



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 9th June 2024

Tenth Sunday of the Year (B)

Sunday 16th June 2024

Eleventh Sunday of the Year (B)
(Day for Life)

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

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THANK YOU for the wonderful celebrations last Friday evening with Bishop Alan. He and Fr Kevin have both been in touch during the week to say how much they enjoyed the evening. It was full of joy, warmth and faith, and there were many, many people who helped it all to be so beautiful – thank you. There is a lovely set of photos from the evening on the website: <https://stedwards-romford.org.uk/faithinthefuture/>

THIS WEEKEND we continue to celebrate and cherish the different gifts and talents in the parish, as we ask ourselves how can we deepen and develop all that we offer so as to joyfully spread the Good News of Jesus Christ in Romford.

Please stay for a while after Mass and come to the Parish Centre, where each parish group offers you a warm invitation to come and see what is on offer, meet those already part of groups, and consider how you can take part.

Then at 2.30pm on Sunday (9th) there is an open meeting for everyone to come and share your vision for parish life – how can we develop and improve? How can we reach more into the town we serve? **Please keep it all in your prayers.**

GENERAL ELECTION RESOURCES

As the election campaign heats up, we are called to offer a Catholic voice, full of love and compassion, recognising even those we disagree with as beloved children of God. Our vote matters to cherish life, and serve those who are poorest and marginalized. Which party will best do that? Inside the newsletter you will find details of an expert speaking at Gidea Park, and Election Hustings in Romford. Excellent resources from the Bishops are all to be found at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

We pray for the repose of the soul of Rabbi Lee Sunderland, who ministered to the Jewish Community in Romford for over 20 years, and who died a few days ago. We pray for his family, and for all those who he served during his years as a Rabbi.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Martin Nott, priest of Brentwood Diocese for over 30 years, who was parish priest in Dunmow since 2006, and prior to that had spent time in our twin Diocese of Dundee, South Africa. He died last weekend; we pray especially for those in Dunmow parish at this sad time.

GENERAL ELECTION EVENTS

Expert insight into the General Election: As the General Election approaches, on Saturday 15th June, Raymond Friel OBE, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, will speak on Catholic Social Teaching and what the Church says about democracy and voting. This event is very close by: it will be held at Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Coffee will be available from 10.30 am; the talks begin at 11 am, and conclude by 2 pm (please bring your own lunch). This is an in-person event, also available online at www.whatgoodnews.org

General Election Hustings, Monday 1st July, Romford Baptist Church. Fr Dominic will be chairing these hustings; most of the candidates standing to serve as MP in Romford have already confirmed their attendance. The evening will begin at 6.30pm with a chance to submit questions, and finish at approx. 8.15pm. Come and hear from those who would like to represent you in Parliament. This event is organized by Churches Together in Romford, and open to everyone.

“Teddies” – the parish Parent & Toddler Group – Our newly formed Parent and Toddler group meets every Wednesday from 9-10.45am in the Walsingham Hall of the Parish Center. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Moira on 07931 156295 or email the parish office romford@brcdt.org

Interested in becoming a Catholic? If you have not been Baptised, or were Baptised (as a Catholic or in a different Christian denomination) but have not ever received Communion or been Confirmed, then you would be very welcome to become a Catholic. It is a journey to be taken at your pace; there is a lovely group of catechists to walk the journey with you. Contact Fr Dominic – frdominic@brcdt.org or phone the parish office.

Walsingham House Anniversary Mass, 31st August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick Celebrate 40 years of team at Walsingham House, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm followed by celebrations at the beautiful retreat house especially for young people, just outside Brentwood. More info www.bcys.net

Fr Dominic is away at a conference from 12-14 June, and also away from 17-21 June, so there are fewer Masses during the next fortnight – do check the newsletter.

Charitable work and action

S.M.I.L.E. are now open again, flourishing, and in need of donations. They are particularly seeking tinned fruit, coffee, juice, UHT milk and tinned fish. They have a lovely café open at 40 High St Romford, where donations can be given directly – or leave them by Our Lady in the side chapel, and a parishioner takes them once a week. They are also looking for volunteer help, especially in providing cakes for the café.

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.

Pre-School The Shining Starz Pre-School for children ages 2-4 years is now open in the parish centre. The pre-school is open on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 8:30am to 4:00pm, in term time. There are funded places available for 2 and 3 year olds, for 15 hours and 30 hours. If you would like to register your child, please contact 07774886331 or shiningstarz24@outlook.com.

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year? Join Bishop Alan for the annual Mass for Marriage and Family Life at Brentwood Cathedral at 3pm on Saturday 13th July. Fr Dominic has the invites for the Mass – please let him know your names, and Anniversary date of marriage. The invitation is also warmly extended to engaged couples.

Youth Mass, Thursday 4th July 2024, Brentwood Cathedral Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass and commission all those travelling to Lourdes this Summer. Meet in the Cathedral Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza, refreshments and a time to reconnect and relax with friends before the Summer. Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. If you wish to sing, play an instrument, read or serve then please bring along your alb or instrument, and let us know as you arrive. Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

BCYS Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 20th – 27th July 2024 A couple of last minute places have become available if anyone in school year 10+ still wishes to join this pilgrimage with the BCYS. Full details on the pilgrimage and how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl24 or email gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org

BCCS For many years the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) enjoyed the support of the late Eleanor Piper and a group of Romford parishioners. They extend a warm invitation to anyone who attended with Eleanor or who is keen to join them for the first time, to the Ascot Ladies' Luncheon on Friday 21st June at The Rayleigh Club in Hullbridge. A delicious lunch will be served in a private dining room overlooking the golf course, followed by tea, coffee and livestreamed racing from Ascot. £35 per person. To reserve your tickets, please contact Libby and Julie at communications@bccs.org.uk

We pray for the repose of the soul of Kim Laing who died recently. He will be received into the Church on Monday 10th June at 4pm and his funeral will take place on Tuesday 11th June at 1.30pm and then to Bentley Cemetery. We pray for his wife Marion, daughter Alana, son Rory and all his family and friends.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Valerie Quinn who died recently. Her funeral will take place at Our Lady of Lourdes, Leigh-on-Sea at 10.45am on Friday 14th June. We pray for all her family and friends.

We pray for the repose of the soul of Leslie Shager who died recently. We pray for all her family and friends.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 8th	6.30pm	Alfredo Munoz RIP (Regina)
Sunday 9th	9.30am	Philomena Davids RIP (Davids)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Monday 10th	8.20am	Richard Newman RIP (Johnson) <i>In Campion School</i>
	4.00pm	Reception into Church – <i>kim Laing RIP</i>
Tuesday 11th	1.30pm	Funeral – <i>Kim Laing RIP</i>
Wednesday 12th	12.15pm	Rechel Erenia RIP (Abesia)
Saturday 15th	6.30pm	Peter Schroeyers RIP (Schroeyers)
Sunday 16th	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Rechel Erenia RIP (Matutina)
Wednesday 19th	12.15pm	Fr John Taylor RIP (O'Donnell)
Saturday 22nd	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Sharon Heaphey RIP (Winckle)
	11.30am	George Williams & Thomas & Joan Watson RIP (Watson)

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, Margaret Ellis, 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, Joyce & Vince Willshere, Trudy Wijeyeratnam and Mark Woolsey

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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