



ST. MICHAEL'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH EAST HAM



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Diocese of Brentwood

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

1st Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9 **2nd Reading:** Philippians 1:20c-24,27a **Gospel:** Matthew 20: 1-16

Theme: 'Do you begrudge my generosity?'

Mass Book: Page 131

KNOW YOUR FAITH CORNER

Confession: The Power of God's Mercy

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most tender expressions of God's love for His people. In the confessional, we do not stand before a judge waiting for condemnation; we stand before a Father who longs to lift burdens, restore peace, and renew the heart. Confession is not about shame; it is about grace. It is where the weight we have carried, sometimes for years, finally meets the mercy of Christ who says, *"Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest."*

When we confess with sincerity, something profound happens: God heals what is wounded, strengthens what is weak, and rekindles what has grown cold. The sacrament gives us more than forgiveness. It gives us freedom. It gives us a fresh start. It gives us the courage to live again as children of the light. It gives us special grace to avoid sins and occasions of sin. It draws us closer to Jesus.

Many people hesitate because they fear embarrassment or feel unworthy. But the Lord already knows our struggles; He waits not to condemn but to embrace. The priest is simply the instrument, Christ Himself is the one who absolves, comforts, and restores. So, I encourage you to take advantage of this beautiful sacrament so that you too can tap from the fountain of Christ's mercy and graces. **Fr. Jude**

PARISH OFFICE OPENING TIMES : The Parish office is open **Monday to Thursday from 10:00am to 3:00pm and on Friday from 10:00am to 2:00pm**. We recommend that those who have any office business to do should do so only during office hours. If you want to meet with any of the priests, write an email or call the parish office to book an appointment to see the priest

CHURCH OPENING: The Church will now be open everyday from **8:00am to 6:00pm** for private prayer.

FHC 2027: Parents will meet on **Wednesday September 23rd at 7.30pm** in the Church.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please fill in a Mass Offering envelope and return it to the Parish Office or give it to the Priest. There are some envelopes at the back of the Church, in the porch. If your preferred date or time is already taken. Your Mass will be said on the first available day/date. You can also suggest an alternative date on the envelope.

INFANT BAPTISM: Those who wished to have their child or children baptised should please pick up the baptism form, complete it and then return it to the parish office with a copy of the baptism certificate of one of the parents. The parish office will then contact you for other things.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME BEGINS: Our Confirmation programme will be starting soon. Confirmation grants us the fullness of the Holy Spirit to strengthen us for the journey and challenges of life in faith. If you are 14 years old by 31st August 2027 and would like to be confirmed, please write a letter to the Parish Priest, Fr Jude, explaining your wish to be confirmed by Saturday **31st October 2026**. If you want to find out more please speak to Johnny or Leo for more information.

PARISH COUNCIL is meeting on **Wednesday 23 September**. If there is anything you would like to bring to their attention or you have any suggestions for them to consider, please email them to the Parish Office (eastham@brcdt.org) by Wednesday morning so that they can be discussed at the meeting.

ST MARGARET'S CANNING TOWN, wish to invite any former parishioners to the 150th Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in the grounds of St Helens School, Falcon Street, E13 entrance, on **Saturday 26th September** mass begins at 12 noon. Seating is limited so if you would like to sit, we would advise you bring a chair.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS :For those who wish to become altar servers, there will be a registration and training session in the church on **Monday 12 October** from **6:45pm**. This will be the first of two training sessions (the second date will be shared soon). Prospective altar servers must have already received their First Holy Communion and be able to sit still and take instruction. New servers attending must be willing to serve the parish masses on a regular basis. If **prospective servers are aged under 18, parents must also attend, as consent forms are to be completed**. The session will last for approximately one hour.

SECOND COLLECTION: There will be a second collection today for Evangelii Gaudium. As usual, the stewards will hold the second collection bucket at the back of the church.

CONTACTLESS MACHINE: is available for use at the back of the church.

Baptism: Please contact the parish office to get the paperwork. The process takes at least 4 weeks.

Marriage: Couples are required to give 6 months notice of marriage before the wedding. Please contact the parish office to set up a meeting with the parish priest to start the necessary paperwork.

St Bonaventure's School is holding its OPEN EVENING for parents with students in Years 5 and 6 on **Thursday, 1st October at 6 pm**. If you are considering St Bonaventure's for your child, this is a great opportunity to visit the school, meet staff and find out more about life at the school. To register, please complete the form here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/>

ADOREMUS 2026 On **Saturday 10th October at 3pm** there will be a Eucharistic Procession from St George's Cathedral, Southwark to Westminster Cathedral. The Bishops of England and Wales would like to get an idea of how many people will be attending so if you would like to attend please let Fr Daniel know so he can submit numbers.

GIFT Conference **September 19th 9.30am-5pm** at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay Catechists can join this **one-day conference** which explores the GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) model of family catechesis. GIFT re-imagines how parishes can accompany and encourage families in their faith journey and prepare them for the sacraments.

catechists can book a place by following this link:

<https://brushfire.com/divinerenovationministry-uk/GIFTConference/627818>

PARISH FINANCES: You can make a payment into our bank account, either as a one off, by a regular Standing Order or by using the Contactless payments terminal available at the back of the church or by scanning the QR Code. The details are as follows:

Account Name: Catholic Church East Ham St Michaels

Account Number: 31017596

Sort Code: 40-13-22



13th September 2026	Amount £
Offertory Envelops	959.93
Offertory Loose Plate	941.76
Catholic Educ. Society	133.10
Fr. Bob's collection	506.84

Please pray for all who are sick, including:

Fr. Victor Camilleri, Aryia Tony, Andre Scafe, Colin Smyth, Bernadina Santy, Andy Brett, Davey Jose, Cora Bantog, Berthilia Riviere, Anne Flynn, Enzo Zechariah Riley, Gemma Yao, Callista Hudson, Anthony Kearney, Francis Seaman, John Maughan, Maria Ramos, Chidera Harvey, Gillian Pepper, Madonna Beupierre, Ireneo Oreiro, Gilbert Jacob, Jeanette Steele, Mary John, John Peppard, James Towns, Joe Fitzgerald, Ranjith Mendes, Loly Antonio, Louise Simmons, Lassyhani Janahan, Seamus Peppard, Mary Fitzgerald, Natalie Williams, Natalie McCarthy, Thomas John, Myrna Gonzales, Olympia Pahati, Stephen Lavinier, Tom Morgan, Nia La Foucade, Onat Sarmiento, Joy Pereira, Ullrick Scafe, Regina Peppard, Paula Joseph, Veronica Scafe, Bridget Tully, Piper Phelan, Philip Crangle, Bernard Fredrick, Lurdhamma Flinton, Mary Fernandez, Chidindu Amaechi, Rakshiya Ranjithkumar.

Prayer After Receiving Holy Communion

Jesus, I love you.

All I have is yours.

Yours I am, and yours I want to be.

Do with me whatever you will.

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle.

Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and
all other evil spirits
who wander through the world seeking the
ruin of souls. Amen.

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

If you would like the latest newsletter delivered right to your screen every week, simply email eastham@brcdt.org and we will add you to our mailing list.

MASS INTENTIONS & DAILY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Saturday Vigil Mass	19 th Sept.	6.00pm	Goinda Moorroogen	RIP
Sunday 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A Evangelii Gaudium	20 th Sept.	7:30am	Parish Family	Anniv.
		9:00am	Elizabeth Xavier	
		11:00am	Lawrence Flores	Thanksgiving
Monday St. Mathew Ap,Ev	21 st Sept.	9:00am	Alins Gonsalves	Thanksgiving
Tuesday Our lady of Sorrows	22 nd Sept	9:00am	Barbara Raphael	F.M.
Wednesday St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) PrBarb.	23 rd Sept.	9:00am	Alins Gonsalves Aqua Lina	Thanksgiving
Thursday Our Lady of Walsingham	24 th Sept.	9:00am	Kathleen James Pepper	Anniv.
Friday	25 th Sept.	9:00am	Matthew & Rani	Special Int.
Saturday Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil Mass	26 th Sept.	10:00am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacra- ment	
		10:00-10:30am	<i>Confessions</i>	
		10.30am	Benediction	
		10.45 am	Noreen Wallace	Thanksgiving
		6.:00pm	Noreen Wallace	Thanksgiving
Sunday 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	27 th Sept.	7:30am	Parish Family	
		9:00am	Laurencia Roberts	Anniv.
		11:00am	Lawrence Flores	Thanksgiving

CONFESSIONS: , the parish confessional will now be open for use for confessions every Saturdays from 11:00am to 11:45am

Newsletter items received after 12 noon Thursday may not be included that week.