



St Thomas More & St Edward Catholic Church

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Priest in Charge Fr Kuriakose Aniyam



The Brentwood Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No 234092

Sunday 1st September 2024

Sat 31st	Vigil Mass of Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sarah Worrall RIP (1 st Anniversary)	6.30pm
Sun 1st	Mass – Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Bridget Crouch RIP (3 rd Anniversary)	9.30am
Mon 2nd	Mass People of the Parish	9.30am
Tues 3rd	Mass St Gregory the Great People of the Parish	9.30am
Wed 4th	No Mass	No Mass
Thur 5th	Mass Marie Wakeling RIP (Birthday)	9.30am
Fri 6th	Mass Cermenatesi Family (Intentions)	9.30am
Sat 7th	Vigil Mass of Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Bridget & Dave Smith (Thanksgiving) <i>Second Collection: Catholic Education Service</i>	6.30pm
Sun 8th	Mass – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Education Sunday Mary Connelly RIP <i>Second Collection: Catholic Education Service</i>	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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**** Friday 6th September – Parish Fun Quiz Night *****

Buy your tickets this weekend.

Fundraising Quiz Night, Friday 6th September at 7.30pm – Our

fundraising efforts have been successful this year with the 100 Club, Easter Raffle, Father’s Day Cake Sale and Garden Tea Afternoon. Our next attempt will be a Fun Quiz Night. The Question Masters will be Maureen and Ken Stanger, who will make it a most enjoyable evening. The quiz will take place in Elphwood Hall in the Cornmill Car

Park, situated behind Waltham Abbey Town Hall. Parking will be free and tickets £8 each. There is no bar, so please bring your own drinks and nibbles. We will hold a raffle and all proceeds will help to pay our Parish bills. Please come and support us, teams of 6 to 8 per table, or help to fill a table. We look forward to seeing you.



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New Parish Lectionaries – A new lectionary will become mandatory for use in all Catholic Parishes in England, Wales and Scotland from Advent 2024. The 4 books which contain new translations of the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments will cost the Parish £700 in total. On the inside cover of each book there will be a donor bookplate to inscribe the names of those who donate to the new books. If you would like donate on behalf of yourself or a loved one, please pass your name and number to the office. One whole book can be donated at a cost of £175, or each can be donated by four separate donors at £43.75 each. Thank you.

100 Club August Winners – 1st Amy Sinfield (97), 2nd Natalie Brown (28), 3rd Danny Palin (45). Please collect your winnings from the church office.

New Readers – If you would like to become a reader at Mass, Bridget Smith will be holding a practice session on Saturday 14th September at 4.30pm. All welcome.

Baptism Preparation – Our next baptism preparation class for parents will be in church, 4-5pm on Saturday 7th September. Any parents planning a baptism between 7th September and the end of the year, please come along, with Godparents if possible.

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 Aniyam.

First Holy Communion 2025 – First Holy Communion Application Forms for 2025 are now available in the entrance of the church. Application forms must be completed on both sides and returned to the Parish Office together with a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate by **Sunday 1st December**. Parental support is crucial during the child's preparation for the Sacraments. If you would like a picture of your child to be displayed on our FHC noticeboard, please bring along a passport-sized photo when submitting your application.

Youth Participation Form – Please complete a youth participation form (one per child) and hand these into the office asap if you are aged 4-17 and haven't already. These can be found on the small table in the church foyer. We will be commencing activities for the young people of our Parish in the Autumn.

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.

Children's Liturgy – All children aged 4-8 are welcome, please note we will restart on 15th September. Come to the church kitchen before Mass and the children will be returned to their parents after the offertory hymn.

C.A. Meetings are as follows: Wednesday / 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. Holy Communion items are now available. Thank you.



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Community Poppy Project - We are looking to create several hand-made poppy displays for the shops and churches of Waltham Abbey for Remembrance 2024. These can be **knitted or crocheted**. If you enjoy crafting and have time to make some poppies, please speak to Di Russell or Denise Allen. There are knitting and crochet patterns in the office which you are welcome to take a copy of. All are invited to take part. More details coming soon.



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

Walsingham House Anniversary Mass: This year marks 60 years since the opening of Walsingham House and 40 years since the first volunteer team took residence. There will be a Mass of Thanksgiving on **Saturday 31st August** at midday celebrated by Bishop Alan in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotwick. Everyone is very welcome to attend with a special invite to those who have been part of the Walsingham House team over the last 40 years. After Mass you are welcome to stay for a picnic in the grounds.

ADoRE Spiritual mini-retreat, 31st August, 10.00-1.00 - "BEAR THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT – our transformed lives will help other people." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Maria Heath. Please register for the Zoom meeting in advance at [//bit.ly/ADOREAUG2024](https://bit.ly/ADOREAUG2024). More information at www.altonrenewal.com/this_month

March for Life Saturday 7th September 2024 - Emmanuel Centre, Westminster, 9-23 Marsham St, London SW1P 3DW, 10.30am talks followed by an afternoon walk of witness. There are many pressing issues in today's society and much suffering in the world but abortion affects the most basic of all rights, the right to life and the most vulnerable of all people, preborn children. Abortion has been sanctioned by our UK government since 1967, and in the past 3 year has become more liberal, which presented to women in difficult situations as healthcare or a solution to their problems. <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/2024-event-page/>

Sunday 8th September, BBQ and Mass for young adults, Our Lady Immaculate, Chelmsford – If you are 18+, having left school, from 1st Sept then you are very welcome to join a group of young adults for a BBQ from 3pm with Mass at 7pm. No need to book, simply come along to meet other young adult Catholics and find out more about upcoming events just for you!

Called and Gifted Teaching Day, Saturday, 14th September, 9am to 4.15pm - At the Most Holy Redeemer Church in Billericay we will be running a "Called and Gifted" teaching day. "Called and Gifted" is a discernment process developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute which enables everyone to understand the gifts and the charisms that God has given to them so that they are able to share these gifts with others. To secure your booking please register your interest before Thursday, 1st August by emailing the Billericay Parish Office at billericay@brcdt.org. If you would like more information about Called & Gifted please visit their website: <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>

Vacancies

Parish Secretary (P/T), St Anthony's, Forest Gate - The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills. The post will be part-time working 25 hours per week with hours planned to suit the requirements of the parish. The salary is dependable on skills and experience. Full job description please see Parish Secretary – Forest Gate at dioceseofbrentwood.net. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV and cover letter by email to hr@brcdt.org. Closing date: 9th September 2024.

Learning Support Assistant Roles – St Alban's Catholic Academy, Harlow, and St John Fisher Catholic Primary, Loughton are both advertising for LSAs. Please see www.ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk.