



# *Parish newsletter*

CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> October 2021  
Twenty-Ninth and Thirtieth  
Sundays of the Year (Year B)

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**Over the last few days Pope Francis has opened an International Synod for the Catholic Church.** This is a very serious piece of listening, praying, discerning and reflecting. It is a chance for our Pope and Bishops to hear from Catholics across the world about the issues of faith which most concern us. The Synod will help to set the direction of the Church in the decades ahead, as we consider what it means to Share the Good News of Jesus Christ in our times. As ever, we do this in the light of Scripture, together with the Tradition (theological writings over the centuries) and Magisterium (Papal teaching) that has shaped the Church for the last 2,000 years.

**Each Diocese will have a local "Synodal process" and within Brentwood Diocese this work builds on the extensive reflections of 2018-2019 through the Stewards of the Gospel;** it is a prescient moment for that work to be deepened and refreshed in the light of the pandemic. A team led by Fr Andrew Headon and Teresa Carvalho will soon be sharing with us the ways in which we can contribute to the Synod conversation, and this evening (Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October) the Bishop is offering Mass at the Cathedral to open the Synodal process in the Diocese. More details at [www.dioceseofbrentwood.org](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.org)

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**On a very different, and sombre note, a Bill is currently being debated in Parliament that could have a lasting impact on end of life care. The "Assisted Dying" Bill raises many serious concerns.** Please look at the information from all the Bishops of England and Wales at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/assisted-dying-bill-2021/>

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**Please return your LAUDATO SI' PLEDGES to the basket in front of the altar.** After next weekend we will create a display of all the pledges, and offer them in prayer.

**COVID safety measures** are detailed on the website. Please speak to a steward at the back of the church if you have any questions or suggestions.

**During the next two weeks we celebrate:**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> St Luke**  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> St John Paul II**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> St John of Capistrano**  
**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (Year B) (World Mission Day)**  
**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> St Cedd**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> SS Simon and Jude**  
**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> Solemnity of All Saints**

### **Two Weeks Mass Intentions**

<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Bernard Ling RIP (KSC Romford)</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Joan Mahoney &amp; Teresa Austin RIP (O'Rourke)</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Funeral – Angela Fitzpatrick RIP</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Funeral – Emma O'Sullivan RIP</b>
	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>John Smith RIP (Smith)</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Madeline Curtis (F)</b>
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Timmy O'Callaghan RIP (Peggy)</b>
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>June Gilson RIP (Scullion)</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Terry Mernin RIP (Sheridan)</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Funeral – Bernie O'Sullivan RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Wedding – Joyce Parukanil and Hartej Sehmi</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Dec'd Members of McCarthy Family (Anne)</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Eleanor Piper RIP (Murphy)</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Souls (Rabbitte)</b>
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Ints of Mary &amp; Arthur Hart (Johal)</b>
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Alan Towey RIP (Johnson)</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, Brenda Flaherty, 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, 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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### Rest in Peace

We pray for the Repose of the soul of **Angela Fitzpatrick** who died recently and we pray for her family and friends. Her body will be received into the church on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 4pm and her Funeral Mass will take place at 10.30am on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October and then to South Essex Crematorium.

We pray for the Repose of the soul of **Bernadette (Bernie) O'Sullivan** who died recently and we pray for her family and friends. Her Funeral Mass will take place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> October at 11am and then to South Essex Crematorium .

We pray for the Repose of the soul of **Emma Claire O'Sullivan** who died recently and we pray for her partner and young family. Her funeral will take place at 9am on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October and then to Forest Park Crematorium .

We pray for the Repose of the soul of **Tom Ross** who died recently. Funeral details to follow.

**Mass of Remembrance, 7pm 2<sup>nd</sup> November (All Souls Day).** This Mass will be offered especially for all who have died in the last two years within the parish community, and from the community at St Peter's school. Please hand names of those you wish to be remembered in to the parish office, and candles will be lit for them during Mass. As usual during November names of all those who have died can be placed in the box in front of the Altar, and they will be remembered at all Masses in November.

**Macmillan Coffee Morning** – Thank you to everyone that supported the recent coffee morning. The wonderful total of £630 was raised to support the work of this tremendous and valuable charity. Could the lucky raffle winners, Gabriella Garcia and Karly Cooney please contact the parish office to arrange collection of their prizes.

**Save the date! Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November, 8pm.** Enjoy a Youth-led Quiz Night, raising funds to help teenagers from the parish travel to Lourdes in Summer 2022. Begin to think about your teams! More details soon.

**First Holy Communion** Parents and Carers of children in Year 3 and above and invited to register for the 2022 programme by completing the application form available at the back of the church and returning it to the parish office by 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

**Petals** There will be a meeting in the Community Centre for all 'Petals' to discuss Christmas arrangements on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm.

**Fathers' Group – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 7.30 pm** in Corpus Christi Church, Lowshoe Lane, Collier Row. For this gathering, we will reflect on the virtues related to daily work, followed by an informal social with refreshments. Come along if you are a new Dad or a battle-worn father of adolescents, or anywhere in between - you are most welcome. We meet every few weeks and the venue alternates between St Edwards and Corpus Christi. If you have any questions, please email me, Colin Smith, at [colinandvictoria@virginmedia.com](mailto:colinandvictoria@virginmedia.com)

**Taster session for Rainbow and Brownies** - Girls aged 5-10 years will be held in Community Centre on Sunday 7th November, 2 - 3 p.m. Autumn themed activities. **Pre - booking needed.** Please contact Helen Francis 07789 886549

**Pastoral Care & Mental Health Talk**, Wednesday 17th of November at 7.30pm. The talk takes place in the Parish hall at St Alban's Catholic Church, Elm Park and will be given by Paul McNamara from NELFT (North East London Foundation Trust). All are welcome.

**Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults (3pm Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – 3pm Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2021)** You are welcome for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin. This price is for 2 nights en-suite accommodation and all meals. For more information, enquiries and bookings please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

**Remembrance Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick.** Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm. Please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

**CAFOD Global Day of action** While COP26 takes place in Glasgow, Cafod is participating in a Global Day of action with a march in London on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> November. This is to let the World Leaders know of the urgent need to develop policies that will support and protect countries and communities that will increasingly suffer as global temperatures increase. For details visit <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Events/COP26-Day-of-Action-2021>

**Thresholds of Hope Questions** A series of online Zoom meetings reflecting on theological and spiritual issues. There will be some input followed by an opportunity for questions and comments. Feel free to join whatever talks you may find of interest. For more information about *The Thresholds of Hope Questions* and how to join a meeting go to [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk)

**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 8 session course aims to help you better understand the riches of the Bible in a simple and straightforward way. *For more information and to register go to* [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

**Certificate of Catholic Practice.**

For those applying to Catholic Secondary Schools and Catholic Primary Schools 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 the appropriate weekend and Fr Dominic will have copies of the Certificate, to sign for you after Mass. **No appointment is needed.**

**For Parents of Pupils in School Year 6:**

**after any of the weekend Masses on 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> or 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> October**

**For Parents applying to Catholic Primary School for admission in September 2022:**

**after any of the weekend Masses on 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> December or 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> January**