



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
Sunday 20th April 2025
The Resurrection of the Lord (C)
Sunday 27th April 2025
Second Sunday of Easter (C)
Divine Mercy Sunday

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ALLELUIA! Christ is Risen!

From Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter) we move from a closed and sealed tomb to a rock burst open, from hardened minds and hearts to the hope of Resurrection, transforming the world for ever. This is the definitive Pilgrimage of Hope. Many blessings to you and all who you love on this Easter Sunday. Wherever hope is most needed, in your lives and across the world, prayers that the overflowing love of Easter may infuse hearts and souls.

Next Sunday **Blessed Carlo Acutis** will be Canonised – will become a Saint. He is a particular role model for teenagers; the first Saint to build a website – and to use it to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. Pope Francis quoted him in the great letter to young people and those accompanying them, *Christus Vivit*: “Everyone is born as an original, but many people end up dying as photocopies.’ Don’t let that happen to you.” (CV 106). He was born in London in May 1991, and died from leukaemia in Italy in October 2006 – aged just 15. His short life had immense impact; we will share more of his story next week.

Next Sunday there will be **magnificent news from the parish Live Simply group.**

For this weekend, I pray you have blessed celebrations, full of Resurrection hope,
Fr Dominic

THANK YOU to the very many volunteers who help make the Holy Week and Easter Masses and Services so beautiful, and keep everything flowing so wonderfully. There are so many groups and individuals who do so much, and it is all very deeply appreciated. I pray you can each have a rest this week!

THANK YOU to everyone who so generously supported the Lenten Lunches, which raised over £1400 for Lepra. Thank you to all those who prepared and served the lunches. An additional £700 was raised for various charities by the weekly raffle.

LEPRA – FIVE HUNDRED PAIRS OF SANDALS. We have supported Lepra throughout Lent with the Lenten Lunches, donations at Masses, and a donation as a gift to all our parish volunteers. Together this has reached **over £2,600** – enough to buy five hundred pairs of the special support sandals, helping those with nerve endings damaged by leprosy to walk again. This is a truly exceptional donation, and will be a great boost to this small charity. An absolutely lived example of a vital Pilgrimage of Hope. To find out more visit www.lepra.org.uk

S.M.I.L.E. – THANK YOU for the 200+ Easter Eggs donated to S.M.I.L.E. during Lent. Each one is a burst of hope and joy for a family this Easter; families living in hostels, or in very tough conditions, for whom the Easter Egg is not only an otherwise unaffordable treat, but also a sign that they are not alone.

CAFOD – THANK YOU for the £833 donated to the Fast Day Appeal, along with much more donated online. This all helps CAFOD's essential work – including the current crisis in Myanmar – more details on the next page.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham Saturday 24th May 2025. There will be a coach leaving St Mary's Hornchurch at 6.45am and returning approximately 6.45pm. The cost is £20pp return. Please contact Laura Stevens if you wish to book a seat hornchurchstmng@brcdt.org 01708 447761

Headteacher for St Peter's – please spread the word far and wide, as we continue the search for a Headteacher for our wonderful primary school. Visits to the school are warmly invited, and the application details are all at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/> **The closing date is midday, THIS Tuesday 22nd April.**

Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2025; your reflections? If you have any thoughts that would help in preparing for Lent and Easter 2026, please do send an email to frdominic@brcdt.org or have a chat after Mass. What should we do more of? Or less of? Any new ideas? The Parish Council is up and running, and there will be more information about those involved, and the different sub-Committees, over the next few weeks. Many of the sub-Committees warmly welcome new members at any time. There will also be a full update of parish finances on the weekend of 10th-11th May.

CAFOD – Myanmar Emergency Appeal. Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or call 0303 303 3030. Text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

On 25th April the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill – known as the “Assisted Suicide” Bill will come back to Parliament for potentially the final vote. **Thank you** to everyone who has already contacted their MP. It is not too late; to email Andrew Rosindell direct the best email is: andrew.rosindell.mp@parliament.uk. For more information visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Annual Mass for Migrants The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to a celebration of the annual Mass for Migrants on Monday, 5th May 2025, 2pm at Westminster Cathedral. The Mass will celebrate the contributions made to the faith, life and work in the UK by all those from other countries who make a home here. Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald, MAfr OBE, will be both celebrant and preacher. For more information or to join the banner procession, visit: <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/migrants-mass-2025/>.

Shining Starz Pre-School (held in the Parish Centre in term time) is looking for a Level 3 qualified practitioner for a part time role. If you are interested please email shiningstarz24@outlook.com along with a CV.

Easter Offerings Anything given in the offertory (apart from regular standing orders) or on the contactless machines over Easter weekend is your personal gift to Fr Dominic. Together with the Christmas collection, this is the majority of his income for the year. As ever, anything that you give is very deeply appreciated – thank you.

Michael Kelly, RIP. Your prayers are asked for Michael Kelly, who died peacefully a few days ago. Please pray for his wife Margaret, their children Kieran, Sharon and Brian, and all the family. Michael's funeral takes place this Tuesday, 22nd April, at 1.30pm.

Mass Times and Intentions

Easter – The Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday 19 th	7.30pm	For the Newly Baptised and Confirmed
Sunday 20 th	8.00am	Lar Fennessey RIP (Fant)
	9.30am	Frances Cartlidge RIP (Doe)
	11.30am	The Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Tuesday 22 nd	11.30am	Ints Campion Year 11 Students <i>In Campion School</i>
	2.00pm	Requiem Mass: Michael Kelly, RIP
Wednesday 23 rd	12.15pm	Dan & Elizabeth O'Callaghan RIP (Peggy)
Thursday 24 th	9.00am	Elise Elkington RIP (F)
Friday 25 th	8.15am	Patrick Lobo RIP (Lobo) <i>In St Peter's School</i>
Saturday 26 th	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 27 th	9.30am	Barney O'Neill RIP (Pitkin)
	11.30am	Ints of Shayne Gray (Gray)
Tuesday 29 th	8.20am	Jose De Abeu RIP (Peggy) <i>In Campion School</i>
Wednesday 30 th	12.15pm	Ints of Wilmott Family (Murnane)
Friday 2 nd	8.15am	Ints Andy & Maureen Lock (Anon) <i>In St Peter's School</i>
Saturday 3 rd	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Peter Rochford RIP (Williams)
	11.30am	Mario Comisi RIP (Maranglone)

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, John and Genevieve Geary, Pauline Gillooly, Irene Girling, Jim Griffin, Rose Hayden, Evelyn Hughes, Benjamin Joseph, Michael Kelly, Paula Lam, Matty, Harry McKinley, Brendan O'Connor, Monica O'Donnell, Daniel O'Mahoney, Agnes O'Sullivan, Shamus Pierce, Peggy Squires, Claire Tilyard, Andrew Todd, Danny Toye, Stephen Toye, Betty Walsh, Vince Willshere, Trudy Wijeyeratnam & 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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