



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 3rd July 2022

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sunday 10th July 2022

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
(Sea Sunday)

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We welcome Bishop Alan on his Pastoral Visit on Wednesday. His time with us will include a visit to the Golden Club and to St Peter's school, as well as drinks with the Parish Council. In the evening he will celebrate Confirmations; there is no additional space in the church, as we have 20 Confirmandi and their families, but the Mass will be on the parish Livestream. Please keep the Bishop's visit in your prayers, and please pray for each young person who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Aaron, Lorenzo, Lucy, Oliver, Daniel, Olivia, Elena, Joshua, Sid, Matthew, Jonjo, Shayne, Andy, George, Erin, Orlando, Esther, Drew, Ronin and William.

Thank you to the catechists who have accompanied them so generously and kindly:
Liz, Annette, Helen, Megan, Liam, Josh and Izzy.

Next weekend the 6th Romford Scouts, Cubs and Beavers begin a year of celebrations marking 100 years of scouting at St Edward the Confessor. There are now over thirty children involved, with the possibility of a "Squirrels" section for children aged 4 and 5. Thanks to the dedication of the Group Scout Leader, John Hartie, and those who assist him, the group kept going throughout the Pandemic. They would love to welcome more children and young people, and to do this they need leaders. The commitment can be weekly or fortnightly, and it is just for a couple of hours – could you get involved? Contact John Hartie at jhartie@yahoo.com **On Sunday 10th July at 2.30pm** there is a special Mass to launch the Centenary year. Please keep it all in your prayers.

Rest in Peace

We pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Brenda Flaherty** who died recently. We pray for her niece Marian and all her family and friends. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 12th July at 11am and then to Upminster Cemetery.

During these two weeks we celebrate:

Monday 4th	St Elizabeth of Portugal
Tuesday 5th	St Anthony Mark Zaccaria
Wednesday 6th	St Maria Goretti
Sunday 10th	Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Monday 11th	St Benedict
Friday 15th	St Bonaventure
Sunday 17th	Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 2nd	6.30pm	Tom Murnane RIP (De Napoli)
Sunday 3rd	9.30am	Margaret Murphy RIP (Scullion)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 6th	12.15pm	Bernard Ling RIP (O'Donnell)
	7.30pm	Confirmation Mass; offered for the Confirmandi
Thursday 7th	9.00am	Moina Keenan RIP (Bequest)
Friday 8th		No Mass today
Saturday 9th	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Bruce Kent RIP (Geary)
	11.30am	Maureen Deri RIP (Pavari)
	2.30pm	Mass for 100 years of Romford Scouts
Tuesday 12th	11.00am	Funeral – Brenda Flaherty
Wednesday 13th	12.15pm	John Patrick McCarthy RIP (McCarthy)
Thursday 14th	9.00am	Frederick & Winifred Howett (F)
Friday 15th	9.00am	Ints Cica Jean Mayo (Mayo)
Saturday 16th	11.30am	Wedding – Emma Bond and Jack Tighe
	6.30pm	Staff & Pupils of The Campion School (Walsh)
Sunday 17th	9.30am	Gordon & Maria Crane 50th Wedding Anniversary
	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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Thanks and farewell

There are many parishioners who give dedicated hours in service, prayer, time and energy to help all aspects of parish life. Few have been so devoted, over so many years, as Colin & Vikki Smith, and James & Nicola Johnson. Colin ran the Baptism preparation evenings for over 20 years; Vikki helped to found and sustain the Mothers' Prayers Group, and helps with First Holy Communions. A few days ago Colin & Vikki moved to Dorset. James was headteacher at St Peter's school, and served on the Parish Council; he and Nicola have also served as Readers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. This week James and Nicola move to Danbury. Beyond any particular act of service to the parish, the most significant thing about Colin, Vikki, James and Nicola has been their prayer, often for people in great need. We pray for each of them, and their families, as they move from Romford, and we wish them every blessing in their new homes. We know they will be regular visitors back to Romford!

Strawberry Teas

Thank you to everyone who supported our strawberry Teas and to those who baked, donated and served. It was a huge success and raised £332 to be divided between Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital, the Salvation Army and the SVP.

St Peter's Summer Fayre took place on 25th June and it was **an amazing** success this year! Thank you to all parishioners who donated items on the day including cakes and plants which were very well received, and those who attended on the day - over **£9000** was raised! It was wonderful to see so many families come together to support the school and see everyone having a great day with plenty of laughter and smiles!

Lourdes prayers, coffee and cakes. This year five young people from the parish are part of the first Diocesan pilgrimage for three years, travelling with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service. **On the weekend of 16th/17th July they will be at each Mass**, to receive intentions for prayers to be taken to the Grotto, and donations for candles to be lit at the Grotto. Between 9.30am and 11.30am Masses they will also serve coffee, tea and cake, and welcome donations for their personal fundraising. Those travelling are Annie, Izzy, Roisin, Matthew and Cian – please keep them all in prayer.

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

Adventure in Faith – journey towards World Youth Day, Porto and Lisbon, July 26th – August 9th 2023. This amazing opportunity is for anyone who will be aged 17 – 27 in August 2023. Find out more at <https://bcys.net/events/wyd23/>. Express your interest with an email to WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Only 40 places available.

Welcome to Fr Matthew Bemand-Qureshi who will become Parish Priest at St Joseph's, Upminster in September, replacing Fr Michael Halsall. This is the only local move; the Diocesan moves will be announced at Masses over the weekend.

Just finished A-levels or Uni? Aged 18-22? Interested in working with young people? Join the Walsingham House Team 2022/23 for an amazing Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022. Details on www.bcys.net or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Mrs Barbara Waring After 23 years of faithful service and commitment to our school Mrs Waring will be leaving St. Peter's. We wish her every continued health and happiness in the future. The school are providing a Book of Special Thanks to which all are invited to email in a message for Mrs Waring via the email address general@st-peters.havering.sch.uk - all messages will be transferred into the book. If parents past and present would like to make a donation towards a retiring gift for Mrs Waring please put it in an envelope for the attention of Mrs Williams or via this 'Giftround' link **by 14th July**. <https://www.giftround.co.uk/page/629c9952bf172>

“SHARING THE CHURCH’S STORY.” This conference aims to bring people together for an experience of profound personal renewal and to be equipped for mission. With world-class speakers, including Bishop Robert Barron, panels, and moments of powerful prayer and worship, the organisers are excited for what God will do through this event. Saturday 17th September in London; to find out more and to book go to www.sharingthechurchsstory.com

SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED

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

Sunday Coffee and Cakes are every week from 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, much chat and laughter and all whilst raising money for some amazing charities – this week for Alzheimer's.

Calais Light, the refugee charity convoy, leaves Shenfield on 15th July. This will be its 17th weekend-only convoy to volunteer with refugee charities in Calais. If you want to extend a hand during this painful refugee crisis, sorting aid & prepping food, please sign up today on their website: www.calaislight.com.

Foodbank Donations. 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.**

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. 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. The direct link is: <https://cafod.org.uk/News/Emergencies-news/Ukraine-crisis>