



## *Parish newsletter*

CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Mass Times: see back page. Reconciliation: Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm, or on request

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**Thank you** to the many, many parishioners who supported five young people from the parish to travel to Lourdes at the end of July. What a wonderful week it was. Matt, Annie, Roisin, Cian and Izzy tirelessly served those in need of assistance. They were a tremendous credit to the parish, their families and schools. Together at the Grotto they prayerfully lit 72 candles and posted hundreds of intercessions for you, given the weekend before they travelled. You can see photos from the trip by looking at the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service Facebook and Instagram pages (@BrentwoodCYS).

For young people aged 15+ the BCYS offers a great range of opportunities, and you can find it all at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**A level and GCSE results** will all be out before the next newsletter; for those young people and families awaiting results, please know that you are firmly in our thoughts and prayers.

The summer includes **The Feast of the Assumption** – Our Lady assumed into heaven, body and soul, at the moment of her death. It is a feast that inspires us to reflect on Mary as a person of immense faith and hope; for mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures across the parish, we know how your faith supports and sustains your children and grandchildren, and we pray for you.

**For all parishioners, we pray that this summer time is blessed, and safe.** If you are ever in any need, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**During these three weeks we celebrate:**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	St Dominic
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	St Lawrence
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	St Clare
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	St Bernard
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

**Mass Times and Intentions**

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Ints of Mary Schroeyers (Murnane)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Peggy Haughey RIP (Gillooly)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Bernie O'Sullivan RIP (SVP)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	1.00pm	<i>Funeral – Theresa (Terry) Raftery RIP</i>
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Mick Richardson RIP (Zincraft)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Eithne Jackson RIP (Brooker)
	11.30am	Frank Rabbitte RIP (Rabbitte)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	<i>Funeral – Sheila Murphy RIP</i>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Giorgina Sammut RIP
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Maud Emily Hale RIP (F)
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	Michael Franklin RIP (Peggram)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am	Ints Teresa Joshy (Joshy)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	12.15pm	Lily McAndrew RIP (Grannell)
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Johanna Elliott RIP (F)
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.00am	Kathleen & Victor Payne RIP (F)
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Sheila Fagan RIP (West)
	11.30am	Mary Sachett (Holmes)

**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, Pauline Gillooly, Irene Girling, Evelyn Hughes, Benjamin Joseph, Paula Lam, Bina McCarthy, Fr John McKeon, Brendan O'Connor, Eileen O'Connor, Jacqueline O'Neill, Shamus Pierce, Samantha Rowe, Michael Scullion, Peggy Squires, Maureen Symes, Fr John Taylor, Andrew Todd, Danny Toye, Stephen Toye, Betty Walsh, Vince Willshere and Trudy Wijeyeratnam*

**SAVE THE DATE – SUNDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, 1pm – 4pm**  
**PARISH FUN DAY, BEDFORDS PARK**

Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy football, rounders, socialising and mixing with parishioners of all ages. Most especially, we encourage families to come along. More details during the summer – for now, put the date into your diaries!

**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.** You'll find information at <https://bcys.net/applications-for-the-walsingham-house-team-2022-23-now-open/> or contact Joseph Beattie – [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Visit to Oxford – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September.** St Edward's Anglican church has links with New College Oxford through the life of William of Wykeham. The Vicar at St Edward's, Fr David, has arranged a tour of New College with the Archivist, Mr Michael Stansfield. After time for lunch there will also be a chance for a look at Fr Dominic's old College, Keble. The day will include some walking, and a dive into history. Leave Romford 8.00am return approx. 6.30 – 7pm. If you'd like join us please **sign up at the back of church before 14<sup>th</sup> August** so that transport can be arranged.

**Relics of St Bernadette – Brentwood Cathedral – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October.** The relic of St Bernadette usually kept in Lourdes is coming to the UK in September and October. The nearest church to us is Brentwood Cathedral, where the relic will be from approx. 11am on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October, until the morning of Monday 17<sup>th</sup>. More details of the Sunday programme available soon. More information at [www.stbernadette.org.uk](http://www.stbernadette.org.uk)  
**For young people there will be a special Mass at 6.30pm on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October – a chance to relive (and discover) the joy of Lourdes, and learn what relics are and why they are helpful for us in prayer.** More information coming soon at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**Sharing the Church's Story – 17<sup>th</sup> September – Conference with American Bishop Robert Barron,** founder of "Word on Fire" ministry. This conference aims to bring people together for an experience of profound personal renewal and to be equipped for mission. With world-class speakers, panels, and moments of powerful prayer and worship. To find out more and to book go to [www.sharingthechurchstory.com](http://www.sharingthechurchstory.com)

**Adventure in Faith – journey towards World Youth Day, Porto and Lisbon, July 26<sup>th</sup> – August 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org). Only 40 places available.

**Piano** If anyone has a use for an upright piano (in need of some TLC) and would be able to collect from the hall please email or call Julia in the parish office.

## Rest in Peace

We pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Terry Raftery** who died recently. We pray for her family and friends. Her funeral will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August at 1pm and then to Bentley Cemetery.

We pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Sheila Murphy** who died recently. We pray for her family and friends. Her funeral will take place on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> August at 12.15pm, followed by burial at Romford Cemetery, Crow Lane, at 1.45pm.

## Suggestions for families over the summer

For lots of summer holiday activity suggestions in Havering go to:

<https://familyserviceshub.havering.gov.uk/kb5/havering/directory/advice.page?id=CEjK-KtV6Qs>

For information about free events across London this summer go to:

<https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/arts-and-culture/make-date-london>

**If your family is in need of food, or other help, please get in touch with Fr Dominic or Julia in the parish office and we will do all we can to support you.**

## SUPPORTING THOSE IN NEED

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

**The Sunday Coffee and Cakes has raised several thousand pounds for charities, since restarting in March.** We will pause for the summer, and will resume on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September. There will be simple tea/coffee and biscuits during August. If anyone would like to join the ‘cake rota’ or wishes to nominate a charity please contact Julia in the parish office.

**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.**

**Calais Light** – volunteer for a weekend alongside refugee charities in Calais. Limited spaces in October, November and December. Reserve your place on the website:

[www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com).

**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>