



St Thomas More & St Edward Catholic Church

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Priest in Charge Fr Kuriakose Aniyan



The Brentwood Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No 234092

Sunday 18th May 2025

Sat 17th	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Vigil Mass of Fifth Sunday of Easter Mr Callisto Idowa Fidelis Ms Joana Remi Evaristo	6pm 6.30pm
Sun 18th	Mass – Fifth Sunday of Easter ‘Going Forth Mass’ Our First Holy Communion Children	9.30am
Mon 19th	Mass Monday after the 5th Sunday of Easter People of the Parish	9.30am
Tues 20th	Mass Tuesday after the 5th Sunday of Easter Fran & William Irving (Birthday)	9.30am
Wed 21st	No Mass	No Mass
Thurs 22nd	Mass Thursday after the 5th Sunday of Easter People of the Parish	9.30am
Fri 23rd	Mass Friday after the 5th Sunday of Easter People of the Parish	9.30am
Sat 24th	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Vigil Mass of Sixth Sunday of Easter Mr Callisto Idowa Fidelis Ms Joana Remi Evaristo	6pm 6.30pm
Sun 25th	Mass – Sixth Sunday of Easter Lindsay Julien (Healing)	9.30am

Prayers for our new Pope – Upon the wonderful news of our new Pope, Pope Leo XIV, we pray to support him in his Ministry. (Prayer cards for dear Pope Francis are still available on the table at the front of the church).

Church Roof Appeal Update – Following a further inspection of the damaged church roof, we concluded that we needed to replace a larger section than originally planned. As a result, our fundraising target is now £12,450. **However, thanks to the amazing generosity of those who have already donated, we have now raised £12,341!** This means we have **almost achieved** our target. It also means, we’ve been able to book the roofer and repairs are due to commence on 16th June! THANK YOU so much to all who have donated to this urgent appeal. There is still time to donate, or add just a little more:

- Online – please visit <https://gofund.me/5442c7fa>
- By bank transfer – please use reference “roof fund”
- In cash – envelopes will be available in the church foyer. Please label envelopes with your name so we can claim gift aid if you are on the church gift aid register. Alternatively, complete a new G.A. form.

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

Gluten Free Hosts These are now available at all Masses. Please let Father know before the Mass begins.

Confession

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

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Rosary Evening – We will be having a Rosary evening on **Tuesday 20th May at 6.30pm** in church. Everyone is welcome. Those who would like to learn the Rosary and all the First Holy Communion children are invited. Please come along. Thank you.

It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Dave Smith, who passed away peacefully on Sunday night. Dave attended Saturday evening and weekday Masses. He contributed a great deal to our Parish over the years with his DIY skills and exceptional hard work. Our prayers at this sad time are with his family including three sons, Chris, Micheal, and Danny; his brother and sister; and his wife, Bridget. May his soul rest in peace.

Cleaners needed URGENTLY – We find ourselves short of cleaners again. Please, if you can give just one or two hours a month to help look after the church, speak to Father, or someone in church the office. Thank you.

Paintings for Sale – Judith Reeve has kindly donated a set of beautiful watercolour paintings which were painted by her Father, an artist. The paintings show views of Waltham Abbey, Epping Forest and other parts of Essex. Theresa will be selling these after Sunday Mass from 25th May and prices will range between £10 and £20, (although one work is framed and so will be slightly more). All funds raised will be donated to our roof repair fund. Thank you.

Afternoon Tea: SAVE THE DATE – Breda and Phil are hoping to host an afternoon tea in their beautiful garden on Sunday 29th June. Please put this date in your diaries and look out for more details coming soon.

Invitation to Married Couples – Bishop Alan will be celebrating the annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life in the Cathedral at **3pm on Saturday 21st June**. If you are a couple celebrating a significant wedding anniversary, being recently married, or preparing for marriage and would like to attend this Mass, please speak to Theresa or Father Kuriakose. We have invitations for up to 5 couples from the Parish.

Your Parish Needs YOU – Can you spare one or two hours a month? We need volunteers to mow the lawn, help with the garden, clean the church, and to join our new fundraising team. If you think you can help with any of these things, PLEASE let us know by leaving your details in the church office. Many hands make light work so even 1 hour per month would be a great help in keeping the Parish moving. Thank you. The Parish Council

Jubilee Year: Saturday Adoration – As part of the Jubilee Year, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Saturday at 6pm. This will be a time of silent prayer and reflection before 6.30pm Mass begins.

Divine Mercy Group – The Divine Mercy Group meets every Friday at 10am (after 9.30am Mass) for prayers and devotions to the Divine Mercy. Please join us. All welcome. Tea and biscuits afterwards.

YOUTH NEWS – Families and parents, please join our new WhatsApp group 'Youth Announcements' to keep up to date on Parish youth work. More youth activities and Masses will be announced soon. For **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service** events – please visit www.bcys.net/events

Kitchen and Children's Liturgy – While the kitchen remains closed, Children's Liturgy is temporarily cancelled but please collect a 'Look' activity sheet for your child from the foyer (next to the newsletters) when you come to Mass.

RCIA - Would you like to become a Catholic? Would you like to know more about the Catholic Church? Are you a Baptised Catholic but did not make your First Holy Communion or Confirmation? Baptised as a non-Catholic Christian? Never Baptised at all? If you are an adult (16 years or over) and you can answer yes to any of these questions, then the RCIA Programme is for you. Interested? Please contact Father Kuriakose Aniyan.

Gift Aid Envelopes – Please collect yours from the office as soon as possible. These are only for those who place their envelope in the offertory collection each week, not via direct debit.

Mass Intentions – All parishioners are welcome to request the offering of Masses for their intentions using the Mass offering envelopes which are available in our church foyer (please speak to the office to check that your chosen date is available first). Once your request has been confirmed, Father will offer Mass for a particular person; it can be because the person has died or it is the anniversary of their death. It can also be for someone who is ill, or if someone has a birthday, wedding anniversary, other occasion, or for another personal intention.



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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. If you are under 18, please also complete a **Youth Participation Form**.

C.A. Meetings: Wednesdays and Thursday, 7pm - 8.30pm

Church Shop - Many thanks to all those who have supported the church shop in recent months. Please continue to do so. 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.

Upcoming Events

"AWAKE LONDON" - A Catholic Bible convention and Healing ministry on Saturday 17th May 2025 from 1.30 pm to 5 pm led by Fr. Bijoy CMF and Anointing Fire Catholic Ministry UK at Catholic Parish of Christ The King, 455 Chingford Road London, E4 8SP. Convention includes: Praise and Worship, Holy Mass, confession, Healing service and Eucharistic Adoration, spiritual sharing, sessions for children (www.afcmuk.org). Free car parking available.

St John Bosco Children's Camp 2025 - For children aged 9-12 years old (school years 5-7), a week of great fun, activities including climbing wall and zip wire, fishing, football, archery and much more, all in a beautiful setting. The Camp has a Catholic ethos, and exists to give children a magnificent holiday. 26th July – 2nd August. For more details, and application information: www.boscocamp.co.uk. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood.

The Acts of the Apostles - Throughout the Easter period we read each day in the Liturgy from the Acts of the Apostles. Talks by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park, are available on www.whatgoodnews.org Please go to 'Faith Talks' and scroll down to 'Acts of the Apostles' and 'Paul in Acts'.

The Life in the Spirit Seminars Registration is now OPEN. Register by scanning the QR Code and receive more information on this special Diocesan event taking place from Easter to Pentecost in Brentwood Cathedral Large Hall. The Seminars are being held over 6 Tuesday evenings from 29th April - 3rd June inclusive and are open to all. You are warmly invited to come along to hear inspiring speakers, be filled with the Holy Spirit and travel through your own 'Holy Door' as we celebrate this Jubilee Year as "Pilgrims of Hope".

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 24th May 2025 - Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come please contact Terri Grilli.

Date for your diaries: The 2026 **Caritas Networking Day** will be on Saturday, 7th March in Romford.

Vacancies

Headteacher for St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford. Our wonderful Headteacher is retiring after 20 years, and we are looking for a new Headteacher to start in January 2026 (or sooner, if possible). Visits to the school are very warmly welcome; the application deadline is midday on 6th June 2025, and the Job Description and all other information is at:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

Trinity Catholic High School: Teacher of Music, Full or Part time, Permanent, September 2025. Teacher of Economics, Full or Part time, Permanent, September 2025. Teacher of Geography, Full time, Permanent, September 2025. Teacher of Spanish, Full or Part time, Permanent, September 2025. Teacher of French, Part time maternity cover, September 2025-June 2025.

KS1/KS2 Class Teacher - St Aidan's Primary School, Ilford - Deadline for applications: 12:00 (noon), Monday 19th May 2025