



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF
ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 4th May 2025

Third Sunday of Easter (C)

Sunday 11th May 2025

Fourth Sunday Easter (C)

(World Day of Prayer for Vocations)

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Mass Times See back page.

Reconciliation Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm, or on request

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We pray for all the children celebrating their First Holy Communion over the next two weekends, for their families, friends and relatives, and for all those who support them on their journey of faith. This is a precious and wonderful moment in their young lives.

We continue to pray for Pope Francis, and we pray for the Cardinals who meet this week for the Conclave. By the time the children receive Communion, we may have a new Pope!

Yesterday, Saturday 3rd May, over 600 people walked 10 or 20 miles along the River Lea in aid of the Teenage Cancer Trust. The “Hit the Road” walk, an annual event for alumni, teachers, students and friends of The Campion School, is in memory of Jack Chester, a former pupil who died of cancer. Fr Dominic and several parishioners were among the walkers – walking with varying speeds! Donations to TCT are very welcome via the JustGiving page - <https://justgiving.com/page/hittheroad2025> - or simply give cash in an envelope marked “TCT.” More info: www.teenagecancertrust.org

Many Congratulations to the parish “Live Simply” group who were presented last week with the nationally accredited Live Simply Award. This is a great testament to the sustainability of the parish centre refurbishment, and to the group’s hard work in continuing to highlight how we can all live sustainably, simply, and in solidarity with the poor. You will have heard them speak last weekend at all Masses – to join the group just contact Julia in the parish office. Pope Francis’ encyclical *Laudato Si’* is a vital and wonderful read for anyone wanting to see how care for God’s creation and care for the poor is an integral part of our Catholic faith.

Next Sunday, 11th May, is Vocations Sunday. Please pray for all vocations: for those engaged to be married and married couples; priests and those considering priestly vocation; those who are committed to the Religious Life; those who live a single life. We pray too for those whose work is vocational, thinking especially of teachers, nurses and hospital workers, members of front line services and many others for whom their work is an expression of their response to God’s call in their lives. For anyone discerning a vocation to priesthood, you are very welcome to chat with Fr Dominic at any time.

Next Sunday, 11th May, we warmly welcome the beavers, cubs and scouts for their Church Parade. New members welcome: 6thromfordscouts@gmail.com.

The Golden Club Holiday will take place from Monday 12th – Friday 16th May in Llandudno, Wales. Coach departs Church Lane with an early start at 8.30am. There will be no Golden Club on Wednesday 14th May.

The Acts of the Apostles. Throughout the Easter period the reading at Mass is from the Acts of the Apostles. To go deeper into this vital account of how the early Church developed, in both joy and struggle, there are excellent talks by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission. Find the talks at www.whatgoodnews.org Please go to ‘Faith Talks’ and scroll down to ‘Acts of the Apostles’ and ‘Paul in Acts’.

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

Parish Fish & Chip Bingo, Friday 16th May. Everyone is warmly welcome to this extraordinary way of raising funds to support the parish. “Line”! “House”! Come and have some fun – or perhaps discover the delights of bingo for the first time. It is £17 for the evening, including Fish/chicken/sausage/veggie option & chips. Bring your own drinks. Doors open 7pm, “Eyes down” 7.30pm. Book your places by speaking with Annette Bacon or Jenny Selby, or call Jenny: 07957246938.

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>

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, next weekend, 10th-11th May, as well as a full update of parish finances.

Annual Mass for Migrants The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Brentwood, Southwark and Westminster invite you to come to a celebration of Mass **tomorrow**, Monday, 5th May, 2pm at Westminster Cathedral.

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.

Local Parish Bereavement Group Come along to find comfort, support and understanding at our welcoming and informal bereavement support group. Sheila Delander and Liz Hill will lead the group. We invite you to join us as we navigate through grief together. Our next meeting will be held **Wednesday 7th May, 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. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

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.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 3 rd	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 4 th	9.30am	Peter Rochford RIP (Williams)
	11.30am	Mario Comisi RIP (Maranglone)
Tuesday 6 th	8.20am	Fr Tom Jordan RIP (Anon) <i>In Campion School</i>
Wednesday 7 th	12.15pm	John Conti RIP (Collier)
Thursday 8 th	9.00am	Ints of Nixon Family (Winnett)
Friday 9 th	8.15am	Carmel Nairn RIP (Brennan) <i>In St Peter's School</i>
Saturday 10 th	11.00am	For the First Holy Communion children and families
	2.00pm	For the First Holy Communion children and families
	6.30pm	David Gordon RIP (Zincraft)
Sunday 11 th	9.30am	Michael Doe RIP (Doe)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 14 th	12.15pm	Leslie Shraga RIP (O'Donnell)
Thursday 15 th	9.00am	James Carey RIP (F)
Friday 16 th	8.15am	Dec'd of Collier Family (Donnelly) <i>In St Peter's School</i>
Saturday 17 th	11.00am	For the First Holy Communion children and families
	2.00pm	For the First Holy Communion children and families
	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 18 th	9.30am	James Shanahan RIP (Brennan)
	11.30am	Thanksgiving (Rabbitte)

**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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