



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 3rd November

Thirty-First Sunday of the Year (B)

Sunday 10th November 2024

Thirty-Second Sunday of the Year (B)
(Remembrance Sunday)

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Mass Times See back page.

Reconciliation Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm, or on request

St Peter's Primary School Telephone 01708 745506

Head Teacher Mrs J Waterfield

After 20 years of dedicated service, Mrs Waterfield will be leaving St Peter's next July, as she retires. More details of a leaving Mass, etc., will come in due course, but for now we thank Mrs Waterfield for the decades of time, care and energy that she has given to St Peter's, particularly in the years when the school doubled in size. Please keep the search for a new Headteacher firmly in your prayers; Governors meet this week to begin to look at advertising and recruiting.

During the month of November we especially remember those who have died. On Saturday (Feast of All Souls) there was a beautiful Mass of Remembrance, and in front of the altar there are red candles, blessed during the Mass. These candles typically burn for about a week, and are suitable for taking to the graves and memorials of loved ones. Also in front of the altar is a box where you can place the names of loved ones – they will be prayed for at each Mass in November. There has been the custom of leaving a donation with the names, and you can use an envelope to do that. It is completely optional; all money given will support our work with young people in the parish, including funding for the summer pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Next Sunday, Remembrance Sunday, Fr Dominic will join leaders of local churches and faith groups offering prayers by the War Memorial just before 11am. A wreath will be in front of the altar at all Masses, and taken to the War Memorial after the 11.30am Mass. We pray for all who have risked and given their lives for our freedoms, and we pray for peace in our fragmented and troubled world.

There are terrible problems with the proposed **Assisted Dying Bill**, due before Parliament later this month. Effectively legislating for Assisted Suicide, it puts pressure on doctors and nurses, as well as those who are vulnerable and frail. Please write to our local MP, asking him to oppose the Bill: andrew.rosindell.mp@parliament.uk – along with other MPs, he will vote on this Bill on 29th November, so now is the time to write to him. There is significant opposition to this Bill, which changes how we understand death and dying in ways that have appalling consequences. There is more information, and template letters, at www.livesworthliving.org.uk - please keep it all in your prayers.

S.M.I.L.E. CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL – deadline 30th NOVEMBER!

S.M.I.L.E. Shoebox Appeal – give during November for gifts to be distributed to families in Havering at Christmas. We will still have “presents under the tree” to support local families throughout the year, but this is a direct and wonderful way to get a Christmas gift to families in great need.

Details can be found on the poster at the back of the church or contact info@smilelondonsex.com.

There remains an ongoing need for Foodbank Donations, Donations can be left in bags in the side chapel any time the church is open.

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.

Live Simply Group Petition to ASDA: please support our petition requesting Asda supermarkets to get rid of plastic packaging. We will be collecting signatures after each Mass this weekend of the 2nd/3rd November so please add your name, and make sure our petition gets noticed.

Proclaim the Word: A series of talks for Readers/Lectors. Fr Adrian Graffy, Scripture scholar and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will be giving the first talk in a series planned for readers/lectors. This first talk, entitled ‘He stood up to read (Lk 4:16), will survey how the ministry of reader has developed from the New Testament to the institution of readers at Vatican II. The talk will take place on Wednesday 27th November at 7 pm (refreshments from 6.30) at the hall of the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, 410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Entrance is free, and the talk will also be available on-line at www.whatgoodnews.org

Yoga Classes are being offered to parishioners over 60 years old in the parish centre on Thursday evenings from 5 – 6pm. The sessions will be gentle and restorative, welcome to all abilities and bodies, led by a qualified yoga teacher. The sessions are free, however a donation of £5 is recommended towards the use of the parish centre. If you are interested please message Frances on 07307002009. Namaste.

PARISH BAZAAR – Saturday 30th November 10am – 2pm

The bazaar this year will be back in our Parish Centre,
and we are hoping it will be AMAZING!

**Raffle tickets – with top prize £125 – go on sale from this weekend
2nd /3rd November £5 per book.**

**Donations can be left at the church or presbytery any time from
Saturday 9th November. Please – please – only bring what is on this list:**

→ **New (or very nearly new), boxed toys** as an immense help to families.

→ **Bottles** for the glorious festive delight that is the bottle stall. Please donate bottles containing any fluid that can be drunk, alcoholic or soft. Bottles can be of any size. Top quality spirits are ideal! Just don't donate any already opened!

→ **Gift items** – either new, or things that suit a “white elephant stall”, with novelty value. Nothing chipped or cracked, please.

→ **Toiletry sets** – again, something that might make a lovely gift

→ **PLUS we will warmly welcome donations of cakes, biscuits, cup cakes, soda bread and other home baked items in the day or two before the Bazaar, and on the day.** Contact Julia in the parish office to arrange drop off.

The Bazaar will run from 10am to 2pm, with the raffles drawn at 1.30pm. Prices for everything will be either in round pounds or 50ps to minimize coinage!

There will be loads of stalls, including Advent wreaths and floral decorations, knitted cribs, games for children run by scouts, cubs, plus – of course – Father Christmas on a little warm-up outing, as he gets ready for Christmas Eve. Come and enjoy the festivities and fun, pick up some Christmas gift bargains, and help raise money to support our wonderful parish!

There is a superb team of volunteers looking after each stall, and getting everything ready. If you can help out – especially setting up on Friday 3.30 – 6pm or clearing up on Saturday 2.00 – 4.30pm please contact Annette Bacon via the parish office.

Local Parishes Bereavement Group – Come along to find comfort, support and understanding at a welcoming and informal bereavement support group. Sheila Delander and Liz Hill from Holy Redeemer and St Dominic's parishes in Harold Hill lead the group. They invite you to join them in navigating through grief together. The next meeting will be held **Wednesday 6th November**, at **2pm** in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. There will be subsequent meetings scheduled for the **1st Wednesday of every month**. **You're not alone on this journey!** All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Marianne Leonard RIP who died recently, and for her children Bobbie, Nicki and John. Her family have had a long connection to this parish and her funeral will take place on Friday 15th November at 11.00am.

Mass Intentions. We have more Mass intentions than we can fulfil. Our University Chaplains receive far fewer intentions, and readily welcome any we can send. Details of Mass intentions sent to Fr Paul Keane (Cambridge University) and Fr Mark Swires (University of Essex) are on the notice board at the back of the church.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 2nd	6.30pm	Andy & Nancy Sullivan RIP (Bray)
Sunday 3rd	9.30am	Ints Margie Davids (Gillooly)
	11.30am	James Hiles RIP (Hiles)
	5.20pm	<i>With Confirmation Group</i> People of the Parish
Tuesday 5th	8.20am	Eileen Grannell RIP (O'Connor) <i>In Campion School</i>
Wednesday 6th	12.15pm	Ester Rawlings RIP (Golden Club)
Thursday 7th	9.30am*	Jenny Wilkinson (Wilkinson) <i>With Year 5 children</i>
Friday 8th	9.30am*	Bryan Nee RIP (Nicoll) <i>With Year 6 children</i>
Saturday 9th	6.30pm	Dominic Capps RIP (Mernin)
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Patricia Church RIP (Conti)
	11.30am	Ged Corbett RIP (Corbett)
Tuesday 12th	8.20am	Ints Carmel Bailey & Family (Heneghan) <i>In Campion school</i>
Wednesday 13th	12.15pm	Raymond O'Donnell RIP (O'Donnell)
Thursday 14th	9.30am*	Ints Anne & Mick Corbett (Heneghan) <i>With Year 4 children</i>
Friday 15th	11.00am	Funeral – Marianne Leonard RIP
Saturday 16th	6.30pm	Maureen Reynolds RIP (Scannell)
Sunday 17th	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Danny Grannell RIP (Grannell)

***At the Masses on 7th, 8th and 14th November we will be joined by children from Years 4, 5 and 6 at St Peter's school. Note that Mass on these days is at 9.30am, and takes place in the church.**

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, Jacey Cooke, 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, Daniel O'Mahoney, Agnes O'Sullivan, Shamus Pierce, Michael Scullion, Peggy Squires, Maureen Symes, Claire Tilyard, Andrew Todd, Danny Toye, Stephen Toye, Betty Walsh, 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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