



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 26th January 2025

Sat 25th	Rosary Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Michael Kelly RIP (Anniversary) <i>Second collection: Lepra</i>	5.30pm 6pm 6.30pm
Sun 26th	Mass – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God Angela Bevins RIP (Birthday) <i>Second collection: Lepra</i>	9.30am
Mon 27th	Mass Fred Smyth	9.30am
Tues 28th	Mass St Thomas Aquinas. Priest. Doctor. People of the Parish	9.30am
Wed 29th	No Mass	No Mass
Thurs 30th	Mass Francis Drayton (Thanksgiving)	9.30am
Fri 31st	Mass St John Bosco. Priest. Richard Njorogie (RIP)	9.30am
Sat 1st	Rosary Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Vigil Mass of The Presentation of the Lord Concetta & Michele Marchione RIP (Anniversary)	5.30pm 6pm 6.30pm
Sun 2nd	Mass – The Presentation of the Lord Marlis Creevy (Good Health)	9.30am

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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Jubilee Year: Saturday Adoration – As part of the Jubilee Year, there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **every** Saturday at 6pm from 4th January 2025 onwards. This will be a time of silent prayer and reflection before 6.30pm Mass begins. Please come if you can. If you are arriving just for the 6.30pm Mass on Saturdays, please be mindful of this silent Adoration as you enter the church. A book of meditation and prayer is available from the church office for £1 to support you in prayer. We will also pray the Rosary at 5.30pm every Saturday.

Sunday 16th February – We shall be having another Mass involving our children and young people on Sunday 16th February at 9.30am. All parishioners are welcome as normal. Let us fill our church again and support our young parishioners in their faith.



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100 Club – Our '100 Club 2024' fundraiser finished with three lucky winners in December: 1st – Paul McKay (96), 2nd – Pat Dean (22) and 3rd – Breda Arnold (20). If you would like to be in with a chance of winning in 2025, please purchase your new number(s) from Denise over the next few weeks. She will be selling them after Mass in the church foyer. The first draw will take place at the end of March 2025. Thank you Denise for all your hard work.

Kitchen and Children's Liturgy – We are working hard to get the kitchen and church roof repaired following a substantial leak at the end of last year but it remains closed for the time being. Children's Liturgy is also temporarily cancelled until the kitchen re-opens.



Guide to the new lectionaries: Bishop Hugh Gilbert, OSB, has written a new book to provide further explanation of the new version of Scripture. This informative book can be purchased at <https://www.ctsbooks.org/product/hearing-christs-voice/>

Brentwood Diocesan Directory - the new Brentwood Diocesan Directory is now available to purchase in the church office at £3.20 per copy.

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.

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.

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

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service Application Deadline, 31st January - Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 19th – 26th July 2025. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above. Join the BCYS for our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, supporting the adult pilgrimage in a week of prayer, service and fun!

All details can be found at www.bcys.net/events. Funding and bursary opportunities are available.

Caritas Brentwood Networking Day - You are warmly invited to this event, taking place on Sunday, 9th February, from 2–6 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford RM1 4AT. This event is an opportunity to explore



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the Catholic response to pressing issues such as homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, supporting those affected by the Cost of Living Crisis, and addressing climate change. Join us to find inspiration during this Jubilee year, exchange ideas and best practices with parishioners across Essex and East London, and learn about the charities and resources available to support your efforts. Registration is free - find more details at www.caritasbrentwood.org/network.

Word on Fire UK Bible Conference | February 2025

If you want to gain a deeper appreciation of the Bible and the Catholic faith come and join Bishop Robert Barron and thousands of other Catholics from across the UK for the national conference Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible. Tickets are available for the Friday and Saturday or just a day pass for the Saturday.

Date: Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd February 2025

Location: Excel Centre, East London

Speakers Include: Bishop Robert Barron, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland, Archbishop John Wilson and more. For more information and to register, please visit: wordonfire.org/the-bible-event.

Holy Week Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 13th April 2025. £849.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Live outdoor Passion Play at Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, led by Bp Alan, will be from **Friday 18 July – Friday 25 July 2025**. The flights will be Southend to Lourdes. Details, including how to book, will follow. We hope you will join us.

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrimage to Italy - The jubilee year 2025 is inviting us to visit a holy place and obtain plenary indulgence by entering through the holy door. The parish of OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS is arranging a pilgrimage to Italy visiting the holy places along with some tourist attractions. We will visit THE VATICAN, ROME, ASSISI, PADUA, VENICE & PISA. DATE: 30TH AUGUST–4TH SEPTEMBER 2025 (6 DAYS). Superior 4* Hotel Accommodation. Adults and children over 9 years: £775; Children (2-9 years): £730. Single room supplement £220. For more details and to book your place, email: frsabupariyadan@brcdt.org.

Vacancies

Trinity Catholic High School are recruiting for the following positions: Teacher of Science, P/T or F/T, February or April 2025; Teacher of Music, P/T, Easter or September 2025; Teacher of French, F/T, ASAP, Teacher of RE, F/T, September 2025.

Secondary School Link Adviser - The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Secondary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however, consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time opportunity. The Secondary Link Adviser will report to the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director. It is expected that applicants will have an established and successful track record as a head teacher, a senior leader in a secondary school or have recent, relevant advisory/consultancy experience. Applicants must be able to demonstrate school improvement experience and the ability to build and maintain effective relationships with a wide range of stakeholders.

Working closely as part of a team, the successful candidate will support the development of Catholic schools as providers of high quality educational, religious and spiritual standards, play a leading role in the effectiveness of organisational services and operations, support projects in and across schools on an ad-hoc or commissioned basis, deliver training, and participate in the formulation of local level education policy.

Further details and an application form can be obtained by emailing: victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org
Salary range: from £51,000 to £60,000 (FTE) Term time plus 5 days, depending on experience. A full enhanced DBS Disclosure will be required for this position. The closing date for applications is midday on Tuesday 25th February 2025. Interviews will be held on Tuesday 4th March 2025. Start Date: Ideally 1st September 2025.