



## *Parish newsletter*

CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

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### *From Fr Dominic*

As Fr Gerald concludes his time of supply in the Parish, I would like to offer immense thanks for his kindness and care over the last 4 months. He has been a great blessing and I will pray for him during his forthcoming trip to South Africa.

**The Harvest Family Fast Day** was on Friday 3rd October. This weekend an appeal will be read at all Masses. Cafod are grateful for all that you contribute to the Charity.

**Mass of Remembrance, 2.30pm Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November.** Mass will be offered especially for all who have died in the last year within the parish community, and from the community at St Peter's school. Please hand names of those you wish to be remembered into the parish office by Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> November: candles will be lit for them during Mass.

### **Sacrament of Confirmation**

**Pentecost 2026 – for any young person in Year 10 to 13.** You are warmly invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation next May 2026. There are forms at the back of the church with all the information. If you have any questions please email [frdominic@brcdt.org](mailto:frdominic@brcdt.org) after 7<sup>th</sup> October; the forms can be returned any time until 15<sup>th</sup> November.

### **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 18<sup>th</sup> /19<sup>th</sup> October**. No appointment is needed. Applications to the Brentwood Ursuline do not need a certificate, and nor do Catholic primary school applications in Havering.

**Are you an adult who would like to become a Catholic?** Perhaps you have never been Baptised, or Baptised but never received Holy Communion or Confirmation? There is a wonderful Journey in Faith (RCIA) group for adults starting in October, with the chance for excellent conversation, asking questions, and – if you wish – preparing for Sacraments, celebrated at Easter 2025. If you are interested, or would like to know more, simply email [romford@brcdt.org](mailto:romford@brcdt.org)

**Legion of Mary** Everyone is very welcome to join us. We meet every Thursday from 5 -6pm in the Lourdes Room of the Parish Centre.

### **Youth Gather, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea, 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> October**

For anyone in year 9 and above, join young people from across Essex and East London for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer and more, alongside the opportunity to try high ropes, archery or climbing at the amazing Essex Outdoors in East Mersea. **Applications are now open** and you can apply and find all information at <https://bcys.net/events/yg25/>

### **Macmillan Coffee Morning**

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning helping to raise a magnificent £930. Delicious cakes, fabulous raffle prizes and wonderful company. Thank you.

## **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Catechist Training & Resources Day 2025, Saturday 8th November 2025**

Open to all confirmation and first holy communion catechists, youth leaders, and children's liturgy coordinators in the Diocese of Brentwood. The day offers formation, practical workshops, inspiring speakers, and networking to support First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. Open to adults and young leaders (16+); full details and booking at [www.bcys.net/events/catechists2025](http://www.bcys.net/events/catechists2025)

### **Quiz Night in aid of the Parish Building Fund**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** 7.00pm for 7.30pm start in the Parish Centre. Tickets - £5.00 at the door. Teams of 8-10.... but if you can't get a team together, come along and we will find you a table. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Everyone over 16 is very welcome. Any queries, contact Julia or Margie via parish office.

**Stewards** Our Stewards do a wonderful job to keep everything running smoothly. We really need more volunteers to join the team especially for the 9.30 and 11.30am Masses. If you think you could help, please speak to Theresa McEwan or email Julia in the parish office.

**Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is pleased to invite you to an evening with the Santa Marta Group.**



**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025**



**6-8pm**



**St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church Hall, Romford RM1 4AT**



**To register, go to: <https://caritas-sm-25.eventbrite.co.uk>**

We will be joined by Alexander DesForges, Communications Director at the Santa Marta Group and will have the opportunity to explore and discuss 'What is Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking?'.

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Rose Hayden RIP**. Her funeral will take place on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October at 10am. We pray for her children Nora and Roy and all her family and friends.

**Mass Times and Intentions**

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| <b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>6.30pm</b>  | <b>Theresa West RIP (Bacon)</b>                      |
| <b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>    | <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>People of the Parish</b>                          |
|                                 | <b>11.30am</b> | <b>Ints Jose &amp; Connie (Wedding Anniversary)</b>  |
| <b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>12.15pm</b> | <b>John Smith RIP (Smith)</b>                        |
| <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup></b>  | <b>10.00am</b> | <b>Funeral - Rose Hayden RIP</b>                     |
| <b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>1.30pm</b>  | <b>Funeral – Peter Guile RIP</b>                     |
| <b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup></b> | <b>6.30pm</b>  | <b>People of the Parish</b>                          |
| <b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>   | <b>9.30am</b>  | <b>Rosaleen Stewart RIP (Denapoli)</b>               |
|                                 | <b>11.30am</b> | <b>Ints Anne and Mick Corbett</b>                    |
|                                 |                | <b>60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary (Corbett)</b> |

**Please pray for all who are sick in hospital, our nursing homes and at home.  
Especially we pray for:**

*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, Evelyn Hughes, Benjamin Joseph, Paula Lam, Josè Lemos,  
Matty, Harry McKinley, Brendan O'Connor, Monica O'Donnell, Agnes O'Sullivan,  
Shamus Pierce, Mary Schroeyers, Peggy Squires, Claire Tilyard, Andrew Todd, Stephen Toye,  
Betty Walsh, Vince Willshire, 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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