



St Thomas More & St Edward Catholic Church Newsletter

Sunday 15th February 2026

Sat 14th	Rosary Vigil Mass of Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) People of the Parish	6pm 6.30pm
Sun 15th	Mass - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) World Day for the Sick Nalan	9.30am
Mon 16th	Mass People of the Parish	9.30am
Tues 17th	Mass People of the Parish	9.30am
Wed 18th	Mass - Ash Wednesday (Morning Mass) Derek Walden Mass - Ash Wednesday (Evening Mass)	9.30am 7.30pm
Thurs 19th	Mass Thursday after Ash Wednesday People of the Parish	9.30am
Fri 20th	Mass Stations of the Cross (all Fridays of Lent) Friday after Ash Wednesday People of the Parish	9.30am 10am
Sat 21st	Rosary Vigil Mass of First Sunday of Lent (A) Bridget, Kath & Becky (Thanksgiving)	6pm 6.30pm
Sun 22nd	Mass - First Sunday of Lent (A) Maurice & Michael Woulfe RIP	9.30am

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SEASON OF LENT - Lent begins this week on Ash Wednesday (18th), a day of fasting and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and distributed at the 9.30am & 7.30pm Masses. Fasting consists of eating one full meal and eating two snack meals. This applies to 18-60 year olds (unless it would endanger your health to do so). All those over 14 years should observe abstinence from meat and food containing meat products.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - During Lent, there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 9.30am Mass.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY: FRI 27th FEB - There will be a short talk on the work of CAFOD and a fundraising Lenten appeal next weekend (21/22nd Feb). Please speak to Alice Palin if you might be able to fundraise by doing the 'Big Lent Walk'.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES - After 6th April we will no longer use the coloured gift aid envelopes. If you'd like support with setting up a standing order for online payments, please just ask in the office.

ACCOUNTS & GARDENING SUPPORT - These are still urgently needed in the Parish. Please support if you can!

PARISH SPRING CLEAN: On **Sunday 8th March**, we'll be having a Parish spring clean of the church straight after Mass. Our weekly cleaning team do an amazing job but we can't leave it all to them so please bring your dusters/cloths/sprays and let's do it together! **Refreshments will be provided.**

Ministers of Holy Communion:

14th Feb: A.Palin 21st Feb: S.Allen
15th Feb: A.Duffy 22nd Feb: T.Walstow

Upcoming Events

A SERIES OF 4 LENTEN LECTURES 2026: Will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall commencing **Wednesday 25th February 2026** at 7.30pm. Please see foyer poster for details.

The theme this year is: "What does it truly mean to be Catholic?" This invitation is to the whole Diocese of Brentwood. All Welcome!

LOURDES WITH OUR DIOCESE - Join Bishop Alan & pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes this summer: **Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026**. Bookings will open shortly at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood 2026

Networking Day - An opportunity to connect, share ideas and learn from others passionate about social action. All invited. **Sat 7th March** (1pm - 5pm), Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Wanstead. Free registration at www.caritasbrentwood.org/network

Vacancies

Headteacher - St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch. **Teachers of Spanish & Geography, DT Technician & exams invigilator, SENDI TA** - Trinity Catholic High School, Woodford

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