



ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

CATHOLIC PARISH, ROMFORD

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Sunday 16th August

Sunday 23rd August

Sunday 30th August

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A)

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Website **www.stedwards-romford.org.uk**

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Facebook / Instagram: **@stpeters_catholicprimaryschool**

Mass Times: **See back page**

Reconciliation: **Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm**

This week our prayers are with the young people of the parish; those who have just received A-level and BTEC results, and those about to receive GCSE results. Many of them have also been involved in offering great service, dedication and kindness in Lourdes and at the St John Bosco Children's Camp. It was a privilege to see them in action.

In Lourdes there was an immense gentleness and sensitivity in how they chatted with and cared for older pilgrims that they assisted in wheelchairs.

At the St John Bosco Camp our teenagers were often referred to as "wonderful role models" for the younger children. They were patient, energetic, joyful, and kind. They lived "faith in action".

As we celebrate the Assumption this weekend (usually on 15th August, this year transferred to the Sunday) it is good to notice Mary present as a Mother who cherishes us and prays for us. In Lourdes, she appeared to the teenage Bernadette. Just outside Turin, Our Lady Help of Christians was a regular feature in the childhood dreams of St John Bosco, and a constant inspiration for his later work as a priest. For our young people receiving results, and for all of us in any joy and any need, Mary understands as a mother who lived radical poverty and blessed radiance. Just as in Cana, she always points us to Jesus with the constant encouragement, "Do whatever he tells you."

Fr Dominic

Summer and Autumn 2026

The **Friday Adoration, Benediction and Reconciliation** have paused for the summer and will restart on Friday 4th September.

On 12th/13th September it is welcome back weekend. We are here every weekend through the summer – but of course some are fortunate to have holidays! So this is a chance to catch up, compare notes on parishes visited over the summer, all with refreshments after Saturday evening Mass, and both Sunday Masses. On Sunday morning there will also be children's games between Masses. At all Masses that weekend Mrs Payne, the Headteacher of St Peter's will speak; it is Education Sunday, and also a chance for prospective parents to meet Mrs Payne. **On Fridays from 11th September the parish morning Mass will be at 9.30am at the school;** all parishioners are welcome, and on most weeks we will celebrate Saints associated with a school year/house. Come and see!

January to March 2027

We continue to seek funds and apply for grants for the interior redecoration of the church – donations always welcome! Trusting in providence, we begin to prepare for the temporary closure of the church, January – March 2027, with Friday and Sunday Masses at St Peter's, Wednesday and Saturday Masses in the parish centre. Much fuller information as the time gets closer.

Thursday 20th August – special 12.15pm Mass for GCSE students on their results day. Whether in great joy, or working out fresh pathways, all are welcome to pray for our young people on this key date.

Service Days. On Tuesday 18th August some of our teenagers are helping out at St Peter's school, with playground decoration. Then on **Wednesday 19th August anyone aged 15 to 105 is warmly welcome** to assist in the church grounds – refurbishing the benches by Our Lady, and clearing the overflow car park of weeds, etc. Gather at 9.30am. Break for Mass and lunch 12-1.30, then continue until we are done, hopefully by about 3pm. Bring any useful tools and gloves, etc. Let Fr Dominic know if you can come – frdominic@brcdt.org. Confirmation groups of 2024, 2025 and 2026 please check your email! Older young adults, please get involved. Thanks for any help that anyone can give!

Shayne's haircut is long overdue! Shayne is our excellent Sunday morning MC and has been growing his hair for many months in order to provide wigs for children undergoing chemotherapy. This is all through the charity The Little Princess Trust, <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/> His haircut will be at 10.45am on Sunday 13th September with thanks to Elliott Dean Salon.

Thank you to members of the Golden Club for the kind gifts of flowers, vouchers and cards on our recent retirement. A Mass in thanksgiving will be offered for your intentions. Best wishes to Angela Grimes and Breda Grannell for the future.
Geraldine Ellis and Pat Crafter

The Season of Creation runs from September 1st to October 4th; the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. This year's theme is Living Water and The Live Simply group will speak after Masses on the weekend of September 5/6th. Please look at <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/resource/season-of-creation/> for more details and resources for the whole month. Parishioners are welcome to join the Live Simply group and the Legion of Mary for a Rosary walk in Raphael Park on Friday August 28th. We will meet at the Main Road park gate at 11am.

World Apostolate of Fatima visit to Brentwood, Saturday 12th September. As part of a national tour of Cathedrals, the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco will be at **Brentwood Cathedral** on 12th September. This will be a Day of Prayer & Devotions, with the opportunity for the veneration of the relics and Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan. Please see the poster at the back of the church for full details or visit <https://www.worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk/brentwood>

Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation

For children who will be in Year 3 or above in September 2026. The application forms are available online – go to <https://stedwards-romford.org.uk/newsletter/> or if you are looking at the e-version of the newsletter just [click here](#). If you are unable to access the form online please email romford@brcdt.org. All applications, payments (and if applicable copy Baptism certificates) must be returned by **7th September 2026**.

Sacrament of Confirmation

For any young person in Year 10 to 13. You are warmly invited to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Pentecost Sunday, May 2027. Preparation starts in October 2026, and all the application information is at the back of the church. The completed forms must be returned no later than **4th October 2026**. If you have any questions please email frdominic@brcdt.org.

Secondary School Admissions – Certificate of Catholic Practice

For those with children in Year 6 applying to **Catholic Secondary Schools for admission in September 2027** 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 weekly**. Please only ask for a Certificate if that applies to you. Please bring your child's Baptism Certificate and Fr Dominic will have copies of the Certificate **after any of the weekend Masses on 3rd /4th October**. Applications to the Brentwood Ursuline do not need a certificate, nor do Catholic primary school applications in Havering.

We pray for the repose of the soul of **Carol Pyman RIP** who died recently. Her funeral will take place on Thursday 27th August at 11am and then to South Essex Crematorium. We pray for all her family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested in support of Mary's Meals and the Romford Future interior decoration of the church.

Mass Intentions

Saturday 15th	6.30pm	Ints Merc & Jackie McGee (Bacon)
Sunday 16th	9.30am	Bernadette Perry RIP (Pitkin)
	11.30am	Ged Liam Corbett RIP (Corbett)
Tuesday 18th	6.30pm	Maud Hale RIP (F)
Wednesday 19th	12.15pm	Jenny Card RIP (Murname Girls)
Thursday 20th	12.15pm	Ints GCSE students on results day
Friday 21st	8.15am	Johanna Elliott RIP (F)
Saturday 22nd	6.30pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd	9.30am	Ints Kevin Lenos (Lenos)
	11.30am	Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life (KSC Romford)
Tuesday 25th	6.30pm	Kathleen & Victor Payne RIP (F)
Wednesday 26th	12.15pm	Peter Gallagher RIP (O'Leary)
Thursday 27th	11.00am	<i>Funeral – Carol Pyman RIP</i>
Friday 28th	10.00am	Frederick & Winifred Howett (F)
Saturday 29th	6.30pm	Tom McDaniel RIP (McDaniel)
Sunday 30th	9.30am	Ints Margie Davids (Gillooly)
	11.30am	People of the Parish
Tuesday 1st	6.30pm	Auguste Plom RIP (F)
Wednesday 2nd	12.15pm	Kevin Morrison RIP (Ellis)
Thursday 3rd	9.00am	Ints Naomi Philip (Thomas)
Friday 4th	9.00am	Ints Bridie Donnelly (Herbert)
	5pm–6pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation
Saturday 5th	6.30pm	Doris May Taylor RIP (Mernin)
Sunday 6th	9.30am	People of the Parish
	11.30am	Ints Fergus & Bernie Corcoran
		60th Wedding Anniversary (Grannell)

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,
Anji & Dyllis Dangerfield, Agnes Danielka, Margaret Ellis, Pat Fagan,
Pauline Gillooly, Irene Girling, Jim Griffin, Evelyn Hughes, Benjamin Joseph, Paula Lam,
Josè Lemos, Clara Mangoro, Matty, Harry McKinley, Dorita Mueller, Brendan O'Connor, Monica O'Donnell,
Agnes O'Sullivan, Shamus Pierce, Kay Rabbitte, 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.