



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 19th January 2025

Sat 18th	Rosary Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Vigil Mass of the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Marie Wakeling (RIP) <i>Second collection: Pax Christi</i>	5.30pm 6pm 6.30pm
Sun 19th	Mass - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Peace Day Gloria & Romeo (Health) <i>Second collection: Pax Christi</i>	9.30am
Mon 20th	Mass Father John	9.30am
Tues 21st	Mass St Agnes. Virgin. Martyr. David Smith (Intentions)	9.30am
Wed 22nd	No Mass	No Mass
Thurs 23rd	Mass Jean Baker RIP (Anniversary)	9.30am
Fri 24th	Mass St Frances de Sales. Bishop. Doctor. Father Kuriakose	9.30am
Sat 25th	Rosary Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Vigil Mass of the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Michael Kelly RIP (Anniversary)	5.30pm 6pm 6.30pm
Sun 26th	Mass – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God Angela Bevins RIP	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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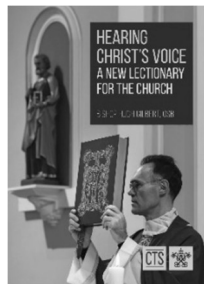
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Church Raffle and Tombola – We made £340 for the maintenance of our church in Waltham Abbey. Thank you to all who supported this fundraiser.

Christmas Donations – Our Christmas donations to Father through the collections made on 24th/25th December 2024 totalled £857.33. Thank you.

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 Aniyam.

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



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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

WHY DO PEOPLE NO LONGER COME TO CHURCH? The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are hosting a talk by Rev Dr Liam Hayes at New Hall School. The talk, followed by discussion, starts at 7pm on Wed Jan 22nd. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm. No cost to attend. All are welcome but need to register via the following link <https://canonesses.co.uk/event/why-do-people-no-longer-go-to-church-wed-22-jan-2025/>

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 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.

Opening the doors to freedom from human trafficking - Thursday 6th February, 7.30pm—9pm via Zoom. The National Justice and Peace Network are delighted to invite you to their first event of this Jubilee Year. Facilitated by Brian O' Toole, who is a member of the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN). At this event you will learn a little more about the insidious issue of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in the UK and importantly what we can do as "Pilgrims of Hope" during this Jubilee Year to help victims of Human Trafficking as we shine a light on this important issue. Please ask in the office for an online link to register your interest to attend.

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.