



# *Parish newsletter*

CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2021

The Fourteenth 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.**

*Star, David, Glory, Keira, Clarissa, Benjamin, Bethany, Kane, Jaiden, Chidumebi, Robert, Adrian, Pola, Eden, Isabella, Alex, Jasmine, Maliah, Jayden, Annie, Olivia, Ruby, Adem, Alexander, Hudson, Sonny, Jacob, Mayson and Jeiah.*



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**“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.

**St Peter's School Summer Raffle** - to help raise money to buy a defibrillator for the School. Tickets are £1 each and there are lots of fantastic prizes. Members of the PA will be at all Masses this weekend 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.

### **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 26th - Friday 30th 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).

**Clergy moves** will take place in September and were announced last weekend; please keep the parishes and priests involved in your prayers. In particular we pray for **Fr Martin O'Connor**, retiring from St Bede's, Chadwell Heath; **Fr John Tuohy**, retiring from St Joseph's, Upminster, **Fr Jean-Claude Selvini**, retiring from The Assumption, Hainault and **Fr Frank Jackson** retiring from Sacred Heart, Frinton and Our Lady Queen of Heaven, Harwich. **Fr Andrew Forys**, who has been serving in Lexden, is stepping down.

*The moves are:*

Fr Sean Connolly from Manor Park to Chadwell Heath

Fr Joseph Whisstock from Halstead to Frinton & Harwich

Fr Michael Halsall from teaching at Allen Hall seminary to Upminster

Fr Jijo George from Canning Town to Springfield

Fr John Victor Drabeesan from Walthamstow (Asst Priest) to Manor Park

Fr Sabu Pariyadan from Springfield to Basildon

Fr Saji Puthuparambil from Kerala to Basildon

Fr Daniel Kelly from Basildon to Custom House

Fr Rick Fernandez from Basildon to Lexden

Fr Rob Page will be Priest in Charge of Hainault (in addition to Clayhall)

Fr Felix Adiele (Chaplain at Broomfield Hospital) will live in Halstead

Fr David Pearce from Dagenham (Asst Priest) to Basildon (resident at St Basil's)

Fr Tarciziu Erdes from Romania to be resident in Hainault

**Ordinations** – Please pray for those about to be Ordained.

**Rev Michael Barwick** will be Ordained Priest on 10<sup>th</sup> July and will then serve as Assistant Priest at Our Lady and St George, Walthamstow

**Rev Tony Grant** will be Ordained Priest on 23<sup>rd</sup> July and will then serve as Assistant Priest at St Margaret's, Canning Town

**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.

**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.

**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 at the new page on our parish website, full of wonderful links and information: <https://stedwards-romford.org.uk/laudatosi/>

### **Rest in Peace**

We pray for the Repose of the soul of **Ann McDonald** who died recently and for all her family and friends.

We pray for the Repose of the soul of **Martin Griener** who died recently and for all his family and friends.

**This week we celebrate:**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> St Anthony Mary Zaccaria**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> St Maria Goretti**

**Next Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (Year B) Sea Sunday**

### **Mass Intentions**

<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>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Thomas Watson RIP (Watson)</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Dec’d Members of Piper &amp; Tracy Families (F)</b>
	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Year 6 Leavers Mass (<i>only for those invited</i>)</b>
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Ints of Bright Family (Chambers)</b>
<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>

**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), Dymrna 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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