



**ST. EDWARD
THE CONFESSOR**
CATHOLIC PARISH, ROMFORD

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Sunday 5th April

The Resurrection of the Lord (A)

Sunday 12th April

**Second Sunday of Easter
(Divine Mercy Sunday) (A)**

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Mass Times: **See back page**

Reconciliation: **Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm and Fridays in Lent, 5.00 – 5.50pm**

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

“Let the risen Jesus enter your life.

Welcome him as a friend, with trust: he is life!”

(Pope Francis)

Easter Blessings to all parishioners, your families and friends. I pray that the joyful graces of Easter fill your lives. These are Resurrection graces, and so I pray especially for those who hope for new beginnings, those who grieve, or those where hurts need soothing and healing.

In the 170th celebration of Easter in the parish, prayers as the Anniversary year continues, with thanks to the many dedicated and generous volunteers who do so much, each day and each week, to sustain parish life.

We join Pope Leo XIV in praying for a ceasefire in the Middle East, the Gulf States, and the Holy Land. We give thanks for the work of Pax Christi and the Friends of the Holy Land. **Thank you** for the immense support of the parish Lent Appeal – **£4,800 has been raised**, including over £1500 from the Lenten Lunches. This exceptional total will **provide wells, water tanks and solar panels for 1500 people.** This is our Easter faith, lived.

With prayers, *Fr Dominic*

Saturday 18th April, 7.30 – 10.00pm, Karaoke Night Come along and enjoy a fun night of Karaoke and games in the Parish Centre. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Tickets £5 available from Jingle on 07789963056 or contact the parish office. Money raised will support the Parish Building Fund.

Sunday 12th April, Divine Mercy Devotion on Divine Mercy Sunday. St Peter's Parish, Dagenham (RM9 6UR). Beginning at 2.00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Adoration, continuing with Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3.00pm, and finishing with refreshments in the Liturgy Room. Confessions available from 2.15pm. All welcome.

Applications open: St John Bosco Children's Camp, summer 2026. For children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026). 25th July – 1st August or 1st – 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, AquaPark visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200; full bursaries available. www.boscocamp.co.uk. Places are likely to go quickly – early applications are encouraged.

Anniversary Year Parish Lourdes Pilgrimage. Parishioners are warmly invited to join the Diocesan Group travelling to Lourdes from Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Join the Bishop, clergy and parishioners from across the Diocese. Cost approx. £1200 for flights, accommodation, insurance and all meals. **You can now book** – *please specify in your booking notes that you are with Romford parish.* Bookings are direct with Tangney Tours: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood The pilgrimage includes medical support – if you have any questions about whether you can travel please email Deidre Pembroke on lourdes@brcdt.org

Superb Gap Year Opportunity, for anyone finishing Year 13 this summer, or age 18-23 from September: Be part of the Walsingham House Team 26/27. Applications are now open! Being on the team is a wonderful opportunity to work with young people, gain life skills, live in community and to share and deepen your faith. For more information please see the website www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/ or email michaelkearns@brcdt.org.

Easter Offerings. Anything given in the offertory (apart from regular standing orders) or on the contactless machines over Easter weekend is your personal gift to Fr Dominic. Together with the Christmas collection, this is the majority of his income for the year. As ever, anything that you give is very deeply appreciated – thank you.

Week of Guided Prayer, 10th – 16th May: *Do you sometimes find it difficult to pray? Would you like a deeper personal relationship with God? Would you welcome some personal prayer guidance? Would you like to know more about different ways of praying?* As part of the Anniversary Year the week of Guided Prayer offers support to your prayer life, through conversation and experienced guidance. More information at all Masses next weekend, 11/12 April, or speak with Caroline Dixon.

Lenten Lunches – Thank you to everyone who so generously supported the Lenten Lunches, which raised over £1500 for Friends of the Holy Land. A special thank you to all those who prepared and served the lunches. An additional £600 was raised for six different charities by the weekly raffle.

Easter Eggs and food donations – Thank you for so many generous donations. At least 200 Easter Eggs were donated, along with many car loads of essential food, vital for local families, all distributed via S.M.I.L.E.

Special Marriage Anniversary this year? If you are celebrating a special Anniversary then there is a Mass for you at the Cathedral on Saturday 11th July, 3pm. Please ask Fr Dominic for an invitation.

Headteacher Vacancy: The Governors of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch, are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher. Closing date: Friday 1st May 2026 at 5pm / Interview Date: Monday 18th May 2026. Enquiries can be made by email to admin@stmcps.co.uk, or phone 01708 448430.

Marriage Support: For relationships that are just “in a Rut”, needing some refreshment or facing more serious issues. If you are open to try again Retrouvaille could be the solution. We have helped thousands of couples get their relationship back on track as they rediscovered hope and trust in the marriage. To find out more: www.retrouvaille.org.uk +44 797 338 0443

Monday April 13th, 6.30pm, Our Common Home: Preparing for the May elections – Online event with Bishop John Arnold, Lead Bishop on Environmental Issues. With the May local elections fast approaching, now is an important time to let politicians know your views on climate and justice. This online conversation will provide guidance on key environmental issues and to help you engage local politicians in dialogue about defending our common home and safeguarding the dignity of all our brothers and sisters. **Register here:** <https://tinyurl.com/delpolitics>

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Vince Willshere** who died recently. Funeral details to follow. We pray for all his family and friends.

Mass Intentions

Easter – The Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday 4th	7.30pm	For the Newly Baptised and Confirmed
Sunday 5th	8.00am	Ints Kathleen Fitzpatrick & Family (Long)
	9.30am	Frank Hayden RIP (Savva)
	11.30am	The Sick and Housebound of the Parish
Tuesday 7th	6.30pm	Edward & Kathleen McGlynn RIP (Heneghan)
Wednesday 8th	12.15pm	Thanksgiving (Arlene)
	6.00pm	Memorial Mass: Engr. Innocent Nwajah RIP
Thursday 9th	10.00am	Ints Naomi Phillips (Thomas)
Friday 10th	10.00am	Ints Caroline Hogan & Family (Rabbitte)
	5pm–6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Saturday 11th	6.30pm	Theresa West RIP (Bacon)
Sunday 12th	9.30am	Eileen O'Connor RIP (SVP)
	11.30am	Rebecca Jane Brown RIP (Joyce)
Tuesday 14th	6.30pm	Bill Murnane RIP (Murnane)
Wednesday 15th	12.15pm	James Peters RIP (Murnane)
Thursday 16th	9.00am	Frank Hayden RIP (Stackpoole)
Friday 17th	9.00am	Peace in the World (Murnane)
	5pm–6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Saturday 18th	6.30pm	Ints Matthew Bacon 21st Birthday (Bacon)
Sunday 19th	9.30am	Barney O'Neill RIP (Shanahan)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 21st	6.30pm	Ints Ivan Heneghan (Heneghan)
Wednesday 22nd	12.15pm	Danny Toye RIP (SVP)
Thursday 23rd	9.00am	Francis McGlynn RIP (Heneghan)
Friday 24th	9.00am	Nora Mackin RIP (M&B)
	5pm–6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Saturday 25th	6.30pm	Jim Clarke RIP (Ryan)
Sunday 26th	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Ints John Joyce 90th Birthday (Joyce)

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

Mgr Arthur Barrow, Judy Burgess, 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, Clara Mangoro, 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, 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.