

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS
17th February - 25th February 2024

Sat 17th February

(MHR) 6.30pm:

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (B)

People Of The Parish

Sun 18th February

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Norah Moran RIP - Sheila Delander

Abraka Family Intentions

Mon 19th February

(MHR) 9.30am:

MONDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Eileen Crannell RIP – Sheila Delander

Tues 20th February

(StD) 9.30am:

TUESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Jonivaldo Da Costa Birthday– Mum & Dad

Wed 21st February

(STD) 9.30 am:

WEDNESDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

No Mass

Thurs 22nd February

(StD) 9.30am:

THE CHAIR OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

Fr. Joseph Intentions - Jason Angel

Fri 23rd February

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

(MHR) 10.30am:

(STD) 7.00pm:

FRIDAY OF THE FIRST WEEK OF LENT

Margaret Shallow RIP 10th Aniv - John & Family

Stations Of The Cross

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Stations Of The Cross

Sat 24th February

(MHR) 6.30pm:

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

Theresa - Margherita & James

Sun 25th February

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

People Of The Parish

Kathleen Ward

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 Koseda, 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, Sheila Murphy.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME

Fr. John Joyce, Kathleen Winford, Thomas Neville, Peggy Pritchard, Anne Patricia Evans, Joe Harrington, Fr. Thomas O'Connor, Fr. Archibald O'Brien, Patrick Fitzgerald, Henry Burland, Deirdre (Dee) Talbot, Ellen Wilkinson, Dorothy Rose Garey, Deacon Sidney Lewis, Hazel Gwen McNamara, Frank Kelly, Therese Louisa Marie Stancombe, Leo Fackler, Joseph Harrington, Thomas Jones, Margaret Shalloe, Maria Fackler, George Arthur John Kempshall, Canon Aloysius Roche, Betty Quinn, Elizabeth Buckley, Andy Morton.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

18th February 2024

First Reading: Genesis 9:8 – 15 **Second Reading:** 1st letter of St Peter 3:18 - 22 **Gospel:** Mark 1:12 – 15

The primary purpose of Lent is to prepare us for the celebration of Jesus' death and Resurrection. The second purpose is to bring us to renew our Baptismal promises of rejecting Satan and accepting Jesus as our Lord and Savior, allowing him to rule our lives. Both these aims demand purification of minds and hearts. The Church tries to achieve this goal by leading her children to a *metanoia* or true "repentance," and by renewal of life through Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving, Self-Control, and practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

During this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by talking to God, by listening to Him speaking to us though the Holy Bible, and by practicing self-control to subdue our evil tendencies.

Let us convert Lent into a time for spiritual growth and Christian maturity by a) participating in the Mass each day, or at least a few days in the week; b) setting aside some part of our day for personal prayer; c) reading some Scripture, alone or, better still, with others or better still to join our parish prayer group at St Dominic's parish hall on Thursday from 7pm to 8pm. d) setting aside some money we might spend on ourselves for meals, entertainment, or clothes and giving it to an organization which takes care of the less fortunate in our society; e) abstaining from smoking, gambling, alcohol, and other evil addictions; f) receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Lent and participating in the "Stations of the Cross" on Fridays; g) visiting the sick and those in nursing homes, and h) doing some acts of charity, kindness, and mercy every day in the Lent. So let us use Lent to fight daily against the evil within us and around us by practicing self-control, relying on the power of prayer, and seeking the assistance and the daily anointing of the Holy Spirit.

BIG HEARTFELT THANKS - Donation received from Barclays Bank of £2,000 with the assistance of our two parishioners **Sam Fernandes** and **Louise Beere** who generously matched the total of Christmas raffle tickets sold for the Christmas Market in 2023. This is wonderful news!!! Thank you for your time and your kind assistance in helping the Parish to receive such a generous donation.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION - The total amount collected for Lourdes & Sick Helpers Pilgrimage Fund last Sunday was **£138.90**. MHR raised £70.28 and StD £68.62 Thank you for your kind generosity.

FRIDAY'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS - There will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at MHR after 9.30am Mass. Every Friday **evenings** at **St. Dominic's Church at 7pm** there will be Stations of the Cross led by Sr. Imelda and Sr. Evelyn. All are Welcome.

ST DOMINIC'S PRAYER GROUP - Will continue this Thursday as usual from 7.00pm to 8.00pm at St. Dominic's Parish Hall. Sr. Imelda will lead the prayer sessions. Please bring along your bible. Every one is welcome to join us for prayer and praise.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - There will be no session this **Thursday 22nd February** due to half term will resume on **Thursday 29th February**.

EASTER RAFFLE PRIZES - We are looking for donations of Easter Eggs, Cuddly Rabbits, and Raffle Prizes. See Theresa for further information. Thank You for continued support.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS - Tickets on sale from **Saturday 24th February**, £1 a strip. Draw to take place on Easter Sunday. See Theresa for tickets.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS - First Holy Communion children and families to join us for the Stations of the Cross for children on **Good Friday 29th March**. This solemn and meaningful tradition is a special way to reflect on the journey of Jesus to his Crucifixion and Death. **Please arrive by 10.15am**. This will be followed by refreshments with arts and crafts in the Parish Hall.

GIRL'S CLUB - Girl's Club will re open on Friday 1st March.

EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH - Come along and join us on Easter Sunday after 11am Mass. Coffee morning will be available and also an Easter Raffle will be drawn. There will be activities for the children Easter Bonnets and Games at the Most Holy Redeemer. See Theresa if you are available to help. All are Welcome.

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.

MARANATHA - On Thursday 22nd February, Fr. Paschal Uche will be celebrating Mass followed by Prayer and Praise at 7 p.m. at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX.

BCCS 40th ANNIVERSARY MASS: The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society warmly invite you to attend our Anniversary Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan, on Friday 14th June at the Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Billericay at 6pm.

RECENT DEATH - Ettore John Capocci RIP, aged 88 years of Colne Drive, Harold Hill sadly passed away at Queens Hospital on Tuesday 6th February. His Requiem Mass will be held at **Most Holy Redeemer Church** on **Thursday 29th February** at **11am** followed by burial at Upminster Cemetery at **12.30 pm**. May he rest in peace. Please remember Angela and his family and friends in your prayers.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES - Summer 2024 Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). To book, please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: kathrynyoung@mail.com

CONCERT FOR ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP: Come and enjoy an exciting variety show of music and entertainment, to raise money for the camp, which provides holidays for over 100 children. The camp is restarting in 2024, under the umbrella of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood. The fundraising concert is on **Saturday 13th April 2024 - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Wine and refreshments included.** Adult tickets £10; children £5. Bookings by phone: 07957382592. Online bookings and more details: www.boscocamp.co.uk/events

VOLUNTEER AT THE ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP- from 27th July – 3rd August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply. Details: www.boscocamp.co.uk

VACANCY APPRENTICESHIPS AT WALSINGHAM HOUSE: Walsingham House are offering a two year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary's University, Twickenham. For more information please email clairebailey@brcdt.org or visit the website www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/

A FIRE IN MY HEART - On Saturday 3rd February, to celebrate 50 years of priesthood, Fr Adrian Graffy held a Conversation with some friends who are biblical scholars about their common love of the Bible. These included Carlos Castillo, archbishop of Lima, Peru, and Nuria Calduch-Benages, secretary of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, on which Fr Adrian also serves. The edited programme of the Conversation is now available free of charge by going to the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR LENT - Commentary on every Scripture reading from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, is available free of charge on www.whatgoodnews.org Click on 'Scripture Readings' and 'Lent Readings'. The commentaries are also available in book form from Darton, Longman and Todd www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk

SJOG HOMES FOR UKRAINE- As an official provider of the government scheme, SJOG Homes for Ukraine acts as a matching, training, and support pathway for guests from Ukraine and hosts in the UK who are willing to provide much-needed support. Our programme operates collaboratively with the esteemed Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN). At SJOG Homes for Ukraine, we offer a range of services to ensure fulfilling experience for both guests and hosts. These services include matching, training for hosts and guests, transportation assistance, a Welcome Box for Ukrainian guests upon arrival, and support during the placement. **More information on the project can be found at the following links**, E-mail: homesforukraine@sjog.org.uk, Facebook: [facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine](https://www.facebook.com/sjoghomesforukraine), YouTube: [youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine](https://www.youtube.com/@sjoghomesforukraine), Website: <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk>

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 14th February 2024 Bonus Ball No: 24 'Roll Over' £25

Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes.

Please note: there is 1 Bonus Ball Sheet per week and we will run a "rollover" system