



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 22nd August 2021

Twenty-First Sunday of the Year (Year B)

Sunday 29th August 2021

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This weekend the scenes from **Afghanistan** fill our hearts and prayers; in a time where the lives and education of women and girls, especially, are in such peril, we pray for peace. Where we have the chance to be generous in our welcome to those fleeing terror and persecution, let us generously “welcome the stranger”, as Jesus asks us to do.

We also hold in prayer those devastated by the earthquake and storm in **Haiti**, as well as aid agencies working so hard to bring relief.

We pray for those in Southern Europe – **Greece, Turkey, Italy and France** – where wildfires still burn, and we pray for all those working to save lives.

In all of this, we may well wonder, “What can I do?” The Catholic charity CAFOD is present in many places where there is the most desperate need, and offers both information and ways to donate and support on their website: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news>.

Today's Gospel tells us of the people reacting to Jesus' words in **John chapter 6** – Jesus naming himself as the “living bread” that nourishes us with “eternal life.” The crowd respond: “This is intolerable language.” In noticing that response we might ask ourselves, in prayer, which part of living faith most challenges us?

On a completely different note, **thank you to the Confirmation Group** for the beautiful work on the benches in front of the church and on the playground furniture at St Peter's school. There are photos on Facebook and Twitter – what a wonderful transformation!

During the next two weeks we celebrate:

Monday 23rd	St Rose of Lima
Tuesday 24th	St Bartholomew
Friday 27th	St Monica
Saturday 28th	St Augustine
Sunday 29th	Twenty-Second Sunday of the Year (Year B)
Wednesday 1st	St Sebba, King of the East Saxon (World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation)
Friday 3rd	St Gregory the Great
Sunday 5th	Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year (Year B)

Two Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 21st	6.30pm	Eleanor Piper RIP (Mother's Prayers)
Sunday 22nd	9.30am	Tomasz Waga RIP (Johnson)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 25th	12.15pm	Ints of Peggy Scullion (Knit & Natter)
Thursday 26th	No Mass today – Fr Dominic away	
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Saturday 28th	6.30pm	Bernard Ling RIP (Walsh)
Sunday 29th	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	John O'Mahoney RIP (O'Mahoney)
Wednesday 1st	12.15pm	Joe Gilligan RIP (Golden Club)
Thursday 2nd	9.00am	Arthur Elliott (F)
Friday 3rd	9.00am	People of the Parish
Saturday 4th	6.30pm	Raymond O'Donnell RIP (F)
Sunday 5th	9.30am	Catherine Healy RIP (Collins/O'Shea)
	11.30am	Ints of Glynn Family (Paradine)

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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WELCOME BACK SUNDAY, 5th September 2021

As the summer holidays end, and hopefully the worst of the pandemic is behind us, we look forward to welcoming people back. Please encourage and invite family members, friends, neighbours, people you meet in the high street ... Everyone is welcome (and for some people, a personal invite from you will make all the difference). It doesn't matter if someone has not been to church for eighteen months, or eighteen years, or ever before ... invite them to "come and see!"

The morning Masses will take place as usual at 9.30 and 11.30am, with music at both Masses.

From 10am – 1.30pm meet friends old and new for tea, coffee, cakes and bacon and sausage rolls. There will be face painting and a bouncy castle for young children. This is a great opportunity to come together as a parish.

At 12.45pm Fr Dominic will complete the last 5km of "FrDominic5000at50" – see below for more information.

If you would like to donate cakes or assist on the day please speak with Anne Walsh (and if you don't know Anne then contact via the parish office)

Everyone is very welcome!

Let this be the Sunday to come back – we have missed you!

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. He is heading towards **5,000km** ("5000 at 50" – he'll be 51 in September) and now has **just 100km to go**. 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. He aims to finish with the last 5km on "welcome back Sunday, 5th September.

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.

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 10th September.**

Spare Garden furniture? If you have a large outdoor table and chairs you are no longer using then we would welcome it for the presbytery garden. Please contact Fr Dominic.

We welcome into the family of the Church, Annabelle Clare Gillard, Amari Devonte Michael Willoughby Riley, Benjamin Iseore Richardson, Archer John Lurton and Fenley Edward Lurton who were recently baptised. We pray for them and their families as they grow in knowledge and love of Christ.

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.

The Golden Club will return on Wednesday 8th September from 1pm – 3pm in the Community Centre. All are welcome.

The SVP will return on Tuesday 7th September at 3pm in the Community Centre.

BCYS Youth Mass – Thursday 2nd September, Brentwood Cathedral (Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Come at 6pm for food and drink, then Mass at 7.30pm. Live music, and a great atmosphere, to help you to pray and to know what it means to be part of a young church. Anyone aged 14 – 30 is very welcome. For more information please visit www.bcys.net/events/september-youth-mass/ or email info@bcys.net

BCYS Autumn Youth Gather - Saturday 23rd 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/>

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 17th/18th or 23rd/24th October** and Fr Dominic will have copies of the Certificate with him, to sign for you.

Welcome and thanks to Fr Philip Denton, celebrating the 12.15 Mass on 25th August.

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: Do you know if there are any hedgehogs near you? There might be – and you can help them. <https://www.britishhedgehogs.org.uk/> has wonderful ideas, including a couple of great short videos to watch with children.

Plus: Book into this retreat! **Living Laudato Si' – Online Retreat – 15th – 18th 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