



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 3rd and 10th October 2021
Twenty-Seventh and Twenty-Eighth
Sundays of the Year (Year B)

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This weekend we will hear a Pastoral Letter from Bishop Alan, considering our Catholic response to the urgent and serious issues caused by climate change. Pope Francis exhorts us to “Listen and respond to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.” For some months in the parish we have begun this work; now we are part of an approach from across the whole Diocese. Bishop Alan says, **“We are not speaking just as another pressure group or campaign group – though both pressure and campaigns are needed. We enter this conversation because it is integral to our faith that we cherish God’s creation, and strive for justice for the world’s poorest people.”**

Today we are given an invitation to make three personal pledges – actions to help reduce our impact on the environment, to pray, and to serve the poor. What will you do? At the same time the Diocese – which already pays the Real Living Wage, sources energy from renewables, and has a strong ethical investment policy, is **divesting from fossil fuels, and taking professional advice to seriously reduce our carbon footprint.**

You can read and discover much more about this on new pages on the Diocesan website, full of tips and ideas, prayers and reflections: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/laudatosi.

Our parish website also has a section devoted to this vital area of ministry: <http://stedwards-romford.org.uk/laudatosi/>

Fr Dominic is away from 5th – 15th October, and we welcome Fr Gerald Gostling for Masses next weekend, and Fr Philip Denton for Masses on Wednesdays 7th and 14th October, with great thanks to them both.

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 18th October at 4pm and her Funeral Mass will take place at 10.30am on Tuesday 19th 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 25th 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 20th October and then to Forest Park Crematorium .

Sponsored Bike Ride – THANK YOU! With all the monies now in, “FrDominic5000at50” raised a wonderful **£9611.95**. A donation of £2403 has been made to the Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society, Help Refugees (Choose Love), HCPT Group 709 (travelling to Lourdes at Easter 2022) and Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Very generous donations came from within the parish, especially as the finishing line drew near, and the charities have expressed tremendous thanks for such generosity and kindness.

We welcome into the family of the Church, George Albert Smith, Annie May Collins, Beatrix Gwen Linda Maskell, and Jason Jones Kumi-Twum who were baptised last weekend. We pray for them and their families as they grow in knowledge and love of Christ.

Save the date! Saturday 20th 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.

Mass of Remembrance, 7pm 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.

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 14th November 2021.

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.

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 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/>

Thresholds of Hope Questions Talks this Sunday and next Sunday (3rd and 10th October); the question being explored is *"What does it mean to talk about God?"* with Fr Mark Reilly, parish priest of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford. To join the discussion, please contact email adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org For more information about *The Thresholds of Hope Questions* go to 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 course aims to help you better understand the riches of the Bible in a simple and straightforward way. The course began on Wednesday 29 Sept, 2021, but you are still very welcome to join. 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? Volunteers needed to join the wonderful team who look after the grounds at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Wide range of tasks, suiting all types of gardening experience! The friendly volunteers will welcome you with tea, cake, friendship and practical help. Contact 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.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society – Autumn Newsletter: follow the link; https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/3516/3214/3696/bccs_Newsletter_Autumn_2021_single.pdf

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 16th /17th or 23rd/24th October

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

During the next two weeks we celebrate:

Monday 4th	St Francis of Assisi
Thursday 7th	Our Lady of the Rosary
Friday 8th	St Osyth
Saturday 9th	St John Henry Newman
Sunday 10th	Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year (Year B) (Week of prayer for prisoners and their dependants)
Monday 11th	St John XXIII
Tuesday 12th	Ss Ethelburga, Hildelithe & Cuthberga
Wednesday 13th	St Edward the Confessor
Friday 15th	St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)
Sunday 17th	Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year (B)

Two Weeks Mass Intentions

Saturday 2nd	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 3rd	9.30am	Ints of Julia & Ray Smith (50th Wedding Anniversary)
	11.30am	Ann & Vincent Collins RIP (O'Shea)
Wednesday 6th	12.15pm	Helen Ging RIP (O'Donnell)
Thursday 7th	No Mass today – Fr Dominic away	
Friday 8th	No Mass today – Fr Dominic away	
Saturday 9th	6.30pm	Fr Tom Jordan RIP (Marshall)
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Eleanor Piper RIP (Ellis)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 13th	12.15pm	Mary Hegarty RIP (Golden Club)
Thursday 14th	No Mass today – Fr Dominic away	
Friday 15th	No Mass today – Fr Dominic away	
Saturday 16th	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 17th	9.30am	Bernard Ling RIP (KSC Romford)
	11.30am	Joan Mahoney & Teresa Austin RIP (O'Rourke)

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, 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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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.