



## St Thomas More & St Edward Catholic Church

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Priest in Charge Fr Kuriakose Aniyar



The Brentwood Roman Catholic Diocesan Trust Registered Charity No 234092

### Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Vigil Mass of Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> People of the Parish	6.30pm
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mass – Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> People of the Parish	9.30am
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mass</b> <b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b> Maureen Smith (thanksgiving) and Michael Smith (intention)	9.30am
Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mass</b> <b>St Osyth</b> Eliza (special intention)	9.30am
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	<b>No Mass</b>	No Mass
Thur 10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mass</b> Theresa Walstow Intention (Birthday)	9.30am
Fri 11 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mass</b> Carol Keys	9.30am
Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Vigil Mass of Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Sts Ethelburga, Hildelithe and Cuthburga</b> People of the Parish Second collection: Prisoners' Sunday	6.30pm
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mass – Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>Prisons Week</b> People of the Parish Second collection: Prisoners' Sunday	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.

#### Apple Accounting Services Ltd

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**CAFOD's Harvest Family Fast Day Appeal (Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October)** - Our Parish CAFOD representatives will give a short talk about the appeal on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> October. Please use the envelope in church or give online at [//cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://cafod.org.uk/envelope), no matter how small your donation. Please help CAFOD continue to respond to communities facing extreme poverty, injustice and the effects of climate change.

**Garden Volunteers needed, Sat 5<sup>th</sup> October** – We need help to weed and tidy the garden and front path of our church. If you are able to give a little of your time, please just come along on the day. We would also appreciate any plant or shrub contributions. Thank you.



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**October, the month of the Rosary – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct** is the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. We will be saying the Rosary after the 9.30am Mass that day. Remembering in our prayers the Pro-life group being launched in Loughton Parish Church that day. We also say the rosary **every Saturday evening at 6pm before 6.30pm Mass**. All welcome.

**One Million Children Praying the Rosary, 18<sup>th</sup> October** – All over the world, children will be praying the rosary on this day for peace and unity in the World. We invite all young people and children of the parish (and their families) to join us in church at 6pm on this day. There will be support for anyone who is unfamiliar with praying the rosary. Please visit <https://acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying/> for details.

**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.

**Children's Liturgy** – Term time Sundays only. All children aged 4-8 are welcome. Please come to the church kitchen before Mass and the children will return to their parents after the offertory hymn.

**Catechist Training and Resources Day** – If you are working with young people in our Parish (or would like to get involved), there will be a training and resources day for catechists on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 10am-3pm in Brentwood. Please speak to Bridget Smith or Di Russell for further details. This includes children's liturgy, and FHC/confirmation catechists, and those involved with our youth work.

**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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**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.

**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. Christmas 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, Denise Allen or search 'Waltham Abbey Poppy Project' on Facebook to find out more. Poppies can be donated in the library or Tourist Information Office. 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

On **Monday 7 October, 7.15-8.45pm** a Pro Life Group is being launched in the parish of St Edmund and St Thomas More, Loughton. All are very welcome to attend this new group. Please keep this intention in your prayers, greatly appreciated. For further details please contact Paul 07861032174.

**"Enquirers' Evening"** for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 8 October** at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Fr Mark Reilly. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: [vocprom@brcdt.org](mailto:vocprom@brcdt.org)

**'We need to talk about gender: Christian Approaches to challenging questions for changing times' – Tuesday Oct 8th** - The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are hosting a talk by Prof Tina Beattie at New Hall School. The talk, followed by discussion, starts at 7pm on Oct 8th. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm. All are welcome but need to register via the following link: <https://canonesses.co.uk/event/we-need-to-talk-about-gender/>

**Year 13 Retreat - Made for a Purpose: Walsingham House** - A retreat for young people in Yr13, giving them the opportunity to step back and take some time to discern what is next in their lives and what God might be calling them to do. **9th – 11th Oct** (arriving late afternoon and finishing shortly after lunch). For more information and to apply please visit the website: [www.bcys.net/events/year13/](http://www.bcys.net/events/year13/)

**A Day With Mary, Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 October** - (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

**Open House Billericay, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024** – The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on Parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass. Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish. The day will last from 9.30am to 5pm and the cost is £20pp. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

**Baby Loss Remembrance and Support Service, 13th October at 6pm, in Chelmsford Cathedral.** To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: [www.sayinggoodbye.org](http://www.sayinggoodbye.org)

**Maranatha Mass** celebrated by Fr. Paschal Uche, followed by Prayer and Praise, will be held at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX on **Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> October, at 7pm** – all welcome.

**Run Alpha Catholic Context – Romford** - Join the Alpha UK Catholic Context team on **Saturday 9th November, 10am-3.30pm** at St Peter's Catholic Primary School in Romford for a session especially tailored for Catholic parishes to explore Alpha as a tool for evangelisation. The event is free. Please bring a packed lunch, tea and coffee will be provided. For more details, search 'Run Alpha – Catholic Context, Romford Tickets, Sat 9 Nov 2024 at 10:00 on Eventbrite.

## Vacancies

**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](http://www.ourladyoffatimatrust.essex.sch.uk).

**Trinity Catholic High School** - Headteacher, Full time, September 2025. Teacher of French, Full time, January 2025.



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Teacher of English, Full time, October 2024. Cover Supervisor/Admin Asst. Please visit the school's website <https://www.tchs.org.uk/about-us/employment/> for further job information.