

**MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Saturday 16th March - Sunday 24th March 2024**

**Sat 16th March**

(MHR) 6.30pm:

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

Friends of MHR & STD Parishioners Thanksgiving-Val Kelleher

**Sun 17th March**

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

People of the Parish

Eugene Abraka Thanksgiving- Mum & Dad.

**Mon 18th March**

(MHR) 9.30am:

**MONDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**

Marget Burke

**Tues 19th March**

(StD) 9.30am:

**St. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Peter Liao RIP – Cecilia

**Wed 20th March**

(MHR) 9.30 am:

**WEDNESDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**

No Mass

**Thurs 21st March**

(Std) 9.30am:

**THURSDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**

Paula & Bryan Good Health

**Fri 22nd March**

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

(MHR) 10.30am:

(STD) 7.00pm:

**FRIDAY OF THE FIFTH WEEK OF LENT**

Ray Storrar RIP-Denise

Stations Of The Cross

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Stations Of The Cross

**Sat 23rd March**

(MHR) 6.30pm:

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (B)**

Paulin Kola RIP-Brother

**Sun 24th March**

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Amy Massey Birthday - Mum, Charlotte & James

People of the Parish.

*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, Sheila Murphy.

**ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME**

Dermot Kennedy, Lillian Alford, Ada Kelly, Denis Crowley, John & Margaret Lane, Albert (Bertie) Mahoney, Kevin Branigan, Mary Brown, Jack Hennessy, Fr. Donal Donegan, Fred Clark, Joseph Brian McGrane, Mary Barrett, Albert West, Michael Gorman, Fr. Sidney Williams, Bill Thomas, P. Caffell, Grant Patrick Kingman, Bertie Mahoney, Esther Kelly, Philip Apicella, Leonard Hains, Francis Peter William Everett, Florence Mouatt, Eleanor Harris, Charlie McCrudden , Lionel Pritchard, Sean Mulvey, Les Smith, Molly Morton, John Cummings, Canon Arthur Holmes, Alice Mary Noonan, Ann Paul, Ronald Hastell, James Harkins, Pat Palmer, Doris Kemp, Kathleen Gill, John O'Donovan, Albert Harris, Christopher.

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 and  
 St Dominic's Catholic Church**

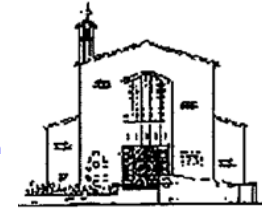


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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (B)**

**17th March 2024**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 31:31 - 34 **Second Reading:** Hebrews 5:7 - 9 **Gospel:** John 12: 20 - 30

There is a hard pill to swallow in today's Gospel because being drawn to Christ will involve 'hating our life in this world'. To serve Jesus means to follow Him says the evangelist; and to follow Him means to follow Him to the cross, because that is where He is now heading. The letter to the Hebrews offers us this further reflection on the human condition: that we all learn to obey God through suffering. Jesus himself in his passion and death demonstrates the need for 'suffering as a way to obedience'.

Most of us are careful to avoid anything that might involve difficulty or suffering. We are tempted to surround ourselves with comforts, says St John Henry Newman, but these comforts corrupt our hearts and seduce us from God. It's just part of wanting to have things our own way and to be the centre of the world.

Yet, when we think about it, suffering is an ever present and important part of growing as a human being. The transformation from child to mature adult is no easy achievement. So it should not surprise us that suffering and sacrifice are also the way to grow in holiness. The main thing is not to fear sacrifice and to be willing to begin here and now to embrace the will of God in every moment of our lives.

'Easier said than done' you may say – and you would be right. But then it's not all down to us. It is the grace of Christ working within us which will refashion our will and transform our rebellious human spirit into loving and regular obedience. We only have to keep asking for that grace.



**May I take this opportunity to wish our *IRISH* Parishioners  
 “HAPPY ST PATRICK’S DAY”**

**CAR PARK CLOSED AT ST.DOMINIC’S** – Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**. Mass will begin at 9.am starting with the distributing and blessing of the Palms and Commemoration of the entry into Jerusalem starting in the car park area. Please be aware **there will be no car parking available in front of the Church.**

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2024-2025**– are now available for collection at the back of both Churches. **PLEASE COLLECT** your box as soon as possible. Thank you for your continued support. See Marian for details.

**REPOSITORY**– has a wide selection of St Patrick cards, Easter Cards, First Holy Communion cards and gifts etc. . Come and visit the repository at the back of the Church after all Masses.

**SVP MEETING** - Our next meeting will be on **Monday 18th March** in St. Dominic’s small hall at 4.30pm . Thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - FHC sessions will continue this **Thursday 21st March**. **Please note there will be no session on Thursday 28th March as its Maundy Thursday. Final Session resume on Thursday 18th April 6.30pm to 7.30pm final in St. George’s Hall.**

**LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE** - On Thursday 21st March at 7 pm we will have our Lenten Reconciliation Service at **Christ Eternal High Priest at Gidea Park**. Several priests will be available to hear Confessions.

**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.

**EASTER SUNDAY 31ST MARCH** – Get ready for a egg-citing Easter Coffee Morning with fun games and activities for the whole family, includes the drawing of the Easter Raffle. Enjoy coffee and tea in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere at the Most Holy Redeemer Parish .

**PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP**– Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 4th April**, at **2pm** in St. Anthony’s Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL** - in Church for:  
**GROUP 1** will be on **Thursday 9th May @6.30pm**. **First Communion Mass for Group 1 on Saturday 11th May @11am**.  
**GROUP 2** will be on **Thursday 16th May @ 6.30pm**. **First Communion Mass for Group 2 Saturday 18th May @ 11am**.  
**Group 3** will be on **Thursday 23rd May @6.30pm**. **First Holy Communion Mass for Group 3 will be on Saturday 25th May @11am**.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION GOING FORTH MASS** – Mass on **Sunday 2nd June** at **11am** at Most Holy Redeemer. The children should wear their First Holy Communion Clothes and there will be refreshments for them and their immediate families in the hall afterwards. See Paula Jones for further details.

**CLEANERS WANTED FOR MOST HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH CLEANING** - Our vibrant church community is seeking cleaners to help and maintain the cleanliness and welcoming atmosphere of our facility. Join us in serving our community and keeping our sacred space beautiful. If interested please contact Theresa, Sue and Lizzy.

**‘BISHOP ALAN LISTENS’ RESEARCH REPORT**-Understanding why Catholics in the Diocese of Brentwood no longer come to Church. Last summer Bishop Alan invited Catholics who no longer regularly come to Church to get in touch so that he could seriously listen to their stories and experiences and begin to understand why so many Catholics no longer feel as though they belong in the Church. This report presents a moving and challenging insight into how our Church and the covid-19 pandemic have contributed to a movement away from a regular practice of faith for many Catholics and offers our Church a rich repository of wisdom that might enhance and inform our ongoing journey of renewal in the diocese. Thank you to all those who so generously and thoughtfully participated in this research. Please share this link/report with those whom you know have participated in this research. Go to the home page of <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/> to see the responses of hundreds of Catholics across our diocese and hear what Bishop Alan heard.

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC DIOCESE** – Covering Essex and East London, uk-The Diocese of Brentwood is part of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Find catholic parishes, schools, communities, orders and clergy within the brentwood diocese (Essex and East London) as well as information on the various departments and services that operate within it. [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net)

**HOLY WEEK 2024**

**THE CHRISM MASS** - Wed 27th March  
 11am at Brentwood Cathedral

**MAUNDY THURSDAY** - 28th March  
 7.30pm - Solemn Mass of the Lord’s Supper  
 followed by Adoration until 11pm (MHR)

**GOOD FRIDAY (Day of Fasting and Abstinence)** - 29th March  
 10.30am - The Stations of the Cross for Children (MHR)  
 3pm - Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of The Lord (MHR)  
*(Collection taken up at this celebration is for the upkeep of Holy Places & for Catholics of the Holy Land)*

**HOLY SATURDAY** - 30th March  
 9.30am - Proper Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (MHR)  
 8pm - Celebration of the Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter (MHR)

**EASTER SUNDAY** - 31st March  
 9am - Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord (StD)  
 11am - Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord (MHR)

**EASTER MONDAY** - 1st April 9.30am - Mass (MHR)

**LOTTERY BONUS BALL**

**Wed 13th March 2024 Bonus Ball No: 48 Winner: ‘Roll Over’ £75**  
 Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes