

St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church is Celebrating!

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1856 – 2026



CALENDAR OF EVENTS SAVE THE DATES!

Anniversary celebrations take place throughout 2026, with much to look forward to and something for everyone.

Invite friends. Bring family.

Encourage neighbours and work colleagues.

Everyone is warmly welcome here.

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Throughout the Year

Prayerful Moments

Tuesday Evenings	A new weekly evening Mass at 6.30pm Starts 6th January
Friday Evenings	Adoration and Reconciliation, 5pm–6pm, with Benediction at 5.50pm. <i>Starts 9th January</i>
Jan 7th – Mar 26th	Alpha 2026 – for the curious Catholic and non-Catholic
May 10th – 16th	Week of guided prayer
All Through The Year	The “Living Rosary” – Details in January

Anniversary Pilgrimage Opportunities

Friday February 13th

Discover the Camino di Santiago as Fr Dominic is joined by friends with great Camino experience for an evening of stories and practical tips.

April / May – date TBC

Parish Pilgrimage to Ingatestone Hall; discover the fascinating history, faith and courage of those who funded our church.

Saturday May 23rd

An early morning coach from Romford to the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, Norfolk, to join parishioners from across the Diocese on the annual pilgrimage.

July 17th – 24th

Join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Alan. We will form a parish group, and this pilgrimage includes a relaxed daily programme, excursions, flights from Stansted and a hotel close to the Sanctuary.

October 16th

As part of the Parish Renewal Week, a visit to Westminster Abbey – a building begun by St Edward the Confessor, and the place where he is buried.

November – date TBC

A train to London, to visit Tyburn. This is where St Edmund Campion and other local martyrs gave their lives in witness to the Catholic faith.

Anniversary Calendar, including special events

January 31st

Youth led Anniversary Quiz

February 14th

Mass with Anointing

Fridays in Lent

6pm Stations of the Cross

Saturdays in Lent

Lenten Lunches

March 21st-22nd

Speaker Appeal for the
Friends of the Holy Land

April 18th

Karaoke evening, led by
the Filipino Community

May 2nd-4th

Anniversary Flower Festival,
with the theme "Eternal Love"

Key Date: May 6th



**Anniversary of the Consecration
of the Church, 7pm Mass**

with main Celebrant Mgr Canon Kevin Hale, former Parish Priest and now Vicar General of the Diocese, and Fr Paul Keane, Chaplain to the University of Cambridge, preaching the homily.

June 7th

Corpus Christi procession
from St Peter's School

June 28th

Strawberry Teas – Victorian style!

Summer

Acts of service, joining groups like the "Romford Wombles" to make a difference in the community that we serve.

September 12th/13th

"Welcome Back" Weekend

September

Distributing invitations,
encouraging people to come to the parish renewal week in October

October 4th

Blessing of animals on the Feast of St Francis of Assisi

**Key Date:
October 13th**



Feast of St Edward the Confessor, 6.30pm Mass

main Celebrant Bishop Alan Williams, SM, Bishop of Brentwood.

This is within the **Parish Renewal Week** – see back page.

October 23rd
Parish Quiz Night

November 13th

Multicultural evening. Food and drink from across the nations to conclude the Anniversary celebrations just before Advent

October 12-18

Parish Renewal Week

After years of building work, it is time to discover and rediscover our faith in fresh ways – and to invite others to join us. This wonderful week of speakers and opportunities will hopefully give everyone new insights. Above all, we hope to welcome – and welcome back – people who are seeking the beautiful truths, love, joy and hope of the Catholic faith. *Invite your friends and neighbours!*

6.30pm

Mon 12th

Mass of Welcome to All – those discovering and rediscovering faith. Mass explained as it is celebrated. *Followed by refreshments, where a team of parishioners are available for questions about the parish, welcoming new visitors.*

6.30pm

Tue 13th

Mass for the Feast of St Edward the Confessor with Bishop Alan Williams presiding, and Fr Nicholas Schofield (Archivist for the Diocese of Westminster) giving the homily. *Refreshments in the Parish Centre after Mass.*

12.15pm

Wed 14th

Mass and Anniversary Lunch for the Golden Club.

6.30pm

"Renewing our faith" – a talk by Michelle Moran. *Michelle is a renowned speaker, helped found the Sion community in Brentwood, and worked with Pope Francis on the Pontifical Commission for the Laity.*

7.30pm

Mass, followed by refreshments and a chance to meet Michelle.

All day

Greg Finn – founder of Mark 10 Mission – visits St Peter's school.

6.30pm

"Renewing our family's faith" – a talk by Greg Finn. *The Mark 10 Mission resources use music and visuals to bring faith alive for children and teenagers, and Greg is an excellent speaker.*

7.30pm

Mass, followed by simple refreshments and a chance to meet Greg.

Evening

Fri 16th

Visit to Westminster Abbey, a building begun by St Edward the Confessor, and the place where he is buried. The visit timings and arrangements are to be confirmed, but will hopefully include prayers close to his tomb; a tangible connection to the past, as we pray for the present and future.

Weekend

Masses of "Discovering Each Other" Opportunities to meet those in the pews around you, *with refreshments after each Mass.*

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