



# St Thomas More & St Edward Catholic Church Newsletter

## Sunday 18th January 2026

<b>Sat 17th</b>	Rosary <b>Vigil Mass of Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b> Concetta & Michele Marchione RIP (Anniversary) <i>Second Collection: Pax Christi</i>	<b>6pm 6.30pm</b>
<b>Sun 18th</b>	<b>Mass - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b> <b>World Peace Sunday</b> Linda Solicari RIP <i>Second Collection: Pax Christi</i>	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Mon 19th</b>	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Tues 20th</b>	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Wed 21st</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thur 22nd</b>	<b>Mass</b> Jean Baker RIP	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Fri 23rd</b>	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Sat 24th</b>	Rosary <b>Vigil Mass of Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b> People of the Parish	<b>6pm 6.30pm</b>
<b>Sun 25th</b>	<b>Mass - Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)</b> <b>Sunday of the Word of God</b> Cyril Duffy RIP	<b>9.30am</b>

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**Father Jobin's car:** Father is looking for a good petrol/hybrid second hand car. Please, are there any parishioners who might be wishing to sell their car? He does have to drive long distances in the UK so it must be reliable. Please let him know. Thank you.

**First Holy Communion:** Let us support and pray for the children beginning their preparation classes to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in May.

**100 Club**—Tickets for the 100 Club 2026 will be available to purchase from Denise from this weekend.

**Fundraising Update** - Thanks to some additional donations, our Christmas fundraising total has now reached an amazing £600! Thank you. There are more of Karen's bags available to purchase in the foyer and some blessed paschal candles too.

**DBS Applications/Renewals:** If you are a volunteer awaiting a new certificate, please be informed that the Diocese are experiencing delays in processing these but are working hard to get back on track. If you have any concerns, please speak to our church safeguarding reps, Mary or Bernie.

**Bishop Thomas McMahon Obituary** - On Fri 16th Jan, The Times newspaper published an obituary of Bishop Thomas McMahon (page 52 of the printed version).

**Sunday 25th January marks World Leprosy Day**, which aims to raise awareness of a disease that many people think no longer exists. St Francis Leprosy Guild (SFLG), which is the UK's only Catholic leprosy charity, has been caring for people with leprosy for 130 years. Our aim is to find & treat people with leprosy before they develop disabilities. Please consider supporting this vital work and keep people affected by leprosy in your prayers.  
[www.stfrancisleprosy.org](http://www.stfrancisleprosy.org).

### Ministers of Holy Communion:

17th Jan: D.Allen    24th Jan: D.Diaz  
 18th Jan: M.Duffy    25th Jan: C.Di Francesco

### Upcoming Events

**'FLAME 2027' Youth Event** - Speak to Di Russell by 25th Jan if you will be age 15-18 in March 2027! Don't miss out.

**Relics of St Gerard Majella**—Later this month our diocese will host the relics of St Gerard Majella at four locations (see foyer poster for details). This is the start of a tour of England and Wales to mark his 300th anniversary. Come along and bring your intentions to this popular Saint.

**Rachels Vineyard Lent Talk** - Wednesday 4th March, 7.30-9pm at St Edmunds in Loughton . Rachel McKenzie is doing missionary work on behalf of all those affected by abortion.

### Vacancies

**Headteacher** - Bishops' C of E & Catholic School, Chelmsford. **Headteacher** - Holy Family Primary School, Benfleet.

**Headteacher** - St Francis Primary School, Braintree

**Brentwood Education Support Administrator** – 22hrs pw. Term time. Closing: 16th Feb.

**Teachers of Spanish, Geography & DT Technician** @ Trinity Catholic High School

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