



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 21st & 28th July 2024

Sixteenth and Seventeenth Sundays of the Year (B)

Sunday 4th & 11th August 2024

Eighteenth and Nineteenth Sundays of the Year (B)

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Many blessings as summer begins. I hope that you are able to find some time for rest and relaxation – and if you work in a job where summer is your busiest time, then thank you for helping others to relax! **WELCOME** to any summer holiday visitors to Romford – you have made an excellent choice of holiday destination.

The next fortnight's Gospels focus us on Jesus the Shepherd; compassionate for the people he feeds in abundance – firstly with the word of God, and then with the miracle of the loaves and fish. Together these Gospels mirror the pattern of the Mass we celebrate; nourished by the Word of God and then by the Eucharist. No doubt this summer many parishioners will be participating in Masses in different languages, in churches across the world, as you visit family or take a holiday. How wonderful that it is the same Mass, the same Word, the same Eucharist wherever we are. Cherish the experiences of celebrating with different communities – and if you spot a great idea in another parish, do share it when you are back.

In Lourdes this week over 120 candles will be lit for parishioners' intentions, and hundreds of prayers placed at the Grotto. Please pray for Andy, Alfie, Cian, Emily, Lara, Lucy, Roisin and Seren that their time in Lourdes may be fruitful and blessed, and pray for all those they help and serve while on pilgrimage. The candles and prayers are a precious link from Romford to Lourdes, with so many people named and remembered in a way that links heaven and earth.

*****SAVE THE DATE*** “Welcome Back Sunday” on the 8th September,** with lovely refreshments and fun activities for children after the two Sunday Masses.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and FIRST RECONCILIATION – for children who will be in Year 3 or above in September. The application forms are available at the back of the church and must be returned by **Sunday 22nd September 2024**. The parents' evening will be **Tuesday 8th October**, and the celebration of Communion will be in May 2025.

Race Night Thank you to everyone that supported our recent Race Night. £347 was raised for the Parish Building Fund.

Remember Hiroshima A service of commemoration for light and peace will be held at the Salvation Army, RM1 1JJ on **Tuesday 6th August at 7pm**. This will be the 79th anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. All are welcome.

Walsingham House 60th Anniversary Mass, 31st August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. 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

Golden Club There will be no Golden Club on Wednesday 31st July. We will resume on Wednesday 7th August.

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.

Charitable work and action

We know that the summer holidays can be a hard time for some families, with meals usually provided at school not available for these six weeks, along with the costs of any summer activities. For free activities, and meal deals – including some free food for children, have a look at these excellent pages of suggestions:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/deals/things-to-do-with-the-kids/>

S.M.I.L.E. are flourishing in their new premises, and very much 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.

Thank you to clergy helping to supply at Mass in the weeks ahead. For the weekends of 20th/21st July and 27th/28th July we welcome **Fr Gerry Gostling**, as Fr Dominic is in Lourdes, then assisting at the St John Bosco Children's Camp. On Wednesday 24th July we welcome **Fr Mariusz Fura** from Rainham.

Fr Dominic will pray the following Mass intentions in Lourdes / at the Bosco Camp:

Ints Caroline Hogan (Rabbitte)

John Buckley RIP (O'Moore)

Ints Patricia McGlynn (Heneghan)

Pat Ravell RIP (Brennan)

Ints Baby Albert O'Brien (Pitkin)

Terry Bird RIP (Bird)

Ints Judy & Brendan O'Connor

Holy Souls (Murnane)

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Ann Geoghan RIP (Zincraft)

Ints Catherine Welcome (O'Donnell)

Would you like to join 1,000 people in Eucharistic Procession on 14th September?

The Bishops of England and Wales are organising "Adoremus" ("Let us adore") at St Mary's College, Oscott (near Birmingham). There are just 43 places for Brentwood Diocese, so if you would like to go then apply quickly by sending your name, phone number and parish name to frdanmason@brcdt.org – **deadline is 1st August**. The coach is leaving from Romford! There is no charge for the day – just bring your own lunch. Depart 8am, return approx. 9-10pm.

Walsingham House Retreat Manager: Could you inspire up to 5,000 young people a year, working with a wonderful team of young adult volunteers? Walsingham House at Abbotswick is the youth retreat centre for the Diocese of Brentwood. They are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager, who will ensure the smooth running of retreats; leading and training the volunteer team; and developing the programmes on offer to schools and parishes. This role could include accommodation at the Retreat House, or could be fulfilled by someone living away from the House and travelling in. The House is located in Navestockside, between Brentwood and Ongar. For more information please see: <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> Closing date is **Friday 30th August**. Salary £32 - £34,000, depending on experience.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School wish to appoint a Midday Assistant. Job Description and Application Form available on the school website. Closing Date: Monday 9th September 2024.

A message from the parish **Live Simply group**: "Many thanks to all the parishioners who visited our Live Simply stand at the Parish Open weekend. Many people were keen to learn more about the Pope's message in Laudato Si', about the Live Simply Award and to discuss what they could do to help. There will shortly be several prayers on the Live Simply pages of the parish website, so if you didn't take a prayer, please have a look and join us in praying to save the wonders of God's creation." If you would like to be involved in the group please contact Gill Trainor or Sandra Tam via the parish office.

In these weeks we celebrate:

Tuesday 23 rd	St Bridget of Sweden
Friday 26 th	Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM
Monday 29 th	Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday 1 st	St Alphonsus Mary de'Liguori
Tuesday 6 th	The Transfiguration of the Lord
Thursday 8 th	St Dominic
Friday 9 th	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
Saturday 10 th	St Lawrence
Wednesday 14 th	St Maximillian Kolbe
Thursday 15 th	<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 20 th	6.30pm	Private Intention (Heneghan)
Sunday 21 st	9.30am	Fr Tom Jordan RIP (F)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 24 th	12.15pm	Alan Grace RIP (Ann)
Saturday 27 th	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 28 th	9.30am	Thanksgiving for Isabella's Birthday
	11.30am	Ryan Mahusay RIP (Diaz)
Wednesday 31 st	12.15pm	Maureen Atkins RIP (Ann)
Saturday 3 rd	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Terry Raftery RIP (Donnelly)
	11.30am	Irene Caffell RIP (Edkins)
Wednesday 7 th	12.15pm	Wally McNeela RIP (SVP)
Thursday 8 th	9.00am	Maria Luz Diaz RIP (Diaz)
Friday 9 th	9.00am	Ints Daniel Seddon (Murnane)
Saturday 10 th	6.30pm	Ints Miriam Lobo (Lobo)
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Oliver Gilson RIP (Brennan)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 14 th	12.15pm	Sean Concannon RIP (Fant)
Thursday 15 th	<u><i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></u>	
	9.00am	Frank Rabbitte RIP (Rabbitte)
	12.15pm	Tom Hagger RIP (Grannell)
Friday 16 th	9.00am	Josie McNasser (Heneghan)
Saturday 17 th	6.30am	John Doyle RIP (Hugh, Corine, Brendan)
Sunday 18 th	9.30am	Ged Liam Corbett RIP (Corbett)
	11.30am	People of the Parish

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, Pat Fagan, 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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