



## *Parish newsletter*

CATHOLIC PARISH OF  
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR  
Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
Fourteenth Sunday of the Year (B)  
Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024  
Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (B)  
Sea Sunday

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### As we move into summer, there is much to give thanks for

**Congratulations and thanks** to everyone involved in the Strawberry Teas – well over 100 teas were served, and £750 was raised, to split between St Francis Hospice and the parish building fund. The next parish social is just a week away – the **Race Night**, on 13<sup>th</sup> July. Full details inside.

**Geraldine Ellis** has served as President of the Parish SVP for a decade. She is now handing over – to three people! Joan, Caroline and Deidre will be looking after the SVP, which goes from strength to strength. The work of the SVP is usually hidden, quietly supporting families and individuals in need. Blessings for the next ten years.

**John Hartie** has run the cubs and scouts for decades, and recently received the Scouts **Silver Acorn** award. This is rarely given; it is for long service which is ***speciallly distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding***. Very well deserved!

The parish **Golden Club** has been running for **30 years**, and on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July we are delighted to welcome **The Champion School Schola** (choir) to sing at Mass, to help mark this wonderful anniversary.

The parish **Legion of Mary** celebrates **25 years** in the autumn. Members from far and wide are invited to a special Anniversary Mass. More details soon.

And finally, **Mgr Kevin Hale** recently celebrated **40 years** of service as a priest of Brentwood Diocese. His heart is still very much in Romford! *Ad multos annos*.

**Thank you to clergy helping to supply at Mass in the weeks ahead. Next weekend we welcome Fr Adrian Graffy** to celebrate the 6.30pm Mass on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, as Fr Dominic is at an Ordination in Liverpool. For the weekends of 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> July and 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> July we welcome **Fr Gerry Gostling**, as Fr Dominic is in Lourdes, then assisting at the St John Bosco Children's Camp. On Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July we welcome **Fr Mariusz Fura** from Rainham.

**This weekend (6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> July) we welcome** Sr Theodora Oti and Sr Judith Ube, HHCI (Handmaids of the Holy Child Jesus). They are speaking on behalf of several Catholic Missionary congregations, and will give us an idea of their work, and the challenges they face. There will be a collection to support Catholic Missionaries after each Mass.

**Next weekend (13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> July) we will hear from the young people travelling to Lourdes at the end of July.** You will have the opportunity to give them prayer intentions, to take to the Lourdes Grotto, and (for a £5 donation, which all goes to the Lourdes Shrine) they will buy and light a candle for you – again, with whatever intention you would like. You are also welcome to donate money to support parish youth funds, which have helped pay for some of the young people to travel.

**Prayers for Fr Leslie Knight (Hutton) and Fr William Young (Barking)** who are retiring from their parish ministry at the beginning of September. They have given many decades of service, kindness and prayer. Within the Deanery the only move is that of **Fr Jerold Savio** who has spent a few months at **St Mary's Hornchurch** and is now moving to Maldon and Burnham. Moving in to be Assistant Priest at St Mary's is **Fr Frank Westcott**, who was Ordained just three weeks ago. The full list of moves across the Diocese is on the website [www.dioceseofbrentwood.org](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**St Peter's Summer Fayre Committee** wish to thank parishioners for supporting another successful Summer Fayre and helping to raise a huge £10,900.

**Race Night** Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July in the Walsingham Hall of the Parish Centre, 7.30 for 8.00pm start. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Adults, and accompanied children over 12, are very welcome. It is free to enter; on the night there will be a raffle, as well as ample chances to have a flutter on the winning horses. All proceeds to 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 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. This will be the 79<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. All are welcome.

**"Teddis" – the parish Parent & Toddler Group** – Our newly formed Parent and Toddler group meets every Wednesday from 9 - 10.45am (term time only) in the Walsingham Hall of the Parish Centre. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Moira on 07931 156295 or email the parish office [romford@brcdt.org](mailto: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, you are very welcome to become a Catholic. It is a journey to be taken at your pace; there is a lovely group of catechists to accompany you. Contact Fr Dominic – [frdominic@brcdt.org](mailto:frdominic@brcdt.org) or phone the parish office.

**Walsingham House 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass, 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.bcys.net)

**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](mailto:shiningstarz24@outlook.com).

### **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.

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. 50 people made pledges, highlighting changes they would make to live more simply and more sustainably. Some parishioners took a copy of the Live Simply prayer and pledged to pray for the protection of our precious home. 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 two weeks we celebrate:**

<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Benedict</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St Bonaventure</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>

**Mass Times and Intentions**

<b>Saturday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Ints of Gillooly Family (Gillooly)</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>John Pacey RIP (Gannon)</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass today – Fr Dominic at Walsingham House</b>	
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Patrick Swift RIP (Ann)</b>
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Dinkie Burke RIP (Barr)</b>
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Antonio Castro RIP</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>9.30am</b>	<b>Thanksgiving for Adams Birthday</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Roderick Pagdanganan RIP (Diaz)</b>
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8.20am</b>	<b>Josie McNasser (Heneghan) <i>In Campion School</i></b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Golden Club 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sean Kearns RIP (Heneghan)</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Sean Mitchell RIP (Zincraft)</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Private Intention (Heneghan)</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Fr Tom Jordan RIP (F)</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</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, 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 Toyne, Stephen Toyne,  
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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