

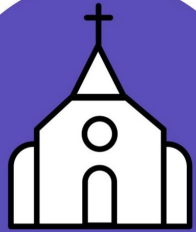


Catholic Parish of St Edward the Confessor, Romford

*We are blessed with dedicated parishioners and amazing buildings
How can we sustain and develop parish life in the months and years ahead?*

*How can we best live the Parish Mission to
“joyfully share the Good News of Jesus Christ in Romford”?*

Suggestion for Parish organisation and development



PARISH FAITH DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Providing many opportunities to deepen our prayer life, and knowledge of faith, within the parish and for those who are not yet parishioners.

PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Youth-led; inspiring our young people with a wide range of faith-filled social, spiritual and service opportunities.



Keeping Christ at the centre of all that we do, we exist to joyfully spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in Romford, through our prayer, our charitable action, and our celebration of the Sacraments

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE

Arranging a wide variety of social events throughout the year, for all parishioners to enjoy.



PARISH CARITAS

Our faith in action; how we live Catholic Social Teaching through our charitable work and outreach to those on the edges



SACRAMENTAL / LITURGICAL PLANNING GROUP

Brings together those involved in the rich and varied Sacramental and Liturgical life of the parish, to coordinate parish liturgies at Advent/Christmas, Lent/Easter, as well as the annual celebrations of FHC and Confirmation.



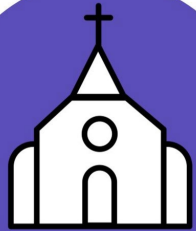
FINANCE AND PREMISES COMMITTEE

Advice and planning in relation to parish finance and buildings, from parishioners with professional expertise. Note: The Parish Priest has legal responsibility for all parish decisions in relation to Finance, H&S and Safeguarding.



Parish Governance and Priorities: what are your thoughts and suggestions?

PARISH FAITH DEVELOPMENT GROUP



Currently: Legion of Mary and Mothers Prayers, plus advertising talks, etc
Priority: Develop this area of parish life
Future Hopes: Alpha Course? Bible Study Group? **Your thoughts ...**

PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY



Currently: All the Parish Uniform Groups, plus Young People attending BCYS events, including Lourdes.
Priority: Employment of youth co-ordinator shared with local parishes
Your thoughts?

PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE



Currently: Golden Club, Knit'Natter, and a strong co-ordinating group for Strawberry Teas, Lenten Lunches and varied social events.
Your ideas / suggestions?

It is proposed that the Parish Council is formed of ten people.

The main aim for the Parish Council would be to represent the whole parish, serving as a vital strategic and consultative group, especially for any major initiatives.

To achieve this, each of the six groups named in this diagram would be a sub-committee of the Parish Council (PC), and one person chosen by each sub-committee would serve on the PC.

Completing the PC would be one of the Parish Partnership Representatives (see next page); a rep from St Peter's; the Parish Administrator and Parish Priest.

Your thoughts?

PARISH CARITAS



Currently: SVP, Live Simply Group, CAFOD, Foodbank (S.M.I.L.E.), visiting housebound parishioners
Future hopes: Gain LiveSimply Award. Ever stronger co-ordination. Reaching into more of the secular and faith-based projects that serve the town. **Your thoughts?**

SACRAMENTAL / LITURGICAL PLANNING GROUP

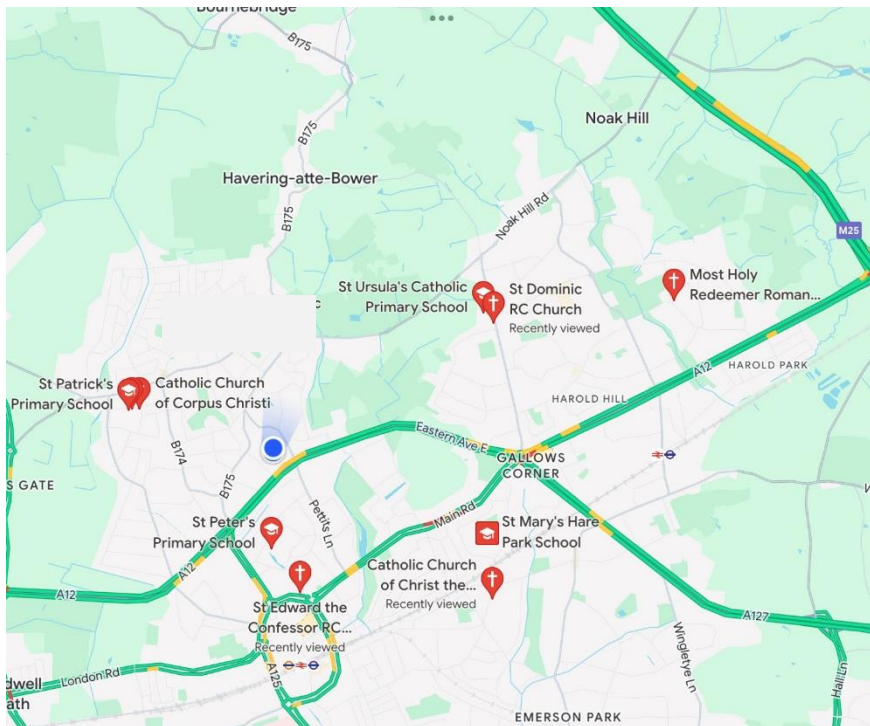


Currently: Strong catechetical preparation for FHC, Confirmation, RCIA; evening for Baptism prep; sessions for Marriage Prep. Repository, Petals, Stewards, Altar Servers, Readers, Musicians, Ministers, Livestream volunteers, Church cleaners
Future hopes: Co-ordination through this group

FINANCE & PREMISES COMMITTEE



Currently: A committee of dedicated professionals who have worked especially hard in the years of the building works.
Priority: Pay off the remaining debt, to minimise interest payments. Develop budgets to reflect the running costs of the new buildings. Decorate church.
Your thoughts?



The Romford Parish Partnership

Parish Partnerships are part of the Diocesan Vision of Renewal and Restructuring. Romford is in partnership with Gidea Park, Collier Row, Harold Hill St Dominic's and Harold Hill Most Holy Redeemer; along with the five churches, the partnership also includes the three primary schools shown on the map.

Partnership is about seeing how we can work more closely together, make best use of our resources, share ideas, gifts and talents, and prepare for the time when fewer clergy will be available. Work on the Diocesan Vision began in 2016, and the idea of Partnerships was introduced in 2018. However, Covid meant everything was paused, and the process was restarted by the Bishop in January 2024. **Joan Murphy and Caroline Dixon** did sterling work over the initial period, from 2016 onwards, and are now handing over to **Gill Trainor, Deidre Bond and Romain Maillard**. They are getting up to speed, and meeting with the priests and representatives from the other parishes in July, with more to share in the autumn. One of them will also serve on our Parish Council, to keep the dialogue flowing across the parish in the best possible way.

Parish Health and Safety is looked after by our volunteer H&S representative, **Ronan Gilbert**, with monitoring from the Diocesan H&S Coordinator. If anything ever looks unsafe to you, please immediately advise Fr Dominic, or Julia in the Parish Office. If you have an accident on the parish grounds, or in the church, please let us know.

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults is everyone's responsibility; if you ever see or suspect an abusive situation, or have any concerns about the well-being of a child or vulnerable parishioner, please report it. The details of how to do this are on a poster at the back of the church, and on the parish website. Within the parish **Hannah Richards** is the Safeguarding Representative, soon to be joined by **Siobhan Marshall**. If you have suffered from abuse and want to talk about it, please speak with whoever is most helpful; again, there is information at the back of the church, and on the website. You will be listened to with great care.

To complete parish governance, Fr Dominic meets periodically with Ronan, and with Hannah & Siobhan, to ensure all aspects of parish life are as safe as possible. **Thank you** to the parishioners who are also very attentive to these matters.

Finally, a huge thank you to all our parish volunteers – the parish simply could not run without you, and your dedication, service and help is very deeply appreciated.