

MASS TIMES

Sat 30th December

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 31st December

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Mon 1st January

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tues 2nd January

(StD) 9.30am:

(StD) 4.30pm:

Wed 3rd January

(MHR) 9.30 am:

(StD) 11.00am:

Thurs 4th January

(StD) 9.30am:

Fri 5th January

(MHR) 9.30am:

Sat 6th January

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 7th January

(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 Kosedo, 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 McKearney, 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, Patrick Murray.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Andy McCormack, Julia Denton-Cox, Francis O'Brien, Fr. Brian Reeves, Reginald Napper, James Quinn, Mrs Winifred Carter, Mr Patrick Riely, Andrew Manning, Catherine Spain, Joe Walsh, Kathleen Jarvis, Timmy Crowley, Mary Hedderman, Alf Saltman, Gladys Lyons, Catherine Moore, Edward Gough, Wilfred Nathan Rozier, Norma Russell, Regina Maria Lavall, Michael Doherty, Rose Redgrave, Edward John Lynn, Michael Hedderman, Bill Baker, Canon Patrick McKenna, Mary Piggin, Patrick Gorman, James Reilly, Vi Fitzgerald, Helen Savage, Fr. Francis Heenan, Kathleen Mary Clayton, Charlie Camelo, Nora Moran, Vincent Fitzgerald, Alfred Barber, Thomas Sullivan, Patrick King

MASS INTENTION

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (B)

Val Kelleher - Bert & Brenda

Luca RIP - Sheila Delander

People of The Parish

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD (B)

Ray Storrar RIP - Theresa & Patrick

Ss BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, Bpp, Dd (B)

Mr Raphael Anah Healing

Reception of the Body Sarah Ann Fernandes RIP

FERIA OF CHRISTMAS TIME

NO MASS

Funeral Mass of Sarah Ann Fernandes RIP

FERIA OF CHRISTMAS TIME (B)

Mary Keighrey Good Health - E.Lacey

FERIA OF CHRISTMAS TIME (B)

Charlie Camelo RIP - Family

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (B)

People of The Parish

Harriet Reid - Reid Family

Emanuel Da Costa Birthday - Mum & Dad

Thomas Casey RIP - Casey Family

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

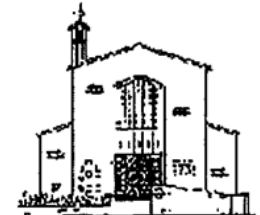


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The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary And Joseph (B)

31st December 2023

First Reading: *Ecc 3:2-6,12-14* **Second Reading:** *Col 3:12-21* **Gospel:** *Luke 2:22-40*



My 2024 New Year's Wish for you:

12 months of HAPPINESS,

52 weeks of FUN & LAUGHTER,

365 days of SUCCESS,

8,760 hours of GOOD HEALTH,

525,600 minutes of BLESSINGS

&

31,536,00 seconds JOY.

AMEN

HAVE A BLESSED & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2024

Christmas is, above all, a family feast and while our thoughts are still centred on Bethlehem and the Holy Family, the readings of today's liturgy deal with various aspects of family life. Speaking about the Holy Family may be somewhat off-putting as our own home may be a far cry from this loving ideal.

Let us not forget that Mary and Joseph, like any other parents, had their own problems and difficulties to face. From the very beginning, the child they loved and cherished was a mystery to Mary and Joseph and as he grew up under their protection all they could do was to place their trust in God. We must do the same. The family is as old as humankind and has survived because it is built on the strong foundation of love. We may not be able to change many things in the world but our influence does extend over our homes and our own family.

Family, life never runs smoothly and today it is more difficult and trying than ever before. On this feast of the Holy Family, we ask Mary and Joseph to make our families pleasing to God, to be the heart and centre of every home throughout the world.



I would like to thank you all for your kindness and support over the Christmas period. So many people have been involved in preparing the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer and St Dominic's Church for the great feast of Christmas. A small army of cleaners, flower arrangers, brass polishers, candle stand cleaners have all contributed to making the Churches look their very best. Thank you to all who helped with the cribs, Christmas trees and the decoration of the Churches. Thanks to the Altar Servers and helpers for making our celebrations run so smoothly and reverently. Thank you to all our Organist, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, folk-group, guitarists who contributed in any way to make our Christmas celebrations such a memorable, spiritual and so joyful occasion.

My Special thanks also to Trina & family who came to help and support me to provide us music and singing for the Midnight Mass.

My special thanks to all Parishioners for the Christmas offerings, Cards with messages of support and gifts that you so generously have given it is greatly appreciated.

CRIB COLLECTIONS - In each of our Parish Churches at Christmas, a crib scene depicting the Nativity helps us to focus on the Incarnation of Christ and His love for the whole of humanity. Traditionally, a collection in aid of Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has been associated with these crib scenes. The collection will be donated to support for our diocesan children's charity. Thank you for your support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - there will be a meeting for **PARENT'S ONLY** on Thursday 11th January 2024 at 7pm Most Holy Redeemer Church in St. Anthony's hall. Please bring a passport size photo of your child, a copy of their Baptism Certificate (**IF NOT ALREADY HANDED IN**) and the registration Fee of £25. If you have any financial difficulty please do not hesitate to let Paula know after the meeting.

GIRLS'S CLUB - Girl's Club will re open on **Friday 12th January 2024**.

JOIN NOW FOR THE 2024 DRAWS - 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.

RECENT DEATH - Sarah Ann Fernandes RIP, aged 73yrs of Athelstan Road sadly passed away on Sunday 10th Dec 23. The reception of the body into St Dominic's Tuesday 2nd Jan at 4.30pm and Funeral Mass on Wednesday 3rd Jan at 11am followed by burial at Upminster Cemetery 12.30 pm. Canon Fernandes her nephew will officiate the funeral. **May she rest in peace.**

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT - Saturday 6th January 2024 A full day retreat for those aged 18 - 27 (having left school), at our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House at Abbots Wick. Explore your faith, be inspired to put your faith into action, learn, ask questions and pray, all with other young adults. There is a small cost of just £10 to cover the day, with lunch and refreshments provided. For more information and to apply, please visit www.bcys.net/events/youngadults/

RETOUVAILLE - A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages Help Your Marriage - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - The SVP are looking for volunteers willing to help children put their faith into action. **Could this be you?** The St Vincent de Paul Society have primary school groups called Mini Vinnies, and volunteers would support teachers or youth leaders wishing to start a group in their school or parish. They will talk to children about how they can make a difference to those living in poverty and share resources to support the group. The role is flexible but does need people with some availability during school hours (at least 2 mornings or afternoons per month) who are willing to travel within the diocese (all costs are covered). If you are passionate about helping children discover how they can make a difference in their communities, please email Sarah for more information on youngvincentians@svp.org.uk. You do not have to have previous experience of working with children as all training will be given. Our next initial training day is on Tuesday 27th February 2024.

HELP AND ADVICE FROM HAVERING - Havering recognises that as the cost of living continues to rise across the country, our residents are going to be feeling the pinch this winter. The Council's new [cost of living online hub](#) brings together all of the support available to residents - from financial help with food and energy bills to free school holiday meals and mental health. The website contains links to the Havering Helps assistance scheme, details of warm spaces, council tax support, debt management services, energy grants, food banks and community hubs, as well as online benefits calculators so residents can be sure they're receiving all the support they are entitled to.

CHILD AND FAMILY COUNSELLING SERVICE - Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) offers therapeutic support directly to children, young people, families and parents through their Child and Family Counselling Service (CFCS) located in their centre in Billericay. Their CFCS team consists of several experienced and highly qualified therapists working in specially adapted therapy rooms. Families can contact BCCS directly by emailing Donna Booth dbooth@bccs.org.uk who will outline the type of support that will be provided for them or their child. There is a charge for this service, but they urge any families needing support to contact them. More information is available on their website: www.bccs.org.uk

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 27th December 2023 Bonus Ball No: 42 'F.Rayner' £25

Congratulations to winners and thank you for supporting your Parishes.