



## St Thomas More & St Edward Catholic Church

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The Brentwood Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No 234092

### Sunday 17th March 2024

<b>Sat 16th</b>	<b>Mass</b> Aniyam George RIP (9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>Sun 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mass – Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> John Walstow RIP (5 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Mon 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mass</b> St Cyril of Jerusalem. Bishop. Doctor.	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Tues 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mass</b> St Joseph. Husband of Mary. Solemnity. Daniel and Family	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Wed 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>No Mass</b>	<b>No Mass</b>
<b>Thurs 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Mass</b> Eileen Bullock RIP (Foundation Mass)	<b>9.30am</b>
<b>Fri 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Mass</b> Caroline Macauley RIP  <b>Stations of the Cross</b>	<b>9.30am</b>  <b>10am</b>
<b>Sat 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Mass</b> People of the Parish	<b>6.30pm</b>
<b>Sun 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Mass – Passion Sunday. Palm Sunday</b> Michele and Concetta Marchione RIP	<b>9.30am</b>

**Stations of the Cross** – During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday after the 9.30am Mass.

**Reconciliation** - It is an obligation to attend confession at least once a year. Lent is a good time to reflect as we prepare for Easter. Our confessions for reconciliation will be on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in St Edmunds, Loughton. Attached to the newsletter is a reflection on how we confess.

**Coffee** – Hot and cold drinks, biscuits, and cakes are available in the kitchen every Sunday after Mass. All are invited to come and enjoy.

**Lenten Giving Calendar** – Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting us to collect food and toiletries throughout Lent by following the 'Lenten Giving Calendar'. Items collected will be donated to local food banks in time for Holy Week. Please see the orange-coloured posters in our church porch for information on which items are needed,

### **REGULAR NOTICES**

#### **Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals**

Strictly by Appointment with Fr Kuriakose. Please call his mobile or the parish office.

#### **Housebound & sick parishioners**

Please pray for our sick Parishioners and Friends. Please let Fr Kuriakose know if a Parishioner is sick or in hospital so he can visit them personally.

#### **Mass Intentions**

Please continue to submit Mass Intentions to the office. Thank you so much to all who continue to give regularly by S.O. or by envelope.

#### **For Standing Orders**

St Thomas More & St Edward Church  
Bank: HSBC Sort code: 40-13-22  
Account no: 31018949

#### **Parish Forms** (Available in the porch)

#### **Baptism/School /Confirmation/Parish Membership/RCIA**

Please speak to Fr Kuriakose

#### **Confession**

**See Fr Kuriakose** or on Sunday 8.30am before Mass in the office.

#### **Apple Accounting Services Ltd**

01992 701188



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then place your donations in the wicker basket in church. Thank you.

**Easter Raffle** – Raffle tickets will be available to purchase this week for our Church Easter Raffle. Also, if you have any ‘prize’ donations, we would be grateful. Thank you.

**Bishop’s Visitation** – What a wonderful celebration of Confirmation on 3<sup>rd</sup> March! A big thank you to all those involved in our service last week. Our young people did us proud.

**Parish Information Form** – If you have not filled in the updated [Parish Information Form](#), please complete one of the forms in the porch and hand them into the office as soon as possible. Thank you.

### **Holy Week**

23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March: Palm Sunday (Saturday 6.30pm and Sunday 9.30am)

27<sup>th</sup> March: Chrism Mass at **Brentwood Cathedral**

28<sup>th</sup> March: Maundy Thursday (8pm Mass)

29<sup>th</sup> March: Good Friday (Stations of the Cross for children and young families, 11am)

29<sup>th</sup> March: Good Friday (The Reading of the Passion, 3pm)

30<sup>th</sup> March: Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil, 7.30pm)

31<sup>st</sup> March: Easter Sunday (Mass, 9.30am)

**National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life** – Please see the poster from the Good Counsel Network on our church noticeboard relating to this day. We are asked to pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

**C.A. Meetings are as follows:** Wednesday / Thursday 7pm - 8.30pm.

**100 Club** – New numbers for 2024 are now available for purchase.

**Youth Provision in the Parish** – We have now set up a working group to enhance and support youth and family worship in the Parish. So far, we’ve had several ideas suggested including a youth council, a junior choir, a toddler group, additional family and youth masses, parish walks, picnics, and sports. Watch this space!

**Children’s Liturgy** – Children’s Liturgy is available for children aged 4 to 8 during Sunday Mass every week during term time. This is an opportunity for younger children to hear the Gospel reading of the day and learn more about it through arts, prayer, and discussion. Children can go straight to the kitchen at the start of Mass and will return to their families during the offertory hymn. NB: In March, there will only be Children’s Liturgy on 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **Church Shop**

Many thanks to all those who have supported the church shop over Christmas and up to now. We have raised £400 for the church funds. Please continue to support our church shop. Mother’s Day, St Patrick’s Day, and Easter cards are available now. Holy Communion items after Easter. Thank you.



**Parking** – Please, we would respectfully ask parishioners, following last weekend when a parishioner was asked to move their car during Mass as they were blocking in a neighbour be very mindful in parking when coming to Mass. If you arrive later than 9.20, then it is highly likely our small car park will be full - please park out on the main road in Farm Hill Road. Please do not park on the corner of St Paul’s Way and Rochford Avenue or in front of our neighbours’ drives opposite. We also have to respect our neighbours - thank you.

**40 years of Walsingham House Teams:** 2024 marks 40 years of retreat teams at Walsingham House. There will be a celebration Mass with Bishop Alan on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Please save



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the date as it would be wonderful to see Walsingham House and BCYS alumni and friends gather together to mark this milestone. More information to follow soon.

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage 2024**

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com)) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: [kathrynyoung@mail.com](mailto:kathrynyoung@mail.com). The pilgrimage is slightly longer this year because of the availability of chartered flights, which allow us to bring many more assisted pilgrims than commercial flights. However, if anyone is interested in a shorter stay in Lourdes, during the Diocesan Pilgrimage, please contact Tangney.

**Lectionary readings for Lent** Commentary on every Scripture reading from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, is available free of charge on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org). Click on 'Scripture Readings' and 'Lent Readings'. The commentaries are also available in book form from Darton, Longman and Todd [www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk](http://www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk)

**Talk on the readings at the Easter Vigil** - On Wednesday 20th March at 7pm, in preparation for Holy Week, Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will give a talk entitled 'The Readings at the Easter Vigil - the four nights of salvation'. The talk will take place in the parish hall at Gidea Park (410 Brentwood Road, RM2 6DH) and will last about 40 minutes. Refreshments will be available from 6.30 pm. No booking necessary. The church is 5 minutes' walk from the station (Elizabeth Line). Ample free parking is also available at the church. All are welcome, especially Readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Catechists.

### **A Day with Mary**

Further information on A Day With Mary 2024 Pilgrimages to Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 September) is available at [www adaywithmary.org](http://www adaywithmary.org) or email [adwmary.uk@gmail.com](mailto:adwmary.uk@gmail.com)

### **JOB VACANCIES**

#### **Volunteer at the St John Bosco Children's Camp:**

27<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply. Details: [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk) **Concert for St John Bosco Children's Camp:** please see the noticeboard by the church door for concert poster. [www.boscocamp.co.uk/events](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk/events)

#### **Trinity Catholic High School Vacancies**

- Behaviour Support Manager, 35 hours, ASAP
- Teacher of English, Full time, Easter or September 2024
- Teacher of Science, Full time, Easter or September 2024
- School Counsellor, Part time, ASAP or when available
- Teacher of DT, Full time, Easter or September 2024
- SEN TA, 32 hours, ASAP
- Teacher of Music, 0.8FTE, Easter or September 2024

Please visit the school's website <https://www.tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment/> for further job information.

**Vacancies for Foundation Governors** have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email your expression of interest to [governanceappointments@brcdt.org](mailto:governanceappointments@brcdt.org) or call: 01277 265216