

# ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CATHOLIC CHURCH, ROMFORD

## #FaithintheFuture

**Building on the wonderful heritage of our parish and church, the next four years are a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to refresh and enhance our beautiful buildings for ourselves, the community of Romford, and future generations. The building work is due to start in October 2022 and finish in January 2024.**

*"Artists impressions all with thanks to [www.holmanneville.co.uk](http://www.holmanneville.co.uk)"*



*"Be living stones, building a spiritual house." (1 Peter 2:5)*

# Facilities and Improvements

A refurbished and extended parish centre with modern facilities including a hall seating 80 people around tables (and over 100 theatre style), with French doors and outdoor patio area, plus a meeting room for 14 people, repository, kitchen & toilets. All ideal for use by parish groups, as well as for use or hire by the wider community of our town.

Step-free access to the church and parish centre.

A bright and welcoming church entrance, no longer congested, and much better for weddings and funerals.

A building attentive to the environment and energy costs, with air source heating in the parish centre, and vastly improved insulation.

Everything designed and built in a way which is sympathetic to the heritage of our Grade II listed church.





## On 13th October 2026, we will celebrate the Feast of St Edward the Confessor in the 170th year of the parish.



Founded as a small country church, congregations over the years have survived two world wars, the Spanish Flu, and the recent pandemic.

The parish school has grown from one room to 420 pupils. The town of Romford has changed from a livestock market surrounded by fields, to the bustling and busy place it is today.

Through all of that, this little church and dynamic parish has been a beacon of hope, light, prayer and the Holy Spirit, providing charitable and Sacramental help and kindness, building a welcoming and dedicated community, all rooted in the love of Jesus Christ.

We have our church and community centre because of the generosity of families and individuals 165 years ago.

Now it is our turn to build for future generations.

## A Parish Youth Co-ordinator in 2024

The building project fundraising will be completely separate from day-to-day parish offertory and expenditure.

We can be hopeful that there will be parish money to invest in a youth co-ordinator, jointly with neighbouring parishes, as a vital part of supporting and nurturing the next generation.

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**“In the Church of today, young people are the hope of tomorrow.”**

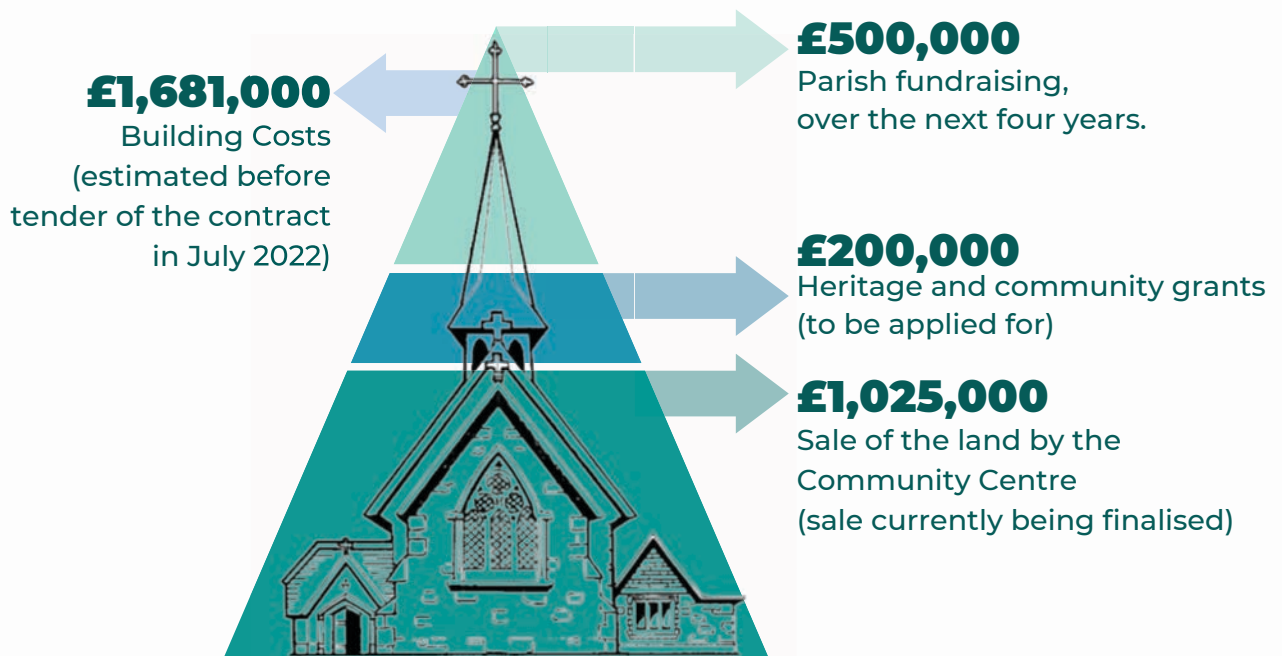
(St John Paul II)

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## Warmly supported by the Bishop and the Trustees of the Diocese



## The figures supporting the fundraising request



The Trustees of the Diocese have agreed to loan the money needed to complete the building works over the next 18 months, as we fundraise and pay it back over the next four years.

The loan will be a bank base rate of +0.5%, the cheapest loan we could possibly have.

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**To be able to pay for the works, our target for parish fundraising from 2022 to 2026 is £500,000**

*We understand that money is very tight for some people, so please, please only give what you can afford.*

**This could be achieved if 500 families or individuals give:**

- £5/week from 2022 - 2026
  - £21/month from 2022 - 2026
  - £250/year from 2022 – 2026
  - A £1,000 one-off gift
- (any gift of any amount is very welcome)

The last two pages of this leaflet give all the information you need to set up a weekly, monthly or annual standing order, or to make a gift, of any amount.

**There is also the vital free gift of prayer for the project.**

There will also be opportunities to support parish fundraising events eg. quiz nights, cake sales, auctions etc.

There is a dedicated Bank Account just for this fundraising, this account is called “Romford Future”. Any money given can be Gift Aided and we would really encourage Gift Aid – every £1 given becomes £1.25 towards the project!

This would also be a good time to consider a legacy gift to the parish; imagine the difference if people wrote into their will a gift of 1%, 5% or 10% of their estate for the future of the parish – it would transform everything that we could do.

## Your comments, suggestions, and questions

From early 2020 there have been parish updates and draft plans; hopefully you can see how ideas and suggestions made over the last two years feature in the final plans.

Thank you for all the very positive comments and encouragement at each stage of the project so far.

Should you have more questions about the project, comments, suggestions or ideas:

- Come to the open meeting on Sunday 12th June at 2.30pm
- Chat with Fr Dominic or members of the Parish Council after Mass
- Email [frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org) at any time

## Some possible early questions

### **Will the hall or church be out of action at any time?**

This is very likely – but we will be working very closely with the contractors to minimise disruption. For the hall, closure is likely to be at the very end of the project, in January 2024, as the final element of the project will be the demolition of the hall and resurfacing of the car park. The church will hopefully remain useable for every weekend; there will be some disruption but we will do our best to steer around Christmas and Easter.

### **What about price rises? How can you be sure of the figures?**

We do not yet have a contract; the figures are a Surveyors estimate and include all fees and a 10% contingency. The estimate is based on prices in June 2022. With competitive tender, the price may be lower or greater than the estimate. When we do go to tender, over the next few weeks, it will be a fixed price tender, so the price is locked in until 2024.

### **What about parking for the church and existing hall?**

The church car park will be closed, but we have had positive conversations with the Council about using the land between the hall and the bus depot as a temporary parking area. The Council car park opposite the church is also due to come back into use in the next few weeks, which will greatly help parking at weekends.

**More updates and information will be on the parish website throughout the next four years.**



## You can give to #FaithintheFuture in three very easy ways, please see the back page.

To help donations go further, if you are a UK taxpayer (including if you are a pensioner who pays tax) then please complete this form at the same time you set up your Standing Order, or make a one-off gift. It will add 25% to the value of what you give, at no cost to you – every £2,000 will be worth £2,500.

**If you are already a parish Gift Aider there is no need to complete the form again – please just use your Gift Aid number as the reference on your Standing Order**  
(if you don't know your number, please ask).

**GIFT AID DECLARATION – please return to the parish office or email the form to [romford-giftaid@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:romford-giftaid@dioceseofbrentwood.org)**

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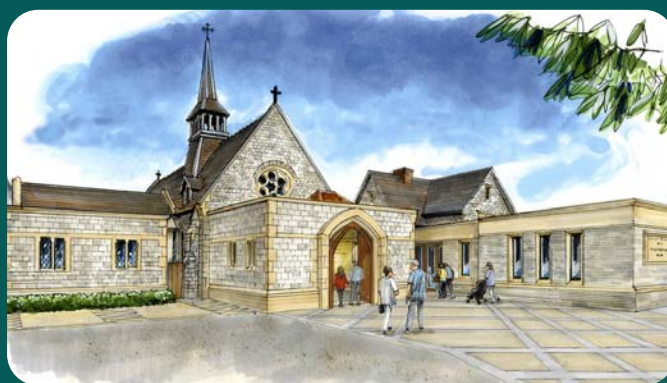
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Please give to support the building project.  
A once in a lifetime opportunity to build for the future

**The Bank Details are separate from the parish main account:**

**Account Name: Romford Future**

**Sort Code: 40-13-22**

**Account Number: 92108860**

**The very best way to support the project is with regular donations.**

Simply complete the standing order form (available at the back of the church), or use our bank details to set up a Standing Order via online banking or at your branch. Please only give what you can afford, and please do not feel any pressure to give.

Cheques for any amount can be made payable to “Romford Future” and posted to the parish, put through the letterbox, or handed to Fr Dominic.

Your online banking will also allow you to make a Bank Transfer, of any amount, at any time, using the bank details above.

If you would like to leave a legacy to the parish in your will, please speak with your solicitor. You are also very welcome to speak with Fr Dominic about this.

Please remember to Gift Aid donations if you can (see previous page).  
Thank you.

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