



## *Parish newsletter*

CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Nineteenth Sunday of the Year (Year B)

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Year B)

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**This weekend** we continue with **Chapter 6 of John's Gospel**. This is a great chapter for personal prayer and reflection, focusing and re-focusing us on the Eucharist, on Jesus as the "Bread of Life." The Psalm response this week is "Taste and see that the Lord is good." After a tough and troubled year, to centre ourselves with Jesus is to find fresh hope – the hope of eternal life, rooted in love, charitable action, forgiveness, generosity and peace. Receiving the Bread of Life, we are called to live as Christ's hands and feet, eyes and ears, compassionately and welcoming to all.

**Young people receive GCSE and A-level results this week** (Tuesday and Thursday). Please keep them very much in your prayers; they (and their teachers, and parents) have had to cope with lessons online, Covid testing, class and year group bubbles, and an exam system that went through many changes. They have missed much of the fun of end of year activities, and isolation has brought particular stresses and strains. So, in the words of Winston Churchill, this is a good week to remember: "**Success is not final. Failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts.**" The parish is here to celebrate with you, or to support you, in any possible way.

**To take their minds off results (!)**, on Monday (9<sup>th</sup>) some of the Confirmation group are painting playground furniture at the school. A couple of adult volunteers would be a welcome additional help – please speak with Fr Dominic. Then next Monday, 16<sup>th</sup>, we'll be repainting the benches in front of the statue of Our Lady, at the church. All of this is weather permitting! Please do keep it all in prayer.

## WELCOME BACK SUNDAY, 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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 400km 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, 5<sup>th</sup> September.

**It was wonderful to see members of the Golden Club**, along with other parishioners, at the "**Lourdes at your local**" Diocesan 'pilgrimage'. The week was well summarised by an older pilgrim who said "This is the first time I have been out in months. I have been Anointed by the Bishop. I have been at Mass with people singing. I feel absolutely elated." There was a palpable sense of the joy, grace, healing and prayer that marks a week in Lourdes. The videos from the week all remain on the BCYS YouTube channel, so if you want a week of "virtual" pilgrimage at any time in the summer, visit [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLESr0mOwfx\\_Zcj5\\_CvgdpZKtL8aGZXoIO](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLESr0mOwfx_Zcj5_CvgdpZKtL8aGZXoIO) or – for easier typing – the channel link is <https://www.youtube.com/c/BrentwoodCYS> and "Lourdes at your Local" is at the top of the page.

## COVID safety measures

**Our Covid safety measures remain the same and will be reviewed prior to 16<sup>th</sup> August.**  
In the meantime, we will continue to:

**Strongly encourage face coverings to be worn while in church; Open all windows and doors; Provide Sanitiser; Request Track and Trace; Clean “touch points”**

**THANK YOU to the Stewards** who make all of this possible.

**Please do not come to church (or leave your home) if you have Coronavirus symptoms – please get a test. Please get the vaccine, if you have not already done so**

**The Livestream remains, with the new permanent link: <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/channel/st-edward>.** This is to help all those who are unable to return to Mass, or who do not yet feel secure in doing so.

**We welcome into the family of the Church** Shay and Dylan Hawkins, Dominic Jacob Anthonyrajah, Clara Marie Samuel and Wren Marie Karen Carey who were baptised this week. We pray for them and their families as they grow in knowledge and love of Christ.

**Job vacancy – Cook & Kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House at Abbotswick.** The BCYS are looking to recruit a cook and kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House at Abbotswick (15 hours/week, 39 weeks – Saturday 10.30am – 6.30pm; Sunday 10.00am – 1.30pm & Monday 10.00am – 1.30pm, with the potential for occasional overtime on weekdays), starting at the end of September 2021. If you or any of your family and friends are interested in this role further information and a full job description can be found at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or by emailing [clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org). The closing date is midday on 29<sup>th</sup> August.

**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** from Mary's Meals: for the very generous donation of £50 made by 2 ladies in the parish. This will feed 3 children for a whole school year. I would be grateful if you could please contact me on 07845 084493 with your full details, so that you can receive an official acknowledgement from MM Head 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:** Do something for bees! <https://www.wwf.org.uk/updates/how-bee-friendly> has wonderful ideas, including building a “bee hotel” with the children.

**Plus: Book into this retreat!** **Living Laudato Si’ – Online Retreat – 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

During the next two weeks we celebrate:

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Lawrence
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Clare
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	St Jane Frances de Chantal
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Ss Pontian and Hippolytus
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	St Maximillian Kolbe
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Year B)
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	St Stephen of Hungary
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	St John Eudes
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sr Bernard
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	St Pius X
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Twenty-First Sunday of the Year (Year B)

### Two Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Leslie Moore RIP (Walsh)
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Carlos Simporios (Short)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Eleanor Piper RIP (Golden Club)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Maria Tufano RIP (Menn)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Emilito Duma RIP (Duma)
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Veronica Oddi RIP (Oddi)
	11.30am	Frank Rabbitte RIP (Rabbitte)
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Patrick Lobo RIP (Ellis)
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Fr Tom Jordan RIP (West)
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Danny Wilde RIP (Hiles)
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	6.30pm	Eleanor Piper RIP (Mother's Prayers)
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am	Tomasz Waga RIP (Johnson)
	11.30am	People of the Parish

**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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