



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 6th April 2025

Fifth Sunday of Lent (C)

Sunday 13th April 2025

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord (C)

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Mass Times See back page.

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Thank you to everyone who helped to make last weekend's Pastoral Visit by Bishop Alan such a wonderful and joyful celebration. The glorious music, wonderful refreshments, floral display, Altar serving and much else all contributed to very memorable celebrations of Confirmation. The Bishop was delighted. We continue to hold in prayer all those Confirmed last weekend.

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. At each Mass today we will hear a letter from Cardinal Vincent, on behalf of all the Bishops of England and Wales. There are postcards at the back of church to send to MPs. You can also go to <https://righttolife.org.uk/asvote> to make contact online. For more resources and information visit: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/>

Holy Week begins next Sunday, 13th April. There will be a booklet with the Gospel and other Readings, for the whole of Holy Week. The Mass and Service times are inside this newsletter. This is the moment to clear the diary and dive as deeply as possible into our faith; Easter Sunday makes the best sense if we have lived the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, and the Service of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday. Come and see!

Lenten Lunches – just one more left!

The final Lenten Lunch is Saturday 12th April 12.00 -2.00pm, in the Walsingham Hall of the Parish Centre. Please come along and enjoy a great value, simple but tasty lunch (£5 adults, £2 for children under 12) and a chat with friends whilst raising money for good causes. Any donations for raffle prizes would be very welcome on the day. Why not treat your family or friends to lunch? We look forward to seeing you. See poster for more details.

Easter Egg Appeal from SMILE “We deeply value the support you've provided over the years and would be immensely grateful if we could count on your support again this year to help provide Easter treats to those most in need within our community. With a goal of over 3,000 eggs, we're feeling the pressure to meet the needs of our community.” There are two ways to support:

Donate money via their website, so they can buy Easter Eggs:

<https://www.smilelondonsex.com/donate-funds>

Donate physical Easter Eggs. Please hand these in to the shop at 40 High Street, Romford. The deadline is **Friday, April 11, 2025**. If it is hard for you to get there, please bring to church and we will send them over.

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, Tuesday 22nd April.

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.

The Chosen film release. The first two episodes of the new series are released for Holy Week and Easter – showing daily from Thursday 10th April at Vue Cinema, in the Brewery. It should be inspiring viewing, with a focus on the Last Supper. **Young adults in the parish are warmly invited to the 2.45pm showing on Sunday 13th – email Onosé (romfordyouth@brcdt.org) for info – limited space!**

Holy Week and Easter – Day by Day

You will find everything online at
<https://stedwards-romford.org.uk/lent-and-easter/>

- 12th /13th April** **Palm Sunday.** Usual weekend Mass times; Masses begin with the blessing of palms in the parish centre/piazza. **Please come early!**
- Weds 16th April** **Mass of Chrism, 11am, Brentwood Cathedral.** This Mass is celebrated by Bishop Alan, with all the priests of the Diocese. It is open to all, and replaces our usual Wednesday 12.15 Mass.
- Thurs 17th April** **The Big Clean, 9.30am – 11am.** Come and give the church a wonderful spring clean! All help very welcome.
Servers' Rehearsals – for all servers from 12noon – 1pm, please. This will include specifics for the next two days, as well as general serving – please come if you can. Then lunch for the Senior Servers from 1pm – 2pm.

The Easter Triduum (“three days”)

The most powerful moments in the Church year.

- Thurs 17th April** **Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7pm.** This Mass includes the presentation of the Holy Oils, Washing of the Feet and the commemoration of the Last Supper, the first Eucharist.
- Friday 18th April** **Good Friday: “Easter Triduum in 30 minutes” for Children, 10am – 10.30am.** Open to all primary school age children, and families.
Ecumenical Prayers, with music, 11.30am, outside St Edward the Confessor C of E Church, in the Market Place.
Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, 3pm. This service commemorates Jesus' crucifixion, and includes simple veneration of the cross.
Prayers by the cross, 7pm – 8pm. Church open for quiet prayer.
- Sat 19th April** **11.00am** Blessing of Easter Baskets in the Polish tradition
W Wielką Sobotę zgodnie z polską tradycją w kościele św. Edwarda o godzinie 19 kwiecień 2025 roku o 11.00 odbędzie się poświęcenie pokarmów. Obrzęd ten będzie sprawowany w języku angielskim i polskim. Serdecznie zapraszamy rodziny i przyjaciół.
12noon Rehearsal with the RCIA Candidates
1pm – 3pm The Petals transform the church with flowers
Easter Vigil Mass, 7.30pm – 10.00pm. This is a powerful and beautiful liturgy, including many readings, the light of the Easter candle, and individual candles, the blessing of holy water, and many other symbols of Christ's Resurrection.
- Sunday 20th April** **Easter Sunday Masses at 8am, 9.30am and 11.30am.** Full of joy, with a quiet Mass at 8am, then youth-led music at 9.30am and choir at 11.30am.
- Livestream:** *Holy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 3pm and Easter Sunday 9.30am.*

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 5 th	6.30pm	Alfredo Munoz RIP (Regina)
Sunday 6 th	9.30am	Ints of Ellis Family (SVP)
	11.30am	Thanksgiving (Uसानले)
	3.00pm	<i>Mass with the First Holy Communion children and families, offered for the People of the Parish</i>
Wednesday 9 th	12.15pm	Successful Surgery & Speedy Recovery (Ruddy)
Thursday 10 th	9.00am	Dec'd Members of Piper & Tracy Families (F)
Friday 11 th	8.15am	<i>in church</i> Marith Jordan RIP (Flanigan)
Saturday 12 th	6.30pm	Theresa West RIP (Bacon)
Sunday 13 th	9.30am	The People of the Parish
	11.30am	Manuel Garces RIP (Garces)
Wednesday 16 th	<u>11.00am</u>	Mass of Chrism at <u>Brentwood Cathedral</u> CM15 8AT
Holy Thursday 17 th	7.00pm	Eileen Grannell RIP (Mernin)
Good Friday 18 th	10.00am	"Easter Triduum in 30 minutes" for Primary age children
	11.30am	Ecumenical prayer in the Market Place
	3.00pm	Solemn Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

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

**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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