



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 29th June 2025

SS Peter and Paul (C)

Sunday 6th July 2025

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

13th July 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

(Sea Sunday)

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Mass Times

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Reconciliation

Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm

On this day we celebrate the feast of the two great apostles, Peter and Paul. One was with Jesus from the beginning of his ministry and accompanied him until the end. His faith was sorely tested by seeing his Messiah suffer. The life of the other was dramatically changed by an encounter with the Risen Jesus. From persecuting Christians he became a preacher of the faith. The gospels provide many stories about St Peter, which might have been chosen for today's feast. The reading from the Gospel of Matthew tells of Peter's faith in Jesus as the Messiah. His declaration of faith leads to his commissioning by Jesus. Despite the trials he will face, Peter's faith endures. Our second reading reminds us that St Paul spent his life travelling and proclaiming the gospel beyond the confines of Judaism. He 'fought the good fight' to the end. While Peter is commonly recalled as the one who preached to the people of Israel, Paul is revered as the 'apostle of the gentiles'. In fact both of them preached to both Jew and Gentile. The heart of Paul's message, the heart of his gospel, is that we are saved by our faith in Christ. This faith was already expressed by Peter as he accompanied Jesus in his ministry. The same faith is what Paul came to know by a 'revelation' of the Risen Jesus. Christ's disciples today have come to know the good news because people like Peter and Paul were brave enough to give their lives for it and to proclaim it to the whole world.



Strawberry Teas

THIS Sunday 29th June from 2-4pm.

Enjoy scrumptious scones, jam, cream and strawberries with bottomless tea/coffee served from vintage crockery, all in our beautiful Walsingham Hall and – if the weather is kind – on the piazza in front of the church. All money raised will support the building fund. £5 for an adult, £3 for a child, or £15 for a family of four.

Everyone is welcome. A lovely afternoon!

Live Simply

Unfortunately, due to various council regulations the Live Simply Parish Picnic, has been cancelled.

Parish Youth Events

During the weekends of 5th /6th and 12th /13th July we will hear from the young people travelling to Lourdes at the end of July. You will have the opportunity to give them prayer intentions, to take to the Lourdes Grotto, and (for a £5 donation, which all goes to the Lourdes Shrine) they will buy and light a candle for you – again, with whatever intention you would like. You are also welcome to donate money to support parish youth funds, which have helped pay for some of the young people to travel.

Pre-Lourdes Meeting Partnership Youth Event - Sunday 6th July, in Walsingham Hall of the Parish Centre. An opportunity for our BCYS Summer Lourdes attendees to meet each other ahead of the pilgrimage next month. Also open to all young people within the partnership who might like to go in the future. With food, games, guest speakers and a Q&A session... come and learn about the history of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – July Youth Mass On Thursday 3rd July, Youth Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral. There will be pizza in the parish hall from 6pm, followed by Youth Mass in the Cathedral from 7:30pm where Bishop Alan will bless all those travelling on our youth pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer. All young people around the Diocese are very welcome to join – there is no need to book! Get in touch at info@bcys.net for more information.

Mass of Thanksgiving On Friday 18th July at 6.30pm parishioners are invited to join a celebration Mass of Thanksgiving for Mrs Waterfield on her retirement after 20 years of service to St Peter's School.

Legion of Mary invite parishioners to join them for Mass on Saturday 26th July at 12noon and for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 2.30pm.

“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. Currently a significant “Earlybird” booking discount is still available – full weekend passes are just £70. All the details are at www.webeliefefestival.com

Celebrating Nicea To celebrate 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea, Deacon Ken Carleton recently gave a study day entitled ‘Consubstantial with the Father: Creed, Church and Constantine’. The statement of faith it produced became the basis of the Creed we recite at Mass on Sundays. A fully edited version of the study day is now available free of charge on www.whatgoodnews.org

Kathleen McEvoy RIP Some parishioners will remember Kathleen who worked as a Sister at Oldchurch Hospital. Her son Andrew has informed us that Kathleen died peacefully on 11th June aged 93. Kathleen’s Funeral will take place on Thursday 3rd July at 11 am at St Mary’s Hornchurch.

Health and Safety

It is essential that all exit routes are kept clear and free from obstruction during all Masses, especially the two Sunday Masses, in case of fire or other emergency. Please be guided by the stewards and if you are asked to move, it is simply in the interests of everyone’s safety.

Also, please remember, 6 people can be seated in each pew, sometimes 7 if there are children so please try and move along when possible. Maximising the seating will reduce numbers standing at the back. Thank you.

Parish Grounds

There have been several incidents of the drains being blocked when filled with gravel. Parents be responsible for children at all times. Thank you.

S.M.I.L.E. are flourishing, and in need of donations. Donations can be given directly to 40 High Street Romford – or leave them by Our Lady in the side chapel, and a parishioner takes them once a week.

Our parish St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) offers discreet support to families facing especially hard times; please get in touch via the parish office.

Danny Toye RIP. Your prayers are asked for Danny Toye, who died peacefully on 26th June. Please pray for his wife Pat, his son Stephen and all his family and friends. Funeral details to follow.

Mass Times and Intentions

Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul

Saturday 28th	6.30pm	Prayers for a New Home (Elizabeth & Christy)
Sunday 29th	9.30am	Bridgie O'Brien RIP (Pitkin)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 2nd	12.15pm	Ints Peggy Scullion (Heneghan)
Saturday 5th	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 6th	9.30am	Christina O'Donnell RIP (Delaney)
	11.30am	Ints David Joshua Campbell-Omokore (Campbell)
Wednesday 9th	12.15pm	Jackie O'Neill RIP (Golden Club)
Saturday 12th	6.30pm	Desideria Hanosike Fernandes RIP (Fernandes)
Sunday 13th	9.30am	Sharon Heaphy RIP (Winckle)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 16th	12.15pm	Thanksgiving (Bridget Fowley)
Friday 18th	6.30pm	Mass of Thanksgiving – Mrs Jenny Waterfield
Saturday 19th	6.30pm	Frank Cussen RIP (Cussen)
Sunday 20th	9.30am	Liz Ward RIP (SVP)
	11.30am	People 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, Paula Lam,
Josè Lemos, Matty, Harry McKinley, Brendan O'Connor, Monica O'Donnell, Agnes O'Sullivan,
Shamus Pierce, Peggy Squires, Claire Tilyard, Andrew Todd, 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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