown by contributing via the little blue boxes to this charity. An amazing total of **£616.17** was raised. An official thank you letter from Mary’s Meals Head Office will be sent in due course. Mary’s Meals offers a simple solution to world hunger, consisting of lots of little acts of love. It is made up of millions of people around the world, all walking together towards the shared goal that every child can enjoy a tasty and nutritious meal each day at school. If you would like to continue supporting Mary’s Meals in any way, please contact Theresa on 07845 084493 or visit [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

**Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society** Like all Charities there has been a great fall in income. The BCCS now have their Christmas cards on sale and would be grateful for your support. Please visit [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk)

**The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service** has a number of opportunities coming up for young people and those accompanying them, including **Youth Mass on Instagram** this week (7<sup>th</sup> October), and “BCYS voices” on YouTube, beginning with **Fr Paschal Uche** in November, considering the pain and problem of racism, and the potential for us, as young Catholics, to build the world in the image of Jesus Christ – where everyone is welcomed, valued and loved, in all the beautiful diversity of every race. More details at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) and on Instagram and YouTube @BrentwoodCYS.

**Applying for a place in a Catholic Secondary School for September 2021**

**DIOCESAN GUIDANCE TO PARENTS/CARERS**

“If you are intending to apply for a place for your child for September 2021, you need to see your Parish Priest and ask him for a Certificate of Catholic Practice. Your Parish Priest will give this to you providing he is satisfied you are a practising Catholic. You will then need to take this to the Catholic School to which you are applying, together with your child’s Baptismal Certificate (or Certificate of Reception where appropriate). If you do not, for whatever reason, qualify for a Certificate of Catholic Practice and your child is baptised, then your application will come into the next category for Baptised Catholic Children. For further details, please read carefully the admissions criteria/arrangements of the Catholic school to which you wish to apply. If you think you are likely to be, in this second category, **please do still apply** in the normal way, and remember to take a copy of your child’s **Baptismal Certificate** to the school”.

In the normal course of events, Fr Dominic would be delighted to meet families but in these COVID times it will be safer for everyone if just one parent/carer attends on behalf of the family on one of the following dates:

**For Secondary School ONLY**

**TODAY, Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October between 4pm – 6pm**

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October between 1.30pm and 3pm.**

There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up **in the Church**. Please bring your child’s Baptismal Certificate to the interview.

A Certificate of Catholic Practice will be required for the following schools:

All Saints School, Dagenham

Sacred Heart of Mary Girls’ School, Upminster

The Champion School, Hornchurch

The Coopers’ Company and Coborn School, Upminster

A Certificate of Catholic Practice is not required for Brentwood Ursuline High School.

*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.*

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