

MASS TIMES

Sat 17th Dec

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 18th Dec

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Mon 19th Dec

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tues 20th Dec

(StD) 9.30am:

Wed 21st Dec

(MHR) 9.30am:

Thurs 22nd Dec

(StD) 9.30am:

Fri 23rd Dec

(MHR) 9.30am:

Sat 24th Dec

(EVENING)

(MHR) 4.00pm:

(MHR) 6.00pm:

(MHR) 10.00pm:

Sun 25th Dec

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am

MASS INTENTION

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (A)

People Of The Parish

Tony Grant Late Vocation to the Priesthood, Wales - Anne - Marie Laffey
Vocation to Priesthood & Religious Life - Knights of St. Columba

FERIA

Joanne Elizabeth McCann (RIP) - Mum, Dad, Chris & Andrew
Ann Adams (RIP) 20th Aniv - Colin, Linda, Chris & Andrew Miles

FERIA

John Arthur Charles Farley (RIP) - Jean Rayner

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NO MASS

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Hannah Anozia

FERIA

Jim Scully - Bernard & Theresa Gorman

Christmas Day

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Brian Angel, Jason Angel, Rita Bracher, Christine, Deborah DiMoriaku, Stacey Doyle, Mary Eckett, Louise Flores, G. Golding, Tania Kavanagh, Daniel Kelleher, Karen Kennedy, Billy Kosedá, Luke, Madeleine, Eileen McGeown, Graham McGeown, Marjorie McHugh, Geraldine McStravick, Susan Newman, , Dee Skene, William Taylor, Tony Tyres, June Warrington, Eileen Lacey, Andrew White, Lynsey Mitchell, Elsie Pridmore, John Barry, Trish Connolly, Fran Manderson, Fr Jean-Laurent Marie, Veronica & John Campling, Sarah Harding, Claire Monkcom, Andy and Doreen, Nadia Bolton, Donna McKearney, Tina Perotti, Brenda White., Ann Carr, John Delander.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Anthony Camelo, Joseph Synpas, Martin Kelly, Nellie Newman, William Hunt, Jim Morton, Lil Wells, Harry Stickles, Helena O'Connor, Nora Berrigan, Michael Waters. Fr. A. Madden. Eileen Brown, Ernest Callaghan, Eugene Riordan, Fr. William Guinevan, Maureen Barrow, Bridie Stanton, Anne Treacy, Peter McCormack, Ann Slater, William O'Connell, Hannie Greensmith, Frederick Carr, John Doherty, Joseph Vasey, Len Rider, Bishop Brian Foley, Elizabeth Warren, Mrs Elizabeth McCartney, Allan Norman Grant. Patrick Jennings.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and St Dominic's Catholic Church



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT [A]

18TH DECEMBER 2022

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14

Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24



Christmas is upon us: yet are we ready? Christmas we are told is a time for fun, a time for peace, and time for rejoicing. Yet for many of us it is a time of stress and extra work to get done every-thing that needs to be done. A time when we are fearful that the children won't be disappointed or that there won't be tension in relationships or there won't be a breakdown in the ceasefire with the in-laws. And on top of all this there is a feeling of guilt for feeling like this when we should be rejoicing. So we can look on our meal this morning as time-out from all this stress. Jesus comes to us because he loves us, not because we have worked to bring him here or are ready for him. He comes among us now and offers us rest and forgiveness and peace. He invites us to share his table, the table he has prepared for us, and to rejoice and relax at that table, for it is the table of his **LOVE**.



Please switch off, or silence, mobile phones.



As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those who may wish to pray quietly. Before Mass, try to keep conversation to a minimum and avoid behaviour which could distract others.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL CHILDREN'S MASS at 4pm and 6pm. All Children are most welcome to come along to this particular Mass dressed in Nativity costumes, Angels and Christmas jumpers of all kinds to add to our celebration.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS - We will continue our tradition of Christmas Carol sung in various languages. For those who like to join us singing your own language please contact Fr Joseph after Mass. 1st verse of Silent Night and Holy Night will be sung only. I quick rehearsal an hour before Christmas Eve Vigil Mass for Children & Families on Saturday 24th at 5.30pm for 6pm Mass. All are welcome.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS to be arranged on **Friday 23rd December** at 11.30am. Come and help prepare the Church (MHR) for Christmas. All welcome. Theresa. Thank you.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE- On **Friday 23rd December 5pm**. All families welcome at The Most Holy Redeemer's Church (Main hall called St George's Hall).

CLEAN ALBS! - Altar Servers please take your Albs home this weekend to be washed and ironed then returned ready for Christmas Celebration. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS- there will be a special Mass on St Stephen's Day, Monday 26th December, 10.30am at The Most Holy Redeemer Church for all altar servers boys and girls who have served more than a year. This year we have 15 of our servers from Most Holy Redeemer and St Dominic's Parish will be inducted into the Guild of St Stephen.

We offer them all our congratulations to Cassandra, Kayden, Jason, Joshua, Zeyla, Zerizol, Ethan, Cassandra, Elyse, Adeife, Stephanie, Bethany, Elise, Molly and thank you for their outstanding service to the liturgy throughout the year. Please could the servers arrive at 10.00am for brief rehearsal.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES - The 2023 Brentwood Diocesan Directory are available in the church porch for the price of £2.95.

THE CHRISTMAS GOSPELS - From 17th December we read the stories of Christmas from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke at Mass. Fr Adrian Graffy has prepared a three-part video recording on these 'Christmas Gospels'. Simply visit www.whatgoodnews.org and go to 'Faith Talks'.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES 2023 - Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23rd – 30th July 2023! The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, and for those travelling with the BCYS, the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, the chance to visit the baths, a trip to a UNESCO World Heritage site, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above, all information and details on how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl23

HELP & ADVICE from Havering. As the cost of living continues to rise across the country, the Council know that residents are feeling the pinch this winter. The Council have created a one-stop-shop for all of the support that may be out there for residents this winter and beyond. <https://www.havering.gov.uk/financialadvice>.

JOIN NOW FOR THE HOLY REDEEMER & ST DOMINIC GRAND DRAW 2023 - It is easy for anyone to join in, just fill in the simple form enclosed and hand to either Fr Joseph, Liz Hill or Theresa Murray (extra forms are available at the back of the Church). It costs only £2.00 per month per number. You can have more than one number. You can pay by cash, cheque or standing order. **An ideal Christmas present too!** Why not give a draw number for a Christmas present? **The weekly Bonus Ball and Monthly Parish Draw are excellent ways of supporting your Parish - with a chance to win some cash back!** Finally, thank you all for participating in our Grand Draw - it makes a valuable contribution to our much needed funds.

EXISTING MEMBERS - PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE PAID UP TO DATE . Thank you all for your continued support in our Holy Redeemer & St Dominic's Church Grand Draw.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023 - The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. Details regarding booking and costs will follow soon.

FREE JESSE TREE BOOKLET FOR FAMILIES - The Jesse Tree is a wonderful resource for families to prepare for Christmas during Advent, telling the story of God's unfolding plan of salvation through the ancestors of Jesus Christ. A free, printable Jesse Tree booklet containing daily short scripture passages, simple reflections and prayers, as well as tree ornaments are available for all families in the Diocese of Brentwood by following this link: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriagefamily-life/family-life/ .

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS - Twice a year at Christmas and Easter time the Offertory collection is your personal gift to Fr Joseph. The donation given forms a major part of his remuneration for the year.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass for Children & Families: Sat 24th at 4.00pm (MHR) & 6pm (MHR)

Children are welcome to wear any nativity costumes at these Masses

Sing - a -Long Christmas Carols: Sat 24th at 9.30pm (MHR) followed by **Midnight Mass** 10.00pm

Christmas Day Masses: Sun 25th Dec at 9am (StD) and 11am (MHR)

St Stephen, The First Martyr: Mon 26th Dec at 10.30am (MHR)

St John, Ap. Evangelist: Tuesday 27th Dec at 10.00am (StD)

The Holy Innocents: Wednesday 28th Dec at 10.00am (MHR)

St Thomas of Caterbury, Bp M: Thursday 29th Dec at 10.00 (StD)

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph: Fri 30th Dec at 10.00am (MHR)

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 14th December 2022 Bonus Ball: No 06 Winner: 'Tony Rayner' £25

Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes.