

MASS TIMES

Sat 2nd December

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 3rd December

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Mon 4th December

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 11.30am:

Tues 5th December

(StD) 9.30am:

Wed 6th December

(MHR) 9.30 am:

Thurs 7th December

(StD) 9.30am:

Fri 8th December

(MHR) 9.30am:

Sat 9th December

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 10th December

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Morning Prayer : Before Mass 9.15am on Mon - Fri after Morning Mass Rosary (MHR) & Tues and Thurs after Morning Mass (StD) Confession: at MHR (by request)

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH AND HOUSEBOUND

Brian Angel, Jason Angel, Rita Bracher, Christine, Deborah DiMoriaku, Stacey Doyle, Mary Eckett, Sean Eckett, Louise Flores, G. Golding, Tania Kavanagh, Daniel Kelleher, Karen Kennedy, Billy Kosed, Luke, Madeleine, Charlotte Massey, Eileen McGeown, Graham McGeown, Geraldine McStravick, Susan Newman, Elsie Pridemore, Dee Skene, William Taylor, Tony Tyres, June Warrington, Eileen Lacey, Andrew White, Lynsey Mitchell, John Barry, Trish Connolly, Fran Manderson,, Veronica & John Campling, Sarah Harding, Claire Monkcom, Andy & Doreen, Nadia Bolton, Donna McKeamey, Tina Perotti, Brenda White, Ann Carr, Janet O'Brien , Jacqueline Pears and Steve Stripe, Paul Singleton, Mary Boyle, Tom Green, Val Kelleher, Nicky Burgess, Eve Lawrence, Sue Edwards, Stephanie Bedding, Ken Page.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Kathleen Connelly, Margherita Perotti, Ellen Balfe, Gladys Bardill, Sharon Heckmann, John Cross, Fr. Brian Drea, Vincent Pisani, Fr. Michael Healy, Charles Martin. Sr. Scolastica Kelly (Monica), Fr. Bernard Pownall, David O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, Joseph Dunford, Arthur Terrington, Marion Morgan, Vincent Pisani, Carol Ann Joyce, Anthony Doherty, Ellen Jean Pink, Dick Allwinkle, Ann Adams.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

MASS INTENTION

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Eve Lawrence - Mum & Dad

People Of The Parish

Thanksgiving Ezugwu Family

ST JOHN DAMASCENE PR D

NO MASS

Funeral Mass of Ray Storrar RIP

FERIA

Hilda Power RIP - F/M

ST NICHOLAS, BP

NO MASS

ST AMBROSE, BP, D

Mrs Eufemia Abardies RIP - Pille-Lickfold & Guevarra Family

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Theresa & Patrick - Margaret V

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)

Ann Adams RIP - Colin & Linda Miles

Nicolina Stivala RIP - Whayling Family

People Of The Parish

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

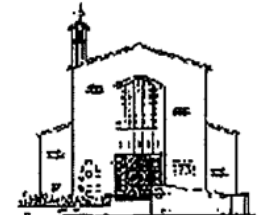


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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT [B]

3rd December 2023

First Reading: Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Gospel: Mark 13:33-37



The First Readings of the Advent Sunday from Isaiah are concerned with the Messiah and the messianic times. Isaiah kept the hopes of the people alive in very dark times. In today's reading we have the theme of universal peace and salvation. The Gospel and the Second Reading deal with the Lord's second coming, which the first Christians believed was imminent. Both readings convey a sense of urgency through phrases such as, 'Wake up', 'Stay awake', 'Stand ready'. Jesus urges us to stay awake, to be on our guard, to be on the watch. We have nothing to fear and everything to gain from answering Advent's wake-up call.



CHRISTMAS MARKET - Huge thank you to all who helped and supported the market in anyway. We raised approx. £3051.05 !, still more money to arrive in. We are expecting further two thousand pounds from our two Parishioners who are making this possible. Once again we extend

our gratitude and appreciation for the generous contribution made by Barclay's Bank .

RAFFLE WINNERS -See list on the **Notice Board at the back of the church for Raffle Winners. Message from Theresa...** "A great big thank you for a special team effort this year. Also, for all who helped in co-ordinating setting up of the hall. It was a great success, especially the Stalls and Raffles. Big thank you to all who helped and supported us in every way. This event is about bringing the community together for a lovely day with a great atmosphere"

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION - There will be a second Collection this **SUNDAY** for **WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY** at all Masses. Thank you for your continued support.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY on **Friday 8th December** celebrates the fact that Mary was conceived without sin: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2024 are available at the back of the church priced **£2.95**. This is a most helpful directory to have with details of all parishes, priests and support structures in the Diocese as well as the liturgical calendar.

DATES FOR SVP MEETINGS-Our next meeting will be on **Monday 11th December** in St. Dominic's small hall at 4.30pm . Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS-On Saturday 23rd December at 11.30am. Come and help prepare the Church (MHR) for Christmas celebration. All are welcome.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE- On Friday 22nd December at 5pm. All families welcome at The Most Holy Redeemer' Church main hall called St. Georges Hall. Would you please bring food for the local food bank. See Theresa for further information.

REFERENCES FOR WORK AND OTHER POSITIONS - Fr Joseph has many requests for references which he is happy to write for people that he knows. However, it is not helpful to mention to him in passing that you have given his name as a referee or for him to receive unexpected reference requests. Therefore, before you give his name as a referee, please make an appointment to meet with Fr Joseph to discuss the position you are applying for and the nature of the reference required.

SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL CARE AT THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL - If anybody is going into The Queen's Hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from one of the team, please contact Helen Miranda on 01708 477890. If you want to see a priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) or the Sacrament of the Sick, the ward staff should be able to page the Duty Catholic Chaplain to arrange for him to visit you.

ADVANCE NOTICE- There will be **NO MASS** at 9.30am (**MHR**) on Monday 4th December due to funeral service of Ray Storrar taking place at 11.30am.

RECENT DEATH - **Ray Storrar** age 79 passed away peacefully in Queens Hospital on Sunday 5th November. His funeral will be held at **Most Holy Redeemer Church this Monday 4th December at 11.30am** followed by **Private Family Burial** at Corbetts Tey ,Upminster at **1.30pm**. May he rest in peace. Please remember Denise and her family and friends in your prayers during this sad time.

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHIS AND YOUTH MINISTRY -is an online course is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. For more information or to register your interest please email clairebailey@brocdt.org or see the website <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/>

INTERIM CO-ORDINATOR FOR THE PARISH CENTRE -The role of Interim Parish Centre Co-ordinator is essential to help the smooth beginning and running of the new facilities, for the first year of operation. Hours: 7 hours per week. (Including some unsociable hours) Note: There is potential for the number of hours to grow during the year). Start Date: January 2024, Salary- £11.95 per hour. Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to frdominic@brocdt.org. Closing date for applications is noon on 8th December 2023.

SILENT WEEKEND RETREAT FRI 8TH - SUN 10TH DECEMBER- Organised by Allegra Mutanda. Venue: Sion Community, Brentwood. Our theme focuses on the need to learnt the 'art' of being still and at rest in the midst of a busy and noisy society. Guest speaker: Grace Nowakowska, full-time lay missionary member of Sion Community. This silent weekend retreat during Advent offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, spiritual guidance & prayer ministry included. For more information or to book, visit <https://sioncommunity.org.uk/adults/> or email allegra.mutanda@gmail.com.

THE DIVINE MERCY -The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Advent Reflection 2023 at the Church of Mary Mother of God 192 Nags Head Road, Ponders End, Enfield EN3 7AR on Saturday 16 December 2023 from 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm led by the Marian Fathers. The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All Welcome. Please call millie on 07957594646 for more information. Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 7th April 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 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 & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or Email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass for Children & Families:

Sun 24th at 5.00pm

Sing - a -Long Christmas Carols: Sun 24th at

10.00pm

followed by **Midnight Mass**

Christmas Day Masses: Mon 25th Dec at 9am and

11am

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 29th November 2023 Bonus Ball No: 13 Winner: ' Norman Salcedo ' £50

Congratulations to winners and thank you for supporting your Parishes.