



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 22nd May 2022

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

Sunday 29th May 2022

Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year C)

World Communications Day

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The next two weeks include **the Feast of the Ascension** (next Thursday, 26th May) and bring us towards Pentecost Sunday. The readings are full of references to the Holy Spirit, and the overflowing love of God.

In the world, there are many challenges to love; the war continues with horrific consequences in Ukraine, the cost of living and energy crisis is putting immense strains on many families, and exacerbating poverty across the world.

We hold it all in prayer, with the hope that the parish is a beacon of charitable action, hope and light, filled with the Holy Spirit. This weekend we have **celebrated the wedding of Ali and Jordan**, who lead music at the 9.30am Mass; next weekend the **Flower Festival** will take the theme **Peace, Hope and Resurrection**. For 5th June the flags will fly from the flagpoles, and we invite you to wear red, white and blue clothing for Mass, followed by cakes (possibly also red, white and blue!) as we celebrate the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee**. Then – just as you recover from Jubilee Street Parties - on 26th June the **strawberry teas** are back, in the presbytery garden. **Everyone is welcome, always.**

A special note for Eucharistic Ministers – please save the date of **Thursday 23rd June**, 6.30 – 7.30pm. **After the many challenges of Covid-19 it will be a great help to gather all our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** to see how you are, see if any Masses have gaps, and become more regular about visits to those in the parish who are ill and housebound. There has been wonderful work in the last two years to keep people connected, and many in-person visits; now is the time to get it all on a regular footing.

Flower Festival – Friday 27th – Sunday 29th May
NEXT WEEKEND! Invite your friends!

We have such a beautiful country church, in the midst of our town. What better way to encourage and invite people to come and see, than to fill it with wonderful spring flowers! Our flower arrangers (the “petals” – as they call themselves!) are planning wonderful colours, scents and styles for 18 different arrangements within the church, on the theme of **Peace, Hope and Resurrection**. You are warmly invited. Please spread the word! The church will be open to enjoy the flowers at these times:

Friday 27th May 10am – 4pm,
with refreshments in the hall
Saturday 28th May 10am – 4pm,
with refreshments in the hall,
then at 5.30pm, with Mass at 6.30pm.
Sunday 29th May for the morning Masses,
and then until 4pm, with refreshments in the hall

To give the name of a loved one who you would like to be remembered by one of the “Resurrection” displays, or for any more information, please contact Julie Smith – 01708 964416 – for more information.

We pray for the Repose of the Soul of Joan Lynch. Her funeral will take place at 10am on Friday 27th May at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. We pray for her daughter Siobhan Kelly and all her family and friends.

Special Marriage Anniversary this year? The Bishop is celebrating Mass for Marriage and Family Life on Saturday 16th July, 3pm, at the Cathedral. It is invite-only! For an invite please ask Fr Dominic – email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 24th – 29th July. Places still available: more details from Cathy O’Connor. 01206 735623, or book online: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood

Walsingham House Team 2022/23: Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022, for those in current year 13, up to age 22. Details on www.bcys.net or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN – A STUDY DAY FROM GIDEA PARK On Saturday 18th June from 11 am Fr Gerard Bradley will lead a study day entitled ‘Your sins are forgiven: exploring the sacrament of pardon and peace’. To follow this free live streamed event please go to www.whatgoodnews.org Our speaker, Fr Gerard Bradley, is a parish priest in the archdiocese of Southwark. Two sessions will be followed by the opportunity for questions. The event will end by 1 pm. Recording of the study day will be made available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org

SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED

(“Feed the hungry; clothe the naked; welcome the stranger”)

Sunday Coffee and Cakes begin every week at about 10.20am, until 11.20am – everyone is very welcome after 9.30am Mass, or before 11.30am Mass. This is an amazing gathering, with sensational cakes, FairTrade tea and coffee, and much chat and laughter. We received this letter of thanks from a recent charity ‘Street Sleeper Support, Romford’

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your very generous donation of £173 from your recent coffee morning. We receive this with gratitude. It will assist us supporting those on the streets in Romford, homeless and in crisis. In particular this will help provide daily meals, toiletries and clothing to this community of people. We look forward to working together again and ask that you convey our thanks and blessings to all involved.

This Sunday, 22nd May, donations will go to **Trussell Trust** and on 29th May as part of our Flower Festival weekend, donations will go to **Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society**.

Foodbank Donations. 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. **Please only bring long life items – nothing that needs fridge storage, or has a short expiry date. THANK YOU for the continuing generosity** – every week the Foodbank organizers are immensely grateful for what is brought.

Fuel Bank Foundation - helping families in the energy crisis. We have been given information about the Fuel Bank Foundation who give families **help, advice and breathing space to try to alleviate fuel poverty** – if you are in fuel crisis then look at <https://www.fuelbankfoundation.org/>

SUPPORTING THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE A picture of the icon of Our Lady of Kiev-Bratsk, a prayer for Ukraine, is in front of the altar for every Mass, as a focus for prayers for peace. We know of four families who have offered to host refugees, and two more where family members have already arrived from Ukraine. So far they are well supported, and very thankful for the welcome and care offered. **For more information about hosting refugees** please go to <https://www.gov.uk/register-interest-homes-ukraine> and for excellent video resources to help in preparing to host please visit <https://sanctuaryfoundation.org.uk/> More information and local contacts are on the Brentwood Diocesan Caritas website <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/housing-refugees/> **To help get aid to those still in war zones in Ukraine, Caritas Ukraine** is the most local Catholic agency. Cafod are their partner charity in the UK, and they have a dedicated page for donations to support those in great need in Ukraine as well as refugees who have fled to neighbouring countries and who do not yet have stable accommodation. The direct link is: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>

During these two weeks we celebrate:

Wednesday 25th	St Bede the Venerable
Thursday 26th	The Ascension of the Lord (C)
Friday 27th	St Augustine of Canterbury
Sunday 29th	Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year C)
Monday 30th	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 31st	Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary & ST Helen, Brentwood
Wednesday 1st	St Justin
Friday 3rd	St Charles Lwanga & Comps
Sunday 5th	Pentecost Sunday (C)

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 21st	6.30pm	Thomas Winters RIP (Walsh)
Sunday 22nd	9.30am	Angela Fitzpatrick RIP (O'Donnell)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 25th	12.15pm	Florrie Shepperd RIP (Anne)
Thursday 26th		<i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>
	9.00am	John Carey RIP (F)
	7.00pm	Maureen Simonelli RIP (Gannon)
Friday 27th	9.00am	Edward & Kathleen McGlynn (Heneghan)
Saturday 28th	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 29th	9.30am	Ints Eseosa Vsuanlele 10th Birthday (Vsuanlele)
	11.30am	David & Robin Hudson RIP (Doe)
Wednesday 1st	12.15pm	Jim Murphy RIP (Scullion)
Thursday 2nd	9.00am	Michael & John McCarthy (Sheila)
Friday 3rd	9.00am	Bishop Patricio Alto RIP (Kelly)
Saturday 4th	1.30pm	Wedding – Jenny Reilly and Ash Latter
	6.30pm	Patrick Lobo RIP (Lobo)
Sunday 5th	9.30am	Michael Doe RIP (Doe)
	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, Irene Girling, 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, Vince Willshere 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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