



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 23rd January 2022

Third Sunday of the Year (Year C)

Sunday 30th January 2022

Fourth Sunday of the Year (Year C)

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We continue to pray for all those affected by Covid-19. It has been a week of quite high case numbers in Havering, but thankfully (due to vaccinations and the booster) the effects for most people do generally seem mild. For those who are seriously ill, and for the nurses, doctors, hospital support staff, teachers, key workers and front line workers, we know there are still a lot of pressures, and we hold you all in prayer.

This weekend (22nd/23rd January) is the third (and final) weekend focusing on the Synod questions – the Church listening across the world. The answers from the first two weeks have been really insightful. We'll be sharing the summaries with everyone in the next few weeks, with an open meeting later in the spring.

The focus for this weekend is **Mission and dreams**: How well do we reach into the town we serve? How do we reach those on the edges, the margins? What else could we do? What is your dream for the future of the Church?

This focus on mission is deeply rooted in this weekend's Gospel – Jesus' first proclamation of his mission: to bring the good news to the poor, liberty to captives and sight to the blind. Have a look at Luke chapter 4, to see what Jesus says – and how the crowd react!

There is more information about the Synod on the Diocesan website, including discussion sessions and resources:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/synod-2021-2023/>

February Youth Mass: the next Youth Mass will be on **Thursday 3rd February** at Brentwood Cathedral (Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT – a short walk from Brentwood Station). Come and be inspired! Fr Paschal Uche will be presiding and Fr Michael Barwick will preach. The evening starts at 6pm with pizza and refreshments in the parish hall, followed by a session run by Beth Warren from the charity Million Minutes. Mass will then be celebrated at 7.30pm. The event is open to all young people in Year 9 and above. For more information please see www.bcys.net

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage 2022: 23rd – 30th July 2022. Applications remain open **only until the end of January:** see www.bcys.net/events/sl22/ for more information.

SCOUTS Scout Sections have resumed Monday (Scouts), Tuesday (Beavers & Cubs), all at usual times. Our temporary home is Romford District Scout HQ on Park Drive (just “up the road”). ***Leader/ Supporter appeal:*** A New Year often brings a fresh focus and if your gaze is towards the Voluntary sector and you have a spare couple of hours a week (or a month), please do give Scouting your serious thoughts: we have leader roles, support roles & admin roles just waiting for you. Contact: John Hartie 07824 704617; Email: 6thromfordscouts@gmail.com.

Thresholds of Hope Question: *What do the Martyrs teach us about the life of faith?* Input on Zoom will be given by Fr Paul Keane on Sundays 23rd and 30th January 4.00 – 5.00pm. To join email adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org. More information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

Be part of the Walsingham House Team 2022/23: If you will be 18+ in September, and are looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. For more information please contact Joseph Beattie, by emailing josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or calling 01277 373959. There is more information on our website (www.bcys.net) and social media @Brentwoodcys

Bishop’s Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry: The Bishop’s Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos and interviews and begins on **24th February**. For more information please see the website: <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/> or email your expression of interest to bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org by 22nd February.

Gospel of Luke: Fr Nicholas Kings SJ will be live-streaming a talk on the Gospel of Luke from 11.00 to 12.30 GMT on Saturday 22nd January. The event is free but you need to register beforehand on <https://londonjesuitcentre.org/cba-nick-king>

Polish Carol Concert After the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 29th January here in St Edward’s Church. Free entry. Please see the poster at the back of the Church for details.

Almshouses: A vacancy for a one bed property has arisen at the Almshouses in High St, Ingatestone. For details and to apply - Mike Falcone, Ginge Petre Trust 07935 959388

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.

- **Please do not come to church if you have any Covid symptoms at all.**
- **Please, if at all possible, take a Lateral Flow Test before coming to Mass.**
- **For all Masses, please wear a mask, in accordance with Government guidance, unless you are medically exempt.**

Our “temporary” hall is nearly ready – we are hoping to be able to use it on the weekend of 6th February, to resume Children’s Liturgy, coffee after Mass, and reopening the repository. We have adapted a section of the old parish hall, to hold about 40 - 50 people, with toilets and a small tea/coffee making area. As we look ahead to that, there are some opportunities ...

Raise money for your favourite charity! After the 9.30am Mass there is always tea, coffee and cakes, but cake-providing usually falls to the same few people. So if you have a favourite charity, why not bake some cakes and raise some pennies for a cause close to your heart! Email Fr Dominic and we’ll fix a date, which we can highlight in the newsletter, maybe with a rota so we highlight 8 charities about every two months?

Help make our temporary hall pretty ... and plant some trees in Raphael’s park ... two days of practical action! SAVE THE DATES – Monday 14th and Tuesday 15th February (Monday and Tuesday of half term). More details, timings and sign-up sheets next weekend, 29th/30th January.

We welcome into the family of the Church, Daniel Alexander Ruelos Sealey, Grace Julie Savill, George James Humphries, Elena Alexandria Dominique Attah Groombridge-Akeh, Angel Ndoson Loni Tama, Dylis Limene Tama, Hunter Cloud Florentino and Freddie Richard Joshua Wood who were baptised recently. We pray for them and their families as they grow in knowledge and love of Christ.

Become a Rail and Street Pastor. Next weekend we also welcome Monica, from Rail and Street Pastors, Romford, to share details of their incredible work – and with the opportunity for parishioners to become volunteers, if you would like to.

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society Crib Donations The Crib remains in front of the altar until Wednesday 2nd February and proceeds of the Crib Collection are donated each year to BCCS. There is a collection box by the crib or you can donate online at www.bccs.org.uk/donate

Foodbank. Families continue to need all the basics, all the staple foods – tinned items, toiletries, pasta, toilet rolls, sanitary products, tea, coffee, long life milk, cereals, etc., The Food Bank donations can be offered any time the church is open, in the side chapel.

Brentwood Cathedral will be hosting a ‘Be a Cathedral Chorister for a Day’ opportunity for boys aged 8 to 12 on Saturday 29th January 2022 10.30am – 4pm. There will be a similar day for girls later in the year. For more details and to register a place, please visit www.cathedralbrentwood.org or telephone 01277 265288.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Margaret Harvey** who died recently. Her funeral Mass will be at 12.15pm on Wednesday 2nd February. We pray for her family and friends.

During these two weeks we celebrate:

Monday 24th	St Francis de Sales
Tuesday 25th	The Conversion of St Paul
Wednesday 26th	Ss Timothy & Titus
Friday 28th	St Thomas Aquinas
Sunday 30th	Fourth Sunday of the Year (C)
Monday 31st	St John Bosco
Wednesday 2nd	The Feast of The Presentation of the Lord
Thursday 3rd	St Anne Line
Saturday 5th	St Agatha
Sunday 6th	Fifth Sunday of the Year (C) (World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life)

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 22nd	6.30pm	Ints of Siobhan Marshall (School Governors)
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Gerald Stewart RIP (Sherman)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 26th	12.15pm	Betty Coldhart RIP (Corbett)
Thursday 27th	9.00am	Agnes Carey RIP (F)
Friday 28th	9.00am	People of the Parish
Saturday 29th	1.00pm	<i>Memorial Mass for Sheila Line RIP</i>
	6.30pm	Roland Samson RIP (Samson)
Sunday 30th	9.30am	Avis Lee RIP (Lee)
	11.30am	Terry Mernin RIP (Mernin)
Wednesday 2nd	12.15pm	<i>Requiem Mass for Margaret Harvey RIP</i>
	7.00pm	Newly born children
Thursday 3rd	9.00am	Thomas & Lily Bullman RIP (Tewksbury)
Friday 4th	9.00am	Ada Newby RIP (F)
Saturday 5th	11.00am	<i>Wedding – Lauren Stapleton & Aaron Morley</i>
	6.30pm	Leslie Moore RIP (St Peter's PA)
Sunday 6th	9.30am	Eileen Ling RIP (Rickard)
	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, Brenda Flaherty, Pauline Gillooly, Fr Liam Hayes, Evelyn Hughes, Benjamin Joseph, Paula Lam, Fr Jean-Laurent Marie, Bina McCarthy, Fr John McKeon, Brendan O'Connor, Eileen O'Connor, Jacqueline O'Neill, Shamus Pierce, 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.

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.

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