



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 8th June 2025

Pentecost (C)

Sunday 15th June 2025

The Most Holy Trinity (C)

(Day for Life)

22nd June 2025

Corpus Christi (C)

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Mass Times

See back page

Reconciliation

Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm

This gospel reading for the feast of Pentecost has already been read, on the Second Sunday of Easter. It was read then to include Jesus' encounter with Thomas 'eight days later'. On the feast of Pentecost we have the opportunity to focus on the earlier verses, in which Jesus brings the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. Fifty days after the resurrection there was a spectacular manifestation of the power of the Spirit. Jews and proselytes, gathered from the nations for the Jewish feast of Pentecost, witness the power of the Spirit and hear the preaching of the apostles each in his own tongue. This event launches the mission to the whole world. Our gospel teaches that the Holy Spirit was also given by the risen Christ before the events of Pentecost. This is a quieter and more intimate demonstration of the power of the Spirit. It is related to the preaching of forgiveness and the possibility of new life for those who ask for it. The disciples are empowered to bring the forgiveness of Christ, but it is possible for people to reject this forgiveness. This seems to be the sense of the final verse, that some have their sins retained. This is the final day of the Easter period. The Lord who died on the cross has shown himself in his risen body. He has taken our humanity into the presence of the Father. He is no longer visibly present, but his Spirit is with us to remind us of Jesus and to lead us into all truth. That Spirit, as St Paul writes to the Corinthians, bestows gifts in abundance for the benefit of the whole Church.

Live Simply

The Live Simply Parish Picnic, 13th July 1pm, by the bandstand in Raphael Park. Join our summer get together and bring food and drink to enjoy and share. **(Please note the new time of 1pm)**. Bring your own lunch and try out some plant based lunch options provided by members of the Live Simply group. If you'd like to prepare a plant based picnic please find a link for vegan sandwich ideas <https://veguary.com/ten-vegan-sandwich-fillings/?sfnsn=scwspwa>

The Climate Coalition are running the Great Big Green Week from June 7th-15th. This is a national celebration of community action to live sustainably and tackle climate change. Our Parish Live Simply Group invite you to join a litter pick in Raphael park on Friday 13th June. Meet at the Main Road gates at 1pm. Please find a link to the website for more information.
www.greatbiggreenweek.com

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.



Strawberry Teas

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!

Next Sunday is Fathers Day, and we will pray for all fathers and father figures within our community. We know that for some this is an amazing celebration of wonderful fatherhood; for others it can be a rather tough day, due to bereavement or family breakdown. We will keep everyone sensitively in prayer.

St Peter's Summer Fayre takes place on Saturday 21st June from 11am- 3pm in the school. Everyone is welcome to join this annual social event whilst supporting our parish school. Donations of Toys, Crockery, Gifts, Plants and cakes are welcome. Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses over the next two weekends. See poster at back of church for details.

"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.webelievefestival.com

PA to the Dean- Brentwood Cathedral A vacancy has arisen for a PA, to provide administrative support services to the Parish Priest and Parish Office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills. The post will be full-time working 35 hours per week- Monday to Friday. The closing date for applications is 12pm on 18th June 2025 and we will then invite suitable applicants to interview.

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV by email to cathedral@brcdt.org

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



Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Mary Wilson (Patsy) RIP**, who died recently. Her funeral will take place on Monday 9th June at 12noon and then to Upminster Cemetery. We pray for all her family and friends.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 7th	6.30pm	Sean Mitchell RIP (Pauline & Gerry)
Sunday 8th	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Ints Thomas & Laura (Francis)
Monday 9th	12noon	Funeral Mary Wilson RIP
Wednesday 11th	12.15pm	Peter Schroeyers RIP (Schroeyers)
Saturday 14th	6.30pm	Clifford West RIP (Bacon)
Sunday 15th	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Dec'd Members of McNeela Family (F)
Wednesday 18th	12.15pm	Arthur Coligan RIP (F)
Saturday 21st	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd	9.30am	John Parker RIP (Richards)
	11.30am	Dorothy Bishop RIP (F)
Wednesday 25th	12.15pm	Eileen Grannell RIP (Appleby/Murnane)
<i>Solemnity of SS Peter and Paul</i>		
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

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, 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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