



## *Parish newsletter*

CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR  
Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024  
The Resurrection of the Lord (B)  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024  
Second Sunday of Easter (B)

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

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### *Love never ends!*

We have lived the Lenten love story – and today we pivot into the eternal love story as Jesus bursts from the tomb. Light shines in the darkness. Love conquers death, for ever.

**Love never ends. This is the glorious truth of the Resurrection.**

The love within the parish community is immense; the generosity which has enabled car load after car load of food to fill the shelves of the S.M.I.L.E. pantry, helping those in serious need. The Lenten lunches which raised £1277 for *Médecins sans Frontières* and £550 for the *Brentwood Catholic Children's Society*. The volunteer hours given to lead groups, visit the ill and housebound, and so much more – all of it is faith, lived. All of it is signs of Resurrection love, hope and joy so urgently and profoundly needed at a time when anger and hatred are tearing people and countries apart.

**Christ is Risen, Alleluia!** This Easter, do all that you can to share the love story of Jesus Christ. Tell people about it. Show people how you live it.

Many blessings for a radiant Easter, *Fr Dominic*

**Key dates in the next fortnight – please come if you can – more info inside**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, 9.30 – 2pm** *Help clearing the land next to us, for parking.*

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 7 – 9.30pm** *Youth-led quiz: help our young people travel to Lourdes.*

**We are delighted that the Council have granted us use of the little car park between our land and the buses. We can use it each day for those coming to the Church or Parish Centre. But we do need to clear it up first! Please come on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April, at 9.30am to approx. 2pm – we'll provide refreshments and lunch. As many hands as possible: please bring good gloves, secateurs, strimmers, etc. Age 13+ only, please.**

**Save the date - the opening and blessing of the narthex and parish centre will be celebrated with Bishop Alan on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 7pm.**

### **Needs and support within our community**

**Thank you to everyone who donated to the Easter Egg appeal. Our friends at SMILE are truly grateful.**

There remains an ongoing and serious need for Foodbank Donations, which can be offered any time the church is open; please leave items in bags in the side chapel. At the moment they are in particular need of Pasta sauce, Cereal, UHT milk, Squash/juice, Biscuits and Ketchup/condiments.

**Our parish St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP)** offers discreet support to families facing especially hard times; please get in touch via the parish office.

***If there is anything else we can do – or any other local sources of support you come across which we can share with parishioners – please let us know. Just email or call.***

**Youth-led Parish Quiz Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April, 7 – 9.30pm** in the Walsingham Hall. Supporting our young people who will be helping the ill and elderly in Lourdes this summer. Teams of up to 8 or come on your own and we will find you a team. £5 per person, age 12+ **Tickets available 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> April or email the parish office today to reserve a table.** Bring your own drinks & nibbles. More details on poster at back of the church.

**Pre-School** From 22<sup>nd</sup> April the Shining Starz Pre-School for children ages 2-4 years old will open in the parish centre. The pre-school will be open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm. There will be funded places available for 2 and 3 year olds, for 15 hours and 30 hours. **Shining Starz will be hosting an open day on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April, between 11am to 2pm. You will have the opportunity to come see the nursery and register your child.** If you would like to register your child, please contact 07774886331 or [shiningstarz24@outlook.com](mailto:shiningstarz24@outlook.com). The Shining Starz team look forward to working with you.

**Interested in the Catholic response to homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, assisting with the Cost of Living Crisis, or tackling the causes and effects of climate change?** You are invited to the 2024 **Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, 10am – 2.30pm**, which we are hosting here, in the new Parish Centre. This day is a chance to be sustained, share ideas and good practices with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. Details and Registration (for free!) at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/network](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/network)

**Easter Offerings.** Anything given in the offertory (apart from regular standing orders) or on the contactless machines over Easter weekend is your personal gift to Fr Dominic. Together with the Christmas collection, this is the majority of his income for the year. As ever, anything that you give is very deeply appreciated – thank you.

**Apprenticeships at Walsingham House:** Walsingham House are offering a two year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy, ideal for those finishing Year 13 in July, or for anyone up to age 21. Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary's University, Twickenham. **Closing date for applications is soon after Easter, Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April.** For more info email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or visit the website [www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/](http://www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, Summer 2024** Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). Book at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/tours-and-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood/>. Bursary support is available for those in financial hardship. If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please contact Kathryn Young: 07941 471503 [kathrynyoung@mail.com](mailto:kathrynyoung@mail.com)

**Youth 2000 London Retreat Day: Come and See.** Youth 2000 are running a retreat day for young adults (16-35) on 11<sup>th</sup> May at Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon. It is jam-packed one day event, where people come together as a community of young adults in prayer and friendship. The retreat is an invitation to come as you are, and to come and see who Jesus is and what He can do in your life. The cost £25 and more information can be found at: <https://www.youth2000.org/events/london2024>

**Concert for St John Bosco Children's Camp:** Come and enjoy an exciting variety show of music and entertainment, to raise money for the camp, which provides holidays for over 100 children. **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. 7 – 9pm. Wine and refreshments included.** Performances include music from Jacques Allen, a brilliant young musician. Adult tickets £10; children £5. Bookings by phone: 07957382592. Online bookings and more details: [www.boscocamp.co.uk/events](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk/events)

**Youth Mass with music workshop, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April, from 6.00pm at Brentwood Cathedral – near Brentwood Station, CM15 8AT.** Pizza first, then workshop 6.30pm – 7.15pm with the brilliantly gifted Art Wangcharoensab. Just bring your instrument, or your voice. All aged 15+ are welcome, of all abilities, and everyone also welcome for the Youth Mass at 7.30pm. More info at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net)

**The Champion School** would like to warmly invite parents/carers and year 5 boys to our Open Evening on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June from 4.30pm to 7pm. The Headteacher's talk will be at 5pm and repeated at 6.30pm. Please visit our school website for more details [www.thecampionschool.org.uk](http://www.thecampionschool.org.uk)

**Donations to the parish building project.** It is wonderful that the project has completed so well, and that we have already paid off over £1.75million (£1 Million from the land sale, £470,000 in grants, £100,000 in VAT reclaim and £180,000 already donated or pledged from parishioners). **Can you help us with the last £300,000? If 300 people or families could give £1,000 ... that's £20/week for the next year.** Could you do that? The sooner we pay off the debt, the less interest we have to pay. Full details, online donations, and standing order information is all at [www.stedwards-romford.org.uk/faithinthefuture/donate](http://www.stedwards-romford.org.uk/faithinthefuture/donate)

**We pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen Shanks** who died recently. Her funeral will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 12noon and then to South Essex Crematorium. We pray for her family and friends.

## Mass Times and Intentions

### **Easter – The Resurrection of the Lord**

<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7.30pm</b>	<b>For the Newly Baptised and Confirmed</b>
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>8.00am</b>	<b>Ints Joan Murphy (Mothers Prayers)</b>
	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Ints Gillooly Family (Gillooly)</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>The Sick and Housebound of the Parish</b>
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Norman Martyn Reynerio Ofrecia RIP (Martyn)</b>
<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Oliver Jewers RIP (Friends)</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30pm</b>	<b>Jockey &amp; Matilda Louis RIP (Louis)</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>The People of the Parish</b>
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Kay Carter RIP (Ann YAH Club)</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Ints Mary Murnane (Margaret)</b>
	<b>12noon</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Maureen Shanks, RIP</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Holy Souls (Rabbitte)</b>
<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30pm</b>	<b>Dr Paul Lawson RIP (O'Moore)</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Ints Lar Fennessy &amp; Family (Fant)</b>

**Please pray for all who are sick in hospital, our nursing homes and at home.**

Especially we pray for:

*Margaret Alake, Joe Bellotti, Mgr Arthur Barrow, Mark Dalton, Dyllis Dangerfield, Agnes Danielka, , Vincent Paul Doherty, Genevieve Geary, Pauline Gillooly, Irene Girling, Jim Griffin, Evelyn Hughes, Joseph, Benjamin Joseph, Paula Lam, Matty, Harry McKinley, Brendan O'Connor, Eileen O'Connor, Jacqueline O'Neill, Agnes O'Sullivan, Shamus Pierce, Michael Scullion, Peggy Squires, Maureen Symes, Andrew Todd, Danny Toye, Stephen Toye, Betty Walsh, Theresa West, Joyce & Vince Willshere and Trudy Wijeyeratnam*

**To ask for prayers for someone who is ill, please check they would like to be named in the newsletter, and then email or call the parish office.**

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