

During the next two week's we celebrate:

Monday 20 th	St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon & Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions
Tuesday 21 st	St Matthew
Thursday 23 rd	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Friday 24 th	Our Lady of Walsingham
Sunday 26 th	Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year (Year B) (CAFOD Harvest Talk)
Monday 27 th	St Vincent de Paul
Wednesday 29 th	SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels
Thursday 30 th	St Jerome
Friday 1 st	St Therese of the Child Jesus (Lisieux) (Harvest Fast Day)
Saturday 2 nd	The Holy Guardian Angels
Sunday 3 rd	Twenty-Seventh Sunday of the Year (B) (focus on Laudato Si')

Two Weeks Mass Intentions

Saturday 18 th	6.30pm	John Wilson RIP (Wilson)
Sunday 19 th	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Raymund Graves RIP (Graves)
Wednesday 22 nd	12.15pm	Mary Williams RIP (SVP)
Thursday 23 rd	9.00am	Maud Emily Hale (F)
Friday 24 th	9.00am	Kathleen & Victor Payne (F)
Saturday 25 th	6.30pm	Andrew Grimes RIP (Grimes)
Sunday 26 th	9.30am	Antonio, Augusta, Luis Lenos (Lenos)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 29 th	12.15pm	Ints of Annette & Michael Bacon (20 th Wedding Anniversary)
Thursday 30 th	9.00am	Johanna Elliott (F)
Friday 1 st	9.00am	Renee O'Regan RIP (Sherman)
Saturday 2 nd	1.00pm	Wedding – Rachel Clark & Craig Scarbrow
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 rd	9.30am	Ints of Julia & Ray Smith (50 th Wedding Anniversary)
	11.30am	Ann & Vincent Collins RIP (O'Shea)

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, 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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Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 19th and 26th September 2021

Twenty-Fifth and Twenty-Sixth
Sundays of the Year (Year B)

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This weekend's Gospel focuses on the antidote to power and status. The disciples are arguing about who is the greatest, and Jesus response is very clear: "If anyone wants to be first, they must make themselves last of all, and servant of all." We know these are not just words from Jesus – at the Last Supper he washes the feet of the disciples, and he goes to the cross as our servant-King. In so many of Jesus' teachings this theme recurs again and again; in the Beatitudes it is the merciful and the peacemakers who are blessed; when the Pharisee and the Tax Collector pray, it is the prayers of the humble sinner that are heard, rather than the person making arrogant noise; and when the widow puts her two copper coins in the synagogue offertory, Jesus highlights how she has given all she has, and praises this generosity over those who just give spare change.

Whatever our job, our status in the eyes of the world, or our level of income, what Jesus is pointing us towards today is motivation. When we act, are our actions inspired by a heart of service, or a search for status? It is a vital piece of self-reflection, and self-awareness: today's Gospel (Mark 9:30-37) is a very helpful passage to come back to regularly in our personal prayer.

Foodbank donations. The foodbank is a vital lifeline for local families, and more will need it after the cut in Universal Credit. Your donations literally feed children and families every week. Right now the Foodbank are in particular need of toiletries, coffee, long life milk and tinned food, but they are very grateful for all donations. Donations can be left whenever the church is open, and can also be left at the presbytery.

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.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the Repose of the soul of **Rose Sheridan** who died recently and we pray for her family and friends. Her body will be received into Corpus Christi Church, Collier Row on Tuesday 21st September at 5pm and requiem Mass Wednesday 22nd at 11am.

THANK YOU to the many, many people who helped in such wonderful ways on “Welcome back Sunday” and everyone who supported it. **If you are a new or returning parishioner the Welcome Leaflet has been refreshed and is available at the back of the church.**

Thank you for the very generous donations as Fr Dominic completed his 5,000km cycle ride, and for your birthday cards and gifts. The cycle ride has definitely raised over £9,000 and a final total will be published in the next newsletter.

We welcome into the family of the Church, Lavinia Esmè Helena Muller, Louis Anthony Wilson and Daisy Maria Cunningham who were baptised this weekend. We pray for them and their families as they grow in knowledge and love of Christ.

Mary’s meals are now feeding over 2 million children and offers a simple solution to world hunger by providing life changing meals every day to some of the world’s poorest children. Please visit the website www.marysmeals.org.uk. Mary’s Meals are always pleased to welcome new volunteers and supporters, so if you would like to get involved please contact Theresa on 07845 084493.

Macmillan “World’s Biggest Coffee Morning” Friday 1st October from 9.30am – 12pm in the Community Centre, supporting the Macmillan Cancer. Any donations of cakes/raffle prizes would be appreciated; these can be given to Annette Bacon at the school. So why not be part of it; save the date and make time that morning to get together for a coffee and a chat!

Legion of Mary resumes meetings on Friday 1st October 2021 at 6.30pm in the Community Centre. Anyone interested in becoming a member, please come along to find or contact Carmel - 07500894477.

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/>

Fathers’ Group – this Wednesday 22nd September. Please arrive for 7.30pm in the church. For this meeting we will learn and pray the rosary in church followed by informal refreshments in the community centre next door. Whether you are a new Dad or a battle-worn father of adolescents, or anywhere in between, you are most welcome. Christian fathers need support to flourish in this vocation. Do come along if you can. Any questions, please email me, Colin Smith, at colinandvictoria@virginmedia.com

6th Romford Scouts: The Scout section (10 - 14years) resumed on Monday 6 September at 6:30pm; Beavers (6 - 8 yrs) and Cubs (8 - 10 yrs) will resume on Tuesday 14th September at 5pm and 6:30pm respectively. Girls & boys between 6 and 14 years are welcome to join; pop along to the Community Centre and check us out, or email John Hartie: jhartie@yahoo.com for info.

Thresholds of Hope Questions are a series of talks/discussions for adults who want to grow in understanding about their Catholic Faith, taking place on Zoom, beginning **this Sunday**, 19th September, 4-5pm. This session is led by Fr Mark Swires, considering the question: "What is the relationship between faith and reason?" For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk. If you would like to join this discussion please email your name and contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org

The YouTube Bible Timeline Course *Do you feel the Bible is too big and too difficult to understand? Do you get lost with all the characters and stories?* If so, this course aims to help you better understand the riches of the Bible in a simple and straightforward way. The course begins on Wednesday 29 Sept, 2021 at 7pm. *For more information and to register go to* www.comeandsee.org

Do you enjoy gardening? Do you have a few spare hours on a Monday? We are in need of volunteers to join the wonderful team who help look after the grounds at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. There are a wide variety of things to be done, suiting all types of gardening experience! The friendly volunteers will welcome you with tea, cake, friendship and practical help. If you would like to know more please phone Joe Beattie, 01277 373959, or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Job vacancy – Cook & Kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House Abbotswick, 15 hours/week (39 weeks – Sat 10.30am – 6.30pm; Sun 10.00am – 1.30pm & Mon 10.00am – 1.30pm), starting January 2022. Information and a full job description can found at www.bcys.net or email clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date is midday on 18th October 2021, however applications will be reviewed as they arrive.

Parents of Pupils in School Year 6 – Certificate of Catholic Practice. For those applying to Catholic Secondary Schools (Sacred Heart, Ursuline, Champion 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.

Laudato Si' – Caring for our common home; listening and responding to "the cry of the earth, the cry of the world's poorest people."

We are within the Season of Creation, running from the World Day of Prayer for Creation, 1st September, through until the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, 4th October. On the weekend of 2nd/3rd October there will be a major Diocesan focus on this part of our Catholic faith, with many ideas and resources. For the month of September, have a look at the dedicated prayers, short videos and other resources produced by Cafod at <https://cafod.org.uk/Pray/Season-of-Creation>.