



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 31st October 2021
Solemnity of All Saints

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This weekend we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints. It is a moment of glory and hope to think of Saints that inspire us – Saints after whom we are named; Patron Saints of places, sports and hobbies; Saints whose name we chose for Confirmation. We think too of those who Pope Francis calls the “Saints next door” – the people in our lives who act with quiet, faith-filled kindness and love, inspired by Christ.

What does it take to be a Saint? Sunday's Gospel tells us: mercy, gentleness, forgiveness, purity of heart, striving for justice, being a peacemaker – all inspired by the love and the example of Christ. Which of these do we find hardest? Find a Saint who excelled in it, and ask for their prayers, this weekend.

An odd quirk of the Church calendar means we celebrate All Saints as others focus on Halloween. All Saints is usually celebrated on 1st November: Halloween comes from “All Hallows Eve” – the evening before All Saints. So this weekend, instead of the “trick” in “trick or treat”, why not encourage your children to surprise neighbours with an act of kindness. And instead of focusing on ghosts and demons, why not find examples of Saints who gave their life in love and faith. There can still be plenty of fake blood!

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In Glasgow this week, COP26 begins. This gathering of world leaders is a serious and urgent opportunity to address the issues of climate change. This world is God's gift to us; caring for it is part of our faith. Please, if you have not already, return your “Laudato Si'” pledge card. Offer your pledges in prayer, and pray for our world leaders, that they may take the radical decisions needed to “listen to the cry of the earth, the cry of the poor.” Follow COP26 at www.cafod.org.uk

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 week we celebrate:

Tuesday 2nd Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
Thursday 4th St Charles Borromeo
Sunday 7th Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year (Year B)

This Week's Mass Intentions

Saturday 30 th	6.30pm	Ints of Mary & Arthur Hart (Johal)
Sunday 31 st	9.30am	Alan Towey RIP (Johnson)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 2 nd	10.30am	<i>Funeral – Dorothy Langham RIP</i>
	7.00pm	Mass of Remembrance
Wednesday 3 rd	12.15pm	Restitua Munoz RIP (Munoz)
Thursday 4 th	9.00am	Sarah Carey RIP (F)
Friday 5 th	9.00am	Holy Souls (Rabbitte)
Saturday 6 th	6.30pm	Ints of Gary Isaac (Walsh)
Sunday 7 th	9.30am	Ints of Chris Frederick (70 th Birthday)
		(Mother's Prayers)
	11.30am	The 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, Brenda Flaherty, Dymrna Foxen, Pauline Gillooly, Margaret Harvey, Fr Liam Hayes, Evelyn Hughes, Benjamin Joseph, Yvonne Kieran, Paula Lam, 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 **Tom Ross** who died recently and whose funeral took place on Friday 29th October. We pray for his family and friends.

We pray for the Repose of the soul of **Anthony Fernandes** who died recently and whose funeral took place on Thursday 28th October. We pray for his wife Rosy and his family and friends.

We pray for the Repose of the soul of **Dorothy Langan** who died recently and we pray for her daughter and her family and friends. She will be received into the church on Monday 1st November at 5pm and her funeral will take place at 10.30am on Tuesday 2nd November and then to Forest Park Crematorium .

Mass of Remembrance, 7pm Tuesday 2nd 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.

We welcome into the family of the Church, Ruby Joyce Harrison, Sebastian Richard Dennis Wall, Matthew Alexander Basye and Ihleet Thomas-Koranteng-Addo who were baptised this weekend. We pray for them and their families as they grow in knowledge and love of Christ. **We pray for** Shannon Bridget Doherty who received the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation last weekend. **Congratulations** to Joyce Parukanil and Hartej Sehmi, who were married here on Tuesday.

Macmillan Coffee Morning Could the lucky raffle winner, Gabriella Garcia please contact the parish office to arrange collection of your prize.

Parish Quiz Night Saturday 20th November, 8pm. Enjoy a Youth-led Quiz Night, raising funds to help teenagers from the parish travel to Lourdes in Summer 2022. Everyone is welcome, book as a team, individual or couple and we'll find you a team. Tickets priced £5 available after weekend Masses or from the parish office.

First Holy Communion 2022 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 **14th November 2021.**

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.

SAVE THE DATE – 27th NOVEMBER – THE BAZAAR IS DRAWING NEAR. Help will be needed especially on Friday 26th November, in the evening, and through the day on Saturday 27th November. Contact Annette Bacon for more info, and to offer help. Next week there will be lots of requests for goods for the Bazaar: new items, bottles, cakes ... begin to get ready!

Calais Light – volunteers are warmly welcome to join the first weekend convoy to Calais since Jan 2020, to support the three charities who are working there with refugees living in dire conditions. It is the fifteenth Calais Light trip, and first time volunteers will be well briefed and supported. The dates are Friday 26th – Sunday 28th November, and there will be a maximum of 30 people. To apply, you must be double vaccinated. Download the pdf version of your digital Covid Pass from the NHS app & email it to calaislight@yahoo.com **this weekend (by 31st October)**. You will then be contacted about booking. More information at www.calaislight.com

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults (3pm Friday 19th – 3pm Sunday 21st 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.

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 7th November at 3pm. Please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or 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 **next Saturday, 6th November**. This is to let the World Leaders know 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

Certificate of Catholic Practice.

For those applying to 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 applying to Catholic Primary School for admission in September 2022:
after any of the weekend Masses on 4th/5th December or 8th/9th January**