



Parish newsletter

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 20th July 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sunday 27th July 2025

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

3rd August 2025

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

10th August 2025

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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Mass Times

See back page

Reconciliation

Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm

In Lourdes from 19th July many candles will be lit for parishioners' intentions, and hundreds of prayers placed at the Grotto. Please pray for Abrielle, Alfie, Caleb, Cian, Eadaoin, Emily, Emma, Inez, Karolina, Lara and Natalia, that their time in Lourdes may be fruitful and blessed, and pray for all those they help and serve while on pilgrimage. The candles and prayers are a precious link from Romford to Lourdes, with so many people named and remembered in a way that links heaven and earth.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION and FIRST RECONCILIATION 2026

For children who will be in Year 3 or above in September 2025. The application forms are available online at [First Holy Communion Application Form](#)

If you are unable to access the form online please email romford@brcdt.org

All applications, payments and if applicable copy birth certificates must be returned by **Sunday 28th September 2025**

The parents' evening will be **Tuesday 14th October**, and the celebration of Communion will be in May 2026.

Secondary School Admissions – Certificate of Catholic Practice

For those with children in Year 6 applying to **Catholic Secondary Schools for admission in September 2026** your application should be supported by a Certificate of Catholic Practice. This is **only** needed for The Champion School and Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School and indicates that you attend Mass regularly; if that applies to you, please bring your child's Baptism Certificate and Fr Dominic will have copies of the Certificate to sign for you **after any of the weekend Masses on 18th /19th October**. No appointment is needed. Applications to the Brentwood Ursuline do not need a certificate, and nor do Catholic primary school applications in Havering.

Strawberry Teas A big thank you to everyone who supported the recent Strawberry Teas. A fantastic total of £544 was raised for the parish building fund. Particular thanks to Margie and her wonderful support team.

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.

St Peter's Summer Fayre Committee wish to thank parishioners for supporting another successful Summer Fayre and helping to raise a huge £9,000.

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.

Breast Cancer Now - Coffee Morning

Come and join us on Saturday 9th August from 11am – 3pm in the Walsingham Hall of the Parish Centre for delicious cakes and vast quantities of tea and coffee. Enjoy time with friends old and new whilst raising money for this very worthy cause.

Parish Centre

From September 2025 there are several evening and daytime slots available for hire in the Walsingham Hall and Lourdes room. All at competitive rates. If you know of anyone who may be interested please email romforhall@brcdt.org

Clergy Appointments

PARISH PRIESTS

Fr Britto Belevendran—From Wickford to Upton Park

Fr Rick Fernandez—From Lexden to Becontree

Fr Matthias Baidoo—From South Woodham Ferrers/Danbury to Lexden

Fr Angelus Houle—From Upton Park to South Woodham Ferrers/Danbury

Fr Philip Okoli—Colchester from Assistant to Parish Priest

Fr Damien Wade—From Assistant, Chelmsford, Our Lady Immaculate to Wickford.

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATORS

Fr Frank Westcott—To Ongar

Fr Gary Dench—Appointed as Parochial Administrator of Ingatestone and will remain as Parish Priest of Hutton

ASSISTANT PRIESTS

Fr Michael Barwick—From Walthamstow Our Lady & St George to Chelmsford, Our Lady Immaculate

Fr Jude Kurumeh CSSp—New to Diocese from Spiritans, Rome to Hornchurch St Mary

Fr Cherian John-Syro Malankara—New to Diocese from Syro-Malankara, Kerala to Hornchurch English Martyrs

Fr Ebenezer Annobil—New to Diocese from Cape Coast, Ghana to Colchester

Fr Shajin Jose Anthony—New to Diocese from Trivandrum to Walthamstow

Fr Alfonso Heredia RCJ—New to Diocese from Rogationists, Italy to Westcliff/Rochford.

RETIREMENTS

Monsignor Christopher Brooks will retire as Parish Priest of Colchester.

Canon Peter Connor will retire as Parish Priest of Ingatestone.

Fr Gerry Drummond will retire as Parish Priest of Rochford.

These appointments take effect from the first weekend in September.

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.

Jeremiah O'Sullivan RIP. Your prayers are asked for Jerry O'Sullivan who died recently. Please pray for his wife Lynn and all his family and friends. His funeral will take place at 10am on Friday 1st August.

Mass Times and Intentions

Saturday 19th	6.30pm	Frank Cussen RIP (Cussen)
Sunday 20th	9.30am	Liz Ward RIP (SVP)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 23rd	12.15pm	Ryan Musy RIP (Musy)
Saturday 26th	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 27th	9.30am	Liz Madden RIP (Zincraft)
	11.30am	John & Bridget Herbert RIP (Herbert)
Wednesday 30th	12.15pm	Eileen Grannell RIP (SVP)
Friday 1st	10.00am	Funeral – Jerry O'Sullivan RIP
Saturday 2nd	6.30pm	Maureen Scantlebury RIP (Murnane Sisters)
Sunday 3rd	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Thanksgiving Maria Rubas (Rubas)
Wednesday 6th	12.15pm	Patrick Lobo RIP (Lobo)
Saturday 9th	6.30pm	Ints Ethan Walsh (Murnane)
Sunday 10th	9.30am	Bridgie O'Brien RIP (Meehan)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Wednesday 13th	12.15pm	Ints Joyce Family (Donnelly)
		<i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Friday 15th	12.15pm	Manuel Garces, Antonio Dias & Maria Batista RIP (Garces)
Saturday 16th	12.30pm	<i>Wedding – Hannah Graves and Guy Bearman</i>
	6.30pm	Private Intention (Joshy)
Sunday 17th	9.30am	Ged Liam Corbett RIP (Corbett)
	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.