



## *Parish newsletter*

CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
The Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (Year B)  
Sea Sunday

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**This weekend is Sea Sunday**, a time to remember all those who work at sea, and in our ports. So much of what we eat, what we wear and what we use for buildings comes from abroad, and the vast majority comes by sea. Covid-19 has had a particularly serious effect on those working at sea; with shore leave restricted or non-existent, the ship's crew are often confined to the ship for months on end.

In our Diocese, we have very busy ports at Harwich and Tilbury, and they are served by Chaplains supported by the Apostleship of the Sea. Many of those who work on ships are Catholic, and the provision of Chaplaincy, including Mass and other Sacraments, is a really crucial service, helping the spiritual and mental well-being of the crew members.

Please keep the work of the Apostleship of the Sea in your prayers, and please consider making a donation to them, as the usual second collection cannot be taken at this time. You will find all the information at: [www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk](http://www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk)

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**Congratulations and blessings to Fr Michael Barwick**, Ordained as a Priest for Brentwood Diocese by Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday, as well as **Fr Joseph (Shaun) Bailham**, Ordained for the Dominicans last Sunday. Fr Michael had a placement here when a seminarian, and he will begin his priestly ministry in Walthamstow in the autumn. Next weekend **Damien Wade** will be Ordained a Deacon for the Diocese, and he will be Ordained Priest in 2022

**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:** if you normally use a car, consider whether for just one journey this week could be by walking or cycling. A trip to see a friend who lives nearby, or doing some local shopping, or a journey to Mass. Why not walk, if you can?

Also don’t forget to have a look at the **new page on our parish website** full of wonderful links and information, as well as great pictures of the creation of our heart shaped flower bed, now blossoming beautifully: <https://stedwards-romford.org.uk/laudatosi/>

**This week we celebrate:**

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> St Camillus de Lellis**

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> St Bonaventure**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

**Next Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> Sixteenth Sunday of the Year (Year B)**

**Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Ints of Maureen Mernin (Murnane)</b>
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Jacky Ley RIP (Murphy)</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>John McCarthy RIP (McCarthy)</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Ints of Salvacion Suarez &amp; Marlene Pant (Suarez)</b>
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Elsie Elkington RIP (F)</b>
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Veronica Oddi RIP (Oddi)</b>
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Dec’d Members of Glynn Family (Paradine)</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), Dymna 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.*

**We welcome into the family of the Church** Kaya Langer and Ollie McFarlane who were baptised last weekend. We pray for them and their families as they grow in the knowledge and love of Christ.

**“Thresholds of Hope”** is a new website for those who have questions about faith, or want to know more. Led by Fr Martin Boland and the new Diocesan Vicariate for Adult Formation, this is a great resource, leading you onto other helpful links and resources. <https://thresholdsofhope.co.uk/> The website is being regularly refined and developed so do give feedback when you use this site, and please pray for all who are involved in this essential work and ministry.

**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 find out more!

**Foodbank donations.** The foodbank continues to be as busy as ever, and your donations are helping to feed families every week. **Thank you** for any donations - donations can be left whenever the church is open for Mass, and can also be left at the presbytery.

**Thank you** to everyone who is praying for me and has sent Mass cards, lit candles and has me on their prayer list, it is very much appreciated. Angela Fitzpatrick (Moss)

**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.

**Grab your jab now!** There are a number of additional drop in sessions available for younger people and also for older people to have their second vaccination. The majority of these are drop in but appointments can be made if preferred. Details of drop in centre’s can be found at [www.havering.gov.uk/covid19](http://www.havering.gov.uk/covid19)

**Welcome and thanks to Fr Philip Denton** who will celebrate the Wednesday lunchtime Mass this week, 14<sup>th</sup> July, as Fr Dominic will be with the Walsingham House Team on their final week of term.

### **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. We will use the hymns and readings from Fr Tom’s funeral Mass, and Fr Philip Denton, who was friends with Fr Tom over many years, has kindly agreed to preach. All are welcome.

### **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. We will meet **on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July from 6pm – 7.15pm** in the presbytery garden, to dream and plan parish socials for the autumn, and into 2022. Everyone is welcome to be part of this meeting.

### **Livestream News**

**Our Livestream is no longer on YouTube *but* Sunday 9.30 am and all regular parish weekday Masses are 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.** We believe this is an essential support for housebound, shielding and vulnerable parishioners, as well as for those with difficult weekend shifts, and we welcome any feedback about this.

**For the Sunday 9.30 Mass** and special occasions we are particularly 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.

### ***“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).