



## *Parish newsletter*

CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
The Thirteenth Sunday of the Year (Year B)

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**We congratulate and pray for our young people who this weekend have received Communion for the first time. We pray for the parents, grandparents, catechists and friends who have journeyed with them.**

*Kharis, Katie, Anastasia, Praise, Mason, Esosa, Harry,  
Kamile, Krystal, Allen Jaison, Belle, Thomas, Nathan,  
George, Olivia-Mae, Elizabeth, Tobias, Rosie,  
Ava, Jude and Evan*



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**Please pray for those being Ordained as Deacons and Priests in these weeks.** On Tuesday **Rev Callum Young**, from East Ham, will be Ordained as a Neo-Catechumenate Priest, and on Sunday **Rev Joseph (Shaun) Bailham OP**, from Stock, will be Ordained as a Dominican Priest. Later in July **Damien Wade** will be Ordained Deacon for our Diocese, at Chadwell Heath, and **Rev Michael Barwick** and **Rev Tony Grant** will be Ordained Priests of the Diocese. You may remember Michael as he was on placement here three years ago; he will be Ordained at Brentwood Cathedral on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

**Save the Date! WELCOME BACK SUNDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

from 10am – 3pm. An opportunity to come together as a parish for (weather permitting) a BBQ, social and fun day around the morning Masses.

**Get involved!** If you would like to help in any way with planning and running please email the parish office or speak to Anne Walsh. In early July we will gather a group for drinks in the presbytery garden, to dream and plan parish socials for the autumn.

Everyone is welcome to be part of this.

**MEMORIAL MASS – Fr Tom's first anniversary**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August** marks one year since the sad death of Fr Tom. There will be a Memorial Mass at **6.30pm**, together with Fr Tom's family, and this will be followed by refreshments; more details in the weeks ahead.

**Repository** As restrictions are lifted, we hope to re-open the repository in September and rotas will be available at the end of August. Volunteers are particularly required after the 11.30am Mass. If you think you can help, please contact Annette Bacon or the parish office. Thank you to everyone who has already volunteered.

**Women's World Day of Prayer** This year's World Day of Prayer will be celebrated here at St Edward's on Friday 2nd July. These annual services are celebrated all over the world, started by women and now shared with everyone. Each year a different country shares a little of the life of the women who live there. Whether their stories are good or bad, happy or sad, these are proud women who pray, not only for themselves but for people all over the world, and they hope this is reciprocated by all who hear their stories! **PLEASE come and join us on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2pm for the short service. We welcome everyone to join us!!**

**Fathers' Group** - Colin Smith will be starting a group for fathers in the coming weeks. This will be a great opportunity for dads of all ages in the parish to get together one evening a month for a short time of guided prayer in church followed by an informal social. The aim is to strengthen family men in their faith and example, and to build fellowship. Each month we will take a different theme or form of prayer. The Group will be a joint initiative with Corpus Christi parish in Collier Row. Please email Colin at [colinandvictoria@virginmedia.com](mailto:colinandvictoria@virginmedia.com) to register your interest or to find out more!

**6<sup>th</sup> Romford Scout Group Appeal.** The Scout Group has its AGM this Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm. We need a Committee Chair, Secretary and a parent representative to join our management team to drive the Group forward. If you think you'd like to help please call me/drop me a txt/ email: 07824704617; [jhartie@hotmail.com](mailto:jhartie@hotmail.com).

**St Peter's School Summer Raffle** - we are holding a Summer Raffle to help raise money to buy a defibrillator for the School. Tickets are £1 each with lots of fantastic prizes. Members of the PA will be at all Masses this weekend and next if you would like to buy a ticket and help this fantastic cause. If you are unable to get to Mass but would still like to buy a raffle ticket, please contact Claire Clist on 07921 511 442 or Annette Bacon on 07961 154 851 and they will be able to help you.

## **Livestream News – Changes from this Monday**

The Livestream has been a surprising and wonderful benefit of lockdown. When lockdown ends it will still be important for many of our housebound parishioners, and those who find it hard to get to Mass. We hope the changes over the next fortnight will make it even more accessible, while also looking forward to welcoming more and more people back to church, especially after lockdown restrictions end.

**After this Sunday, June 27<sup>th</sup>, the Livestream will no longer be on YouTube *but all regular parish weekend and weekday Masses will be available to watch and pray at home, via one link: <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/channel/st-edward>.***

**The link will be the same every week, and Masses can be viewed from any tablet, smartphone, or laptop, anywhere in the world. Masses will also be recorded, so that they can be prayed later in the day, if that is helpful.**

For the Sunday 9.30 Mass we are very grateful to parish volunteers, who will enable the link to be “curated” with different camera angles, etc. For other Masses there will be a single shot of the altar and lectern.

The person who has got us to this point, unfailingly kind and helpful, and with excellent quality each week, is **Beth Warren**. On behalf of the whole parish many, many thanks to Beth, who was part of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service staff team until last September, and who has this year completed an MA in Charity Management. We wish her every blessing for the future, as she begins work for the national charity “Million Minutes” as their Senior Parish Engagement Officer.

### ***“Lourdes at Your Local”***

From **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July** (the usual week of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes), Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan each morning at 11am, with Anointing of the Sick and joyful music, followed by a cup of coffee and refreshments in the parish hall afterwards. The Masses will take place in Leigh-on-Sea, Clacton-on-Sea, Canning Town, Wanstead and Brentwood and everyone is warmly invited. Our nearest Mass is at **Brentwood Cathedral** at 11am on **Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July**.

These will then be streamed online each evening, and there will also be a Daily Rosary & Torchlight Procession available to take part in virtually during the week. Further details and a full itinerary – including **“Lourdes on the Lawn”** for **young adults, aged 18-28**, at Walsingham House on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July – are available on [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events).

**Update – Talent Show Acts Welcome** – Whether it is singing, dancing, magic, joke-telling, or anything in between, if you have a talent to share with the Diocese please email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org) and be ready to send in a video no later than Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

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

**This week’s idea:** look into a charity supporting wildlife locally; the RSPB, Thames Chase Trust, Friends of Bedford’s Park, or Friends of Raphael’s Park. What could you do to help locally, to protect wildlife, and create spaces of more biodiversity? These charities also have great ideas for ways you can make your home more attractive for wildlife. Have a look!

**This week we celebrate:**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> St Irenaeus**  
**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul**  
**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**  
**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> St Oliver Plunket**  
**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> St Thomas**  
**Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (Year B)**

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Frank Cussen RIP (Cussen)</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Ints of Nida Molet on 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday (Suarez)</b>
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>Fr Tom Jordan RIP (St Peter’s School)</b>
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Dec’d Members of Golden Club (Golden Club)</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Dorothy Bishop (F)</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Josefina Mangund RIP (Suarez)</b>
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Terry Mernin RIP (Walsh)</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Joao Corvario Lucala RIP (Gloria)</b>

**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, 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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