



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

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Sunday 24th May
Sunday 31st May
Sunday 7th June

Pentecost Sunday (A)
Most Holy Trinity (A)
Corpus Christi (A)

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Mass Times: **See back page**

Reconciliation: **Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm**

This weekend we begin a trio of extraordinary feasts within the Church year. Eastertide ends with **Pentecost Sunday**, sometimes known as the “birthday of the Church.” The Holy Spirit gives the disciples the courage to leave the Upper Room and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to the world. This mission remains our mission – and we too are given the grace of the Holy Spirit to help us share the love, tenderness, forgiveness and joy of the Lord. Thirty of our teenagers will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation; please pray for them, and all their gifts, talents, hopes and dreams. They are a wonderful group.

Next weekend is **Trinity Sunday**. God as three persons – Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Each fully God, and each distinct, representing a different aspect of God’s relationship with us. God the Father creates and cherishes. God the Son became one of us – fully human and fully Divine – and gave his life for us. God the Holy Spirit is our consoler, encourager and advocate.

Then on 7th June we celebrate **Corpus Christi** – the particular remembrance of the great gift and Sacrament that is the Body and Blood of Christ. This year, we mark it in procession, with the children who have recently received Communion for the first time. Gather at St Peter’s school at 2pm. At 2.30pm we will walk to the church, for a simple Benediction (blessing with the Sacrament) at the church doors. Then the children and their families will celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for their First Holy Communion. Please keep them, too, in your prayers.

Congratulations and prayers to the young people celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this afternoon, Pentecost Sunday. We pray that they are filled with the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit; graces to sustain and deepen their characters and their faith. Thank you to the parents, family members and friends who have encouraged them; we pray that today's Mass is a joyful and memorable celebration for you all. Thank you to the catechists who give their time and energy to help with the Confirmation sessions – and great thanks to all our catechists for First Holy Communion, Baptism Preparation and RCIA. If you would ever like to become a catechist, please speak with Fr Dominic.

Immense thanks and great blessings to Julie Smith, who has led the Petals for more than a decade, culminating in the amazing Flower Festival at the beginning of May. Julie has given many quiet hours preparing oasis, sourcing flowers, and making sure that the Petals are well looked after. They are an extraordinary team, full of friendship and faith, and Julie and others on the team have also nurtured new talent with great encouragement. We pray for Teresa Francis, now leading the Petals, and we thank God for the glories of creation.

Are you good with DIY, and do you have an hour a week? In a parish with such use of hall and church, little things break, and it would be a wonderful help to have someone keeping on top of low level maintenance. If that could be you, please speak to Fr Dominic, or to Julia in the parish office.

Are you a Chartered Accountant, or good with numbers as you run a business or work commercially with Finance? The Parish Finance Committee meet three or four times a year to review parish finance, and offer insight and wisdom in this area of parish life. Could you give about eight hours a year to help? Please contact Fr Dominic or Julia in the parish office – ideally we are looking for two people.

Applications open: St John Bosco Children's Camp, summer 2026. Full details www.boscocamp.co.uk. Few places remaining – apply soon!

S.M.I.L.E. support many families locally. They rely on regular donations of food for their food pantry, and support over 80 families every week with food and other essentials like school uniforms. They are seeking **Business Sponsors** to help with regular monthly donations of £100, £250 or £500. Could your business help? Details on a poster at the back of church or www.smilelondonsex.com Donations of tinned food, etc., can be left at the front of the church before or after Mass – everything is very gratefully received.

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.

The Golden Club Annual Holiday takes place from Monday 25th – 29th May. For those coming, please meet in the car park at 10am on Monday 25th.



Strawberry Teas



Sunday 28th 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!

St Peter's Summer Fayre takes place on **Saturday 27th June** from 11am-3pm. Lots of activities for all the family - Fun Zone, Face Painting, Toy Stall, Cake Stall, BBQ / Pimm's & Beer Tent, Raffle and Auction Prizes. Raffle tickets will be available after all Masses on 6th /7th June and at the back of the church thereafter, or pick up at the school.

Would you like to become a Catholic, or celebrate Confirmation as an adult?

It may be that you have recently discovered the Church, or that you were Baptised when young, then dropped away for a bit.

Or perhaps you have been coming for years, with Catholic family or friends, and this year is the moment you want to go deeper.

Whatever your journey, you will be warmly welcomed. In particular, to “dip your toe in the water”, there is a trip to Westminster Cathedral on the afternoon of **Sunday 5th July** for those considering Baptism or Confirmation as adults in 2027.

This will be together with those who were Baptised and Confirmed a few weeks ago, at the Easter Vigil – a great chance to ask questions of people who were in a similar position to you this time last year. Come to the 11.30am Mass. After Mass we will head to London, get some food together, then go into Westminster Cathedral. Fr Dominic will give a “highlights” tour, with plenty of chances to ask questions about the different features of the church.

For more information about becoming Catholic, or being Confirmed as an adult, please chat with Fr Dominic after Mass or email frdominic@brcdt.org

The parish website is full of helpful information about the many different groups and activities that take place in the parish; there is also a leaflet available at the back of the church. Anything running in the parish is open to all, and new people are always warmly welcomed and encouraged. www.stedwards-romford.org.uk

Of particular interest at the moment could be the **170th Anniversary page**:
www.stedwards-romford.org.uk/170

Please don't forget the ongoing **appeal for the interior redecoration and refurbishment**: www.stedwards-romford.org.uk/newsletter

Please pray for the Repose of the Soul of **Lyn Pega West** who died recently. Her funeral will take place on Tuesday 9th June at 10am and then to South Essex Crematorium. We pray for her husband Daniel, her son Charles, and all her family and friends.

Mass Intentions

NOTE: Fr Dominic is away 25th May to 5th June, so only Wednesday and weekend Masses, with great thanks to the priests who are providing supply cover on those days.

Saturday 23rd	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 24th	9.30am	James Shanahan RIP 10th Anniv (Brennan)
	11.30am	Restituta Munoz RIP (Regina)
	2.30pm	For those celebrating Confirmation
Wednesday 27th	12.15pm	Matthew Pears RIP (Ann)
Friday 29th	5pm–6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 30th	6.30pm	Ints Annette Vale (Jonas)
Sunday 31st	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Pat Roarty RIP (Zincraft)
Wednesday 3rd	12.15pm	Donald O’Gorman RIP (O’Gorman)
Friday 5th	5pm–6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Saturday 6th	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 7th	9.30am	Maribel Angco & Luke Walker RIP
	11.30am	Nilo, Eutroplo & Margie RIP (Roler Richard)
	3.00pm	First Holy Communion Children and Families
Tuesday 9th	10.00am	Funeral – Lyn Pega West RIP
	6.30pm	Dr Brian Gallagher RIP (Heneghan)
Wednesday 10th	12.15pm	Charlie Connie Bellotti RIP (Bellotti)
Thursday 11th	9.00am	Ints Naomi Philip (Thomas)
Friday 12th	9.00am	Arthur Coligan RIP (F)
	5pm–6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Saturday 13th	6.30pm	Peter Schroeyers RIP (Schroeyers)
Sunday 14th	9.30am	Linda Travell RIP (Sammon & Murphy Families)
	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:

*Mgr Arthur Barrow, Judy Burgess, Jacey Cooke, Mark Dalton,
Dyllis Dangerfield, Agnes Danielka, Margaret Ellis, Pat Fagan, 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.