



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 18th May 2025

Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)

Sunday 25th May 2025

Sixth Sunday Easter (C)

Sunday 1st June 2025

Seventh Sunday of Easter (C)

Sunday 8th June 2025

World Communications Day

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www.stedwards-romford.org.uk

Parish Livestream

<https://stream.seccomgroup.com/channel/st-edward>

Parish Facebook and Instagram @RomfordRC

Mass Times

See back page

Reconciliation

Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm

“So Father, when are you going?” I have lost count of how many times I have been asked in recent weeks! I leave on Sabbatical after next weekend, 25th May. In seriousness, thank you to everyone who has also offered kind words, and to those who have stepped up to offer more volunteer help while I am away. Special thanks to Fr Gerald Gostling who will cover most of the Masses; the full weekend Mass schedule will continue, along with the Wednesday lunchtime Mass and an ever growing number of Baptisms. Applications for First Holy Communion (Year 3 and above) and Confirmation (Year 10 and above) will be available at the start of September, as well as information for adults wanting to become Catholics. I'll be back from the weekend of 11th/12th October, and after that we will be focusing on the **170th Anniversary of the Opening and Consecration of the Church**; there is a lot to celebrate and give thanks for, from 1856 to 2026.

In the meantime, **I will pray for you, and please pray for me.** Hopefully after 500km of Portuguese Camino, I'll arrive in Santiago on the Feast of St Peter and Paul at the end of June. I will offer Mass for you there. With prayers, *Fr Dominic*

Memories of Mrs Waterfield Mrs Waterfield will be retiring at the end of July and the school would like to invite past pupils, as well as past and current parents, to share memories, photos or messages of thanks to be collated into a memory book for Mrs Waterfield. Please can you email your well wishes/memories and photos to general@st-peters.havering.sch.uk by 16th June 2025

A new Headteacher for St Peter's – please spread the word as we continue the search for a replacement. We will have an Interim Headteacher from September, perhaps until January. The Governors have undertaken several rounds of recruitment, but our search continues! Perhaps you know a good Deputy, or Head of a smaller school who would like to come to Romford. Please spread the word. Visits to the school are very warmly welcome; the application deadline is midday on 6th June 2025, and the Job Description and all other information is at: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

"Live Simply" 25th – 31st May is Laudato Si week, celebrating the 10th anniversary of Pope Francis signing his wonderful encyclical on climate change and our common home. Join us in prayer for our earth this week with this link to a prayer Laudato Si: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/prayer-for-our-earth>

The Live Simply Parish Picnic, 13th July 2pm, by the bandstand in Raphael Park. Join our summer get together and bring food and drink to enjoy and share. Members of the group will share vegan food and plant based recipes. If you'd like to prepare a plant based picnic please find a link for vegan sandwich ideas <https://veganuary.com/ten-vegan-sandwich-fillings/?sfnsn=scwspwa>

St John Bosco Children's Camp 2025: Limited places remaining! For children aged 9-12 years old (school years 5-7), a week of great fun, activities including climbing wall and zip wire, fishing, football, archery and much more, all in a beautiful setting. The Camp has a Catholic ethos, and exists to give children a magnificent holiday. 26th July – 2nd August. For more details, and application information: www.boscocamp.co.uk. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood.

"Consubstantial with the Father" – A Study Day. This year we celebrate seventeen hundred years since the Church Council held at Nicaea, which drew up a statement of faith which is the basis of the Nicene Creed we recite at Mass. Dr Ken Carleton, Deacon at St Alban's, Elm Park, has a doctorate in Church History. He will explore the issues debated at the Council. The study day will be held on **Saturday 7th June 2025 from 11am until 2 pm** at the parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Coffee available from 10.30. Please bring your own lunch. In-person attendance is encouraged but you can also watch on www.whatgoodnews.org No prior booking necessary for this free event. A recording will be available subsequently on the website.

“We Believe” – National Festival of Catholic Life. July 25th – 28th 2025, Oscott College, near Birmingham. Celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope with Catholics from across the country and a wide range of fascinating speakers. Day tickets available, or come and camp for the long weekend, or stay nearby. Currently a significant “Earlybird” booking discount is still available – full weekend passes are just £70. All the details are at www.webelievelfestival.com

Polling Station for the Polish Elections. Through the kindness of a parishioner, we were approached by the Polish Embassy to serve as a polling station for Presidential Elections on **Sunday 18th May and 2nd June**. The hall will therefore be closed (toilets open). We’ll offer al fresco coffee & Polish treats after the 9.30am Mass, but do expect things to be (even) busier than usual on those weekends. They are making a donation to support parish funds, which is warmly welcome.

The Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society invite you to join them at their Summer Luncheon! Join us for an elegant afternoon on **Friday, 13th June**, at The Lawn – a stunning Grade II listed Georgian manor house in Rochford. Enjoy exclusive use of the venue as we serve a delicious two-course luncheon in the Orangery, overlooking beautifully landscaped gardens. **Time:** 12.30 to 3.30pm **Seating:** Tables of 10 **Price:** £37.50 per person Tickets are available now! Reserve your place by visiting our website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

The Institute of Our Lady of Mercy are seeking a Care Services Manager at St Joseph’s Convent, Brentwood, to manage and supervise the staff team. The post requires sensitivity to the needs of the religious community. Must be educated to Level 5 in Leadership & Management with 3 years’ experience of managing CQC registered care services for older adults. Salary £45,000. Hours/week 37.5. Please contact mel.darlington@iolmercy.org.uk for further details by 31st May.

St Peter’s Catholic Primary School has vacancies for two hard working members of staff to join the friendly and professional Midday Assistants team. Our staff are committed to ensuring that our school aims are upheld and that every child’s well-being and safety is a priority. Further information, Job Description and Application Form available on the school website.

<https://stpeters.havering.sch.uk/havering/primary/stpeters/site/pages/ourschool/vacanciesatstpeters>

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Gemma Crane RIP**, daughter of Maria & Gordon Crane, who died recently. We pray for her husband and young children, and for all her family and friends.

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Joyce Barnes RIP**. Her funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday 28th May at 12.30pm at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Collier Row. We pray for her daughter Siobhan and all her family and friends.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 17 th	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 18 th	9.30am	James Shanahan RIP (Brennan)
	11.30am	Thanksgiving (Rabbitte)
	2.00pm	Wedding Convalidation – Ejiro and Osasuyi
Wednesday 21 st	12.15pm	Private Intention (Heneghan)
Thursday 22 nd	9.00am	John Carey RIP (F)
Friday 23 rd	8.15am	Ints Corbett Family (Donnelly) <i>In St Peter's School</i>
Saturday 24 th	12noon	Wedding – Shannon Daly-East and Lewis Braybrook
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 25 th	9.30am	Elsie Galloway RIP (Rickard)
	11.30am	Lost Souls (Conti)
	3.00pm	Thanksgiving First Holy Communion children & Families
Wednesday 28 th	12.15pm	Ints Nikki Reece (Green)
Thursday 29 th		The Ascension of the Lord
	12.15pm	Ints Seddon Family (Murnane)
Saturday 31 st	6.30pm	Gustavo Barbosi RIP (Barbosi)
Sunday 1 st June	9.30am	Ints Martin Nicholson (Scannell Family)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 4 th	12.15pm	Ints P Kelly (Murnane)
Saturday 7 th	6.30pm	Sean Mitchell RIP (Pauline & Gerry)
Sunday 8 th	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Ints Thomas & Laura (Francis)

**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, 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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