

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR

WALKING HUMBLY WITH OUR GOD

ST EDWARD THE CONFESSOR CATHOLIC CHURCH
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NEW RESIDENT

Welcome, Fr Maria to St Edward's Presbytery!



Synodal listening and reflecting

Our Parish and Cluster continue to review your responses, and the reports submitted in the Diocese and nationally, to promote a listening and synodal Church.



All reports address the need to keep young Catholics engaged, And the need for clergy to work with lay ministers. to include lay ministers and give women a role. The reports highlight the need for the Church to be more welcoming and for parishes to be part of local communities. The Focus Group are to meet in September and will seek the path Bishop David is promoting across the Diocese.

Further update :

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NATIONAL SYNTHESIS – SYNOD UPDATE

Please continue to support your parish and help where you can, complete slip 'Can You Help!'

**“Shake off your dust; rise up”
Isaiah 52:2**

WELCOME!

WELCOME BACK TO OUR MONTHLY NEWS!

We come back with a slightly new look and ready to roll! We have settled into our new Cluster pattern again where Fr Francis and Fr Maria continue to shepherd us with their signature warmth and love for our community. Unfortunately thought this means that the Saturday evening mass at St Edward's is no longer taking place but mass at Christ the Cornerstone at 5.30pm remains if that time is more suited to you. The Cluster Office will also relocate to Christ the King, Kents Hill, with the Open House Session on Mondays still.

SHARING OUR COMMUNITY

PARISH NOTICEBOARD

Do you have news to share with us? We would love to hear from you, be it a special birthday or anniversary that you would like mentioned! Or perhaps you need help with something, and someone in the parish may know the answer. Drop a slip into the swing-bin on the welcome table if you'd like it in the next monthly newsletter.

Our events will begin on 8th October, starting with Bingo Fish 'n' Chips and working our way (can you believe it!) towards Advent and Christmas! More details to come soon!



PARISH LIFE

WHAT'S OCCURING

MUSIC GROUP We are pleased to announce that our weekly evening music practice will resume! All are welcome whatever your level, instrument or voice! You are guaranteed a seat every Sunday so come and say hi to us! Tuesdays 6.00pm.

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR BREDA & MARC
AUCKLAND WHO CELEBRATED THEIR
40TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LAST MONTH!



PRAYER PART DEUX

HOW DO YOU DO IT?

My name is Pauline and I've been attending St. Edwards for a very long time. It's lovely to be part of a welcoming friendly praying community.

We have a Heavenly Father who loves us so much that He is always inviting us to come to Him, to share our lives with Him, our hopes and fears, nothing is too small for Him and nothing too big - He never gets tired of us - He's just waiting to lavish good things on us and to give us opportunities to grow into the people He created us to be. That's fundamentally what prayer is about for me. Responding to that invitation, with the help of the Holy Spirit either with other people or on my own.

I belong to the Lay Community of St. Benedict, a small dispersed Benedictine Community which grew out of Worth Abbey in Sussex.

EVENTS MEETING There will never be enough hands to help so if you fancy getting involved, come along to our Events Meeting where we set goals for the year and come up with new ideas of how to bring our parish together for some fund-raising fun! 14th September 7.00pm.

FRIDAY MORNINGS Every Friday morning, tea/coffee and a natter are on offer for all. 11.00am.

SHEILA'S SOUP Every first Friday of the month. 2nd September 12.00-1.30pm.

We pray together six times a day on line, (we attend as many as our circumstances allow) and in the morning, evening and night time we use the Divine Office, the ancient way of praying regularly, passed down through the monasteries, which is a beautiful way for us to feel part of the Universal Church journeying towards God together. We also pray using Scripture in a way called Lectio Divina, which I'm sure lots of you will have heard of. It means "Divine Reading" - God reads us and we read God. This is a Spirit-led meditation on a Scripture passage where we allow ourselves to be open and changed as we read, pray, meditate and finally rest with our text seeking the message that God has for us at that time, in that place and in those circumstances. For me, it is a really special way to be with Jesus, Who is the Word, to grow closer to Him, and to learn more about Him and His purposes for my life.

I love to go to Mass too - the day seems different when I can and there's always something in the readings or homily to feed me or else something happens, or I see someone and I say "Ahh, so THAT'S why You wanted me to be there today Lord!"

I also love to attend praise and worship groups like Praisefest at Our Lady of Lourdes, worshiping together and sharing testimonies of how God is working in our lives increases my faith and encourages me to trust more and more.

I also love those times, especially first thing in the morning, when I can pray, study and read quietly - I find silence really helpful too.

CHINESE MID AUTUMN FESTIVAL

For over 3000 years, every year Chinese people all over the world celebrate this second most important festival, the first being Chinese New Year. Its origins are from worshipping the Moon but now it encompasses time for family reunions, a sort of Thanksgiving. CCMK invite the Cluster to come share and celebrate this year on 10th September! Registration for celebrations and dinner tickets (£10). We look forward to seeing you!

Please email ccmk.uk@gmail.com

I have some Apps which help me in prayer and meditation. The first one is the Amen app from the Augustine Institute, an American foundation committed to the New Evangelisation. It has commentary on the daily Mass readings, traditional prayers and meditations for all manner of situations, audio books (at present I'm listening to "An Invitation to the Devout Life" by St. Francis de Sales) and opportunities for journaling. I love the Bible in a Year App too, with Fr. Mike Schmitz, - I'm trying to keep up though the year is whizzing by! Thirdly, when I am away and my routine is different, I like to use the Lectio 365 App. Here there is a simple morning and evening devotion, which follow a similar format to morning prayer and compline (the last office of the day) in the Divine Office. This comes from a Free Church background, so we hear about some of the giants of other Christian denominations and their words of wisdom although Catholic Saints are also well represented.

I try to remember that Jesus is always with me - He promised that He would never leave us - and so I do my best to keep in touch with Him throughout the day - offering people and situations to Him as they come to mind and asking for graces and protection and thanking and praising Him whatever happens. I also ask for Mother Mary's intercession too - Like her Son, our Heavenly Mother is always there for us, leading us to Him. Pauline Gray

Jesus I Trust in You

