



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

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Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June

**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

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Mass Times: **See back page**

Reconciliation: **Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm**

**In this weekend's Gospel we read that Jesus "had compassion for the crowd, for they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." We may well feel something similar to the crowd as we contemplate a world internationally and locally which seems to be so full of anger – quite literally, in flames. As ever, Jesus' response is a shining light. First of all, compassion. A word which literally means, "suffering with." Jesus is not remote or removed; he is right there, in amongst the greatest struggles, bringing light and hope. It is where we are called to be, too. **Called like the first disciples – also named in today's Gospel – to be sent into the world to bring Good News.****

Those first disciples may well have been as perplexed, upset and confused as we may feel, looking at the world. We know that they are a motley collection of characters and backgrounds – just like us. **The mission Jesus gives them is one of healing and hope. This is our mission too.** What can we do, this week, to bring compassion, healing and hope where it is needed in our family, workplace or neighbourhood? **Pope Leo is certainly showing us the way** – have a look at his homilies and messages from this week's visit to Spain for immense inspiration.

Also at Masses this weekend there will be the usual **annual update on Parish Finance**. Thank you to the Finance Committee and to all who give very generously to support so many different aspects of parish life. It is all greatly appreciated.



## *Strawberry Teas*

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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!

### Can you help? Different ways to support parish life

**Parish Golden Club – new leaders.** The Golden Club meet together every Wednesday after the 12.15 Mass, from about 1pm – 3pm. Each week there are refreshments, a raffle and bingo, and there are also sometimes speakers on topics of interest, as well as an annual holiday. Those currently running the Golden Club seek two people to take over the role of Chairperson and Treasurer. You will be well supported, and you will be sustaining a club that is a great source of friendship for many older parishioners. Come and see – pop down on Wednesday and talk with Geraldine, or contact her via the parish office. The Golden Club AGM is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July, 1.30pm.

**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](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk). **Fully funded** places are available; if your child is aged 9-12 and would not get another summer holiday, this is especially for you. But there are not many places remaining – apply **this week!**

**Partnership Youth Event:** The Romford Parish Partnership invites all secondary school students in Years 9 to 13 to an evening of Bowling and Bumper Cars! Join us on **Friday, 10th July from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM** at Namco Funscape Romford in the Brewery. Cost £20 (covers games and a meal at McDonald's). Spaces are limited so to register your attendance, please scan the code on the flyers displayed at the back of the church or contact Onose on the Partnership Instagram account @romford\_youth or via email at [romfordyouth@brcdt.org](mailto:romfordyouth@brcdt.org).

**St Peter's Summer Fayre** takes place on **Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 are available after all Masses on 6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> July** for those considering Baptism or Confirmation as adults in 2027. This will be together with those who were Baptised and Confirmed 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 visit 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](mailto: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](http://www.stedwards-romford.org.uk)

Of particular interest at the moment could be the **170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary page**: [www.stedwards-romford.org.uk/170](http://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](http://www.stedwards-romford.org.uk/newsletter)

**The Holy Land: Gift or Entitlement?** For decades the struggle over the Land has led to conflict in the Middle East. How should believers interpret the biblical texts related to the Land? The speaker, Fr John Deehan, is a Scripture scholar, who taught for many years at Allen Hall Seminary. Fr John will speak on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July from 11 am until 1 pm, with break for lunch, at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Admission free. Coffee from 10.30. The event will also be available via live stream on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Billy Myers RIP**, a member of the Golden Club who died recently. His funeral will take place at St Mary's Hornchurch on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June at 11am and then to Upminster Crematorium.

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Virginia Telliam RIP** who died recently. Her funeral will take place in the Caribbean on 3<sup>rd</sup> July. We pray for all her family and friends.

### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Peter Schroeyers RIP (Schroeyers)</b>
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Linda Travell RIP (Sammon &amp; Murphy Families)</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Ints of Xi (Slowek)</b>
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Michael O'Gorman RIP (O'Gorman)</b>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Patrick Lobo RIP (Lobo)</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Ints Bridget Fox (Gallagher)</b>
	<b>5pm-6pm</b>	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Clifford West RIP (Bacon)</b>
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Marguerite Fowals RIP</b>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Dorothy Margaret Bishop RIP (F)</b>
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>12.15pm</b>	<b>Danny Toye RIP (Toye)</b>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.00am</b>	<b>Kathleen Pearson RIP (Brennan)</b>
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>9.30am</u></b>	<b><i>Feast Day Mass in St Peter's School</i></b>
	<b>5pm-6pm</b>	<b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament &amp; Reconciliation</b>
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Miguel Carvalho RIP (Daniel &amp; Lavio)</b>
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Sharon Heaphy RIP (Winckle)</b>
	<b>11.30am</b>	<b>Henry Dunne RIP (Mobbs)</b>

**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, José  
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.***