ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
CATHOLIC PARISH, ROMFORD

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Sunday 18th October	**Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time(A)**
	World Mission Sunday
Sunday 25th October	**Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**
Sunday 1st November	**Solemnity of All Saints**

Website **www.stedwards-romford.org.uk**
Livestream **https://stream.seccomgroup.com/channel/st-edward**
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Headteacher: **Mrs M Payne** Website: **www.st-peters.havering.sch.uk**
Facebook / Instagram: **@stpeters_catholicprimaryschool**

Mass Times: **See back page** Reconciliation: **Saturday 5.45 – 6.15pm**

Our prayers are asked for Pope Leo XIV following his diagnosis with lung cancer and his recent surgery.
Our prayers are also asked for Bishop Alan, as he prepares for retirement, and for **Bishop-elect Timothy Menezes,** who will be installed as Bishop of Brentwood on 3rd December, the Feast of St Francis Xavier. There is a short biography of Bishop Timothy on the parish website.

PARISH RENEWAL WEEK – JOYFUL THANKS!

"I have learnt something new every evening!" These delighted words from a parishioner echo those of many who have been part of the parish renewal week. If you could not make it then Fr Nicholas' homily from the Feast of St Edward the Confessor, as well as the "walk through the Mass" are both on the Livestream, and full of insight and information.

The week has been radiant with joy, faith and inspiration – **thank you** to everyone who has given time and talent to help everything run so beautifully. Whether you have prayed for the week, arranged glorious flowers, sung superb music, baked delicious cakes, moved chairs, altar served reverently, read prayerfully, cleaned diligently or anything else, it is **all very deeply appreciated**. A wonderful week! Continue the journey with faith and hope – dive in to a parish group or activity.

"Ask me" … You will see some Parish Stewards and other Parishioners wearing these badges. It just means that they are comfortable to have a chat about faith, perhaps with a new parishioner, or someone unfamiliar with the church. So if you have a question, would like a prayer, or are looking for information – ask them! If you think you could serve others by wearing such a badge, please chat with Fr Dominic. You need to have a decent knowledge of your Catholic faith, a calm and welcoming personality, and be very regularly at Mass.

Quiz Night: Friday 23rd October 7.00pm for 7.30pm start in the Parish Centre. Tickets £5.00 at the door. Teams of 8-10….. but if you can't get a team together, come along anyway and we will find you people to join with on a table. Bring your own drinks and nibbles. Everyone over 14 is very welcome. Any queries, contact Julia or Margie via parish office.

Mass of Remembrance, 2.30pm Saturday 7th November. Mass will be offered especially **for all who have died in the last year within the parish community, and from the community at St Peter's school**. Please hand names of those you wish to be remembered into the parish office by Wednesday 4th November: candles will be lit for them during Mass.

The new Children's Choir sung beautifully on their debut at last Sunday's 9.30am Mass. We have some very tuneful and talented young singers! The next rehearsal will be 5pm – 6pm **Tuesday 3rd November**, and they will next sing on Sunday 8th (Remembrance Sunday)**.** Open to anyone in school year 4-8. Parents are welcome to stay with children during rehearsals. Many superb singers started out by singing in a church choir. It is a lovely way to make new friends with similar interests.

Youth news: Parents and young people are invited to email romfordyouth@brcdt.org to receive regular updates. Currently on offer is Open Table Fridays for those aged 18+, **next on Friday 6th November**. Accompaniment to the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service (BCYS) Youth Mass for those in school year 9+, next on **Thursday 5th November**; Fortnightly Bible Study (Wednesdays at Gidea Park); Participation in BCYS "Rooted" events (year 7-9/10-13, 24th/25th Oct). www.bcys.net

Join Caritas Brentwood to explore Catholic Social Teaching in action. Hear from inspiring speakers, connect with other parishioners and discover how local parishes are living out our faith. The final autumn gathering is Saturday 14 November: St Anne Line, South Woodford, with a focus on **Refugees**. To register, and find out more go to: https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/caritas-brentwood-events-4458423

MULTICULTURAL EVENING, Friday 13th November, 6.30 – 9.30pm – come and celebrate your cultural heritage and that of all the different nations in the parish. Please let Margie Davids and the Social Committee know which food you can bring, and if you would offer music or dance. Thank you to those who have already taken the lead for different communities; if you are not sure who to talk with then contact the parish office on 01708740308 or romford@brcdt.org **Wear clothing reflecting your nationality.** Enjoy a vibrant evening, discovering the great treasures of our diverse and joyful parish community.

A little reminder that THE CLOCKS GO BACK next Saturday/Sunday 24th/25th October. So an extra hour's sleep just as families enter half term!

A very special mention to the parishioners who run 'Grape and Fig'. They have not asked for any acknowledgement but they have been generous beyond words in the superb cheese and charcuterie platters during the week. So if you are looking for such items for a party, etc., then give Victoria a shout: www.grapeandfig.com I 109 Victoria Road, RM1 2LX I 01708 361690

The Call to be Human: *What does it mean to be a free moral agent?* Wednesday 21st October, 7.00 – 8.00pm. Fr Martin Boland is a very insightful and thoughtful speaker and this talk is highly recommended! Parish Centre of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead. 5 mins walk from Wanstead Underground (Central Line). Everyone is very welcome. www.ourladyoflourdes.com

Midday Assistant required at St Peter's school. This is a permanent role, for term time (38 weeks/year). Monday – Friday 11.15am – 1.30pm. All information plus application form: https://st-peters.havering.sch.uk/havering/primary/st-peters/site/pages/ourschool/vacanciesatstpeters Closing date **2nd November.**

Half Term support for Families from S.M.I.L.E. We recently heard the wonderful news that S.M.I.L.E. have been awarded a very major grant from the National Lottery, which will help them expand their work. They are still in need of donations to the food pantry – even more so over half term and as Christmas approaches. This half term they are also able to offer **free haircuts for children**, **advice about energy bills, advice for tenants in bad housing, and much else. Have a look at www.smilelondonessex.com/smile-hub-events** to take part, or to support their excellent work. **Thank you** to all those who regularly donate food – it makes a huge difference.

Live Simply: Join the Live Simply group and Romford Wombles on one of the regular litter picks, and other activities to help our town to be more beautiful. Equipment provided. More information about Romford Wombles here: e-voice.org.uk/romfordtownwombles

Mass Intentions

Saturday 17th	**6.30pm**	**People of the Parish**
Sunday 18th	**9.30am**	**Kay Curtin RIP (Doe)**
	11.30am	**Michael Kelly RIP (Kelly)**
Tuesday 20th	**6.30pm**	**Frank Hayden RIP (Pitkin)**
Wednesday 21st	**12.15pm**	**Giuseppina Marcello RIP (Bellotti)**
Thursday 22nd	**No Mass today; Fr Dominic in Rome with Campion Year 11**	
Friday 23rd	**No Mass today; Fr Dominic in Rome with Campion Year 11**	
	5pm–6pm	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**
Saturday 24th	**6.30pm**	**Bill Murnane RIP (Walsh)**
Sunday 25th	**9.30am**	**Sheila Hearn RIP (Cain)**
	11.30am	**People of the Parish**
Tuesday 27th	**No Mass today; Fr Dominic in Rome with Campion Year 11**	
Wednesday 28th	**12.15pm**	**Holy Souls (Murnane)**
Thursday 29th	**No Mass today; Fr Dominic away**	
Friday 30th	**No Mass today; Fr Dominic away**	
Saturday 31st	**6.30pm**	**People of the Parish**
Sunday 1st	**9.30am**	**Phil Martin RIP (Martin)**
	11.30am	**Elizabeth & Dan O'Callaghan RIP (Peggy)**
Monday 2nd	**6.30pm**	**All Souls Day Mass for those who have died**
Tuesday 3rd	**6.30pm**	**Dec'd Members of D'Souza Family**
Wednesday 4th	**12.15pm**	**Anne Marie Findley RIP (Waites)**
Thursday 5th	**9.00am**	**Ints of Charles (Slavek)**
Friday 6th	**9.30am**	**Daniel O'Mahoney RIP (Kieran)<u>At St Peter's School</u>**
	5pm–6pm	**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Reconciliation**
Saturday 7th	**2.30pm**	**Mass of Remembrance for those who have died in the last year**
	6.30pm	**Jenny Wilkinson RIP (Wilkinson)**
Sunday 8th	**9.30am**	**Dec'd Member of Conti Family (Conti)**
	11.30am	**Stephen Goggin RIP (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,
Anji & Dyllis Dangerfield, Agnes Danielka, 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.

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