

## MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 30th November - Sunday 8th December**

### **Sat 30th November**

(MHR) 6.30pm:

### **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

Ray Smith Aniv RIP - Charlotte Hunt

### **Sun 1st December**

(StD) 9am:

Mrs Maureen Jones 8th Aniv RIP - Noel Jones & Family

(MHR) 11am:

People of the Parish

### **Mon 2nd December**

(MHR) 9.30am:

### **MONDAY FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

Agnes Fraser RIP - F/M

### **Tues 3rd December**

(StD) 9.30am:

### **ST FRANCIS XAVIER, Pr**

**NO MASS**

(StD) 10.00am:

**Funeral of Kevin Charles Bottjer RIP**

### **Wed 4th December**

(MHR) 9.30am:

### **WEDNESDAY FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

**NO MASS**

### **Thurs 5th December**

(Std) 9.30am:

### **THURSDAY FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

Hilda Power RIP - F/M

### **Fri 6th December**

(MHR) 9.30am:

### **FRIDAY FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT**

Pat Smith Sick - Joe & Josie

(MHR) 10.00am:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

### **Sat 7th December**

(MHR) 6.30pm:

### **SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

People of the Parish

### **Sun 8th December**

(StD) 9am:

Canon Roddy Johnson RIP

(MHR) 11am:

Michael O'Sullivan RIP Aniv - Dermot O'Sullivan

**MORNING PRAYER** : Before Mass 9.15am on Mon - Fri

**ROSARY** : after Morning Mass Mon & Fri (MHR), after Morning Mass Tues and Thurs (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, Louise Flores, G. Golding, Tania Kavanagh, Daniel Kelleher, Karen Kennedy, Billy Koseda, Luke, Madeleine, Charlotte Massey, 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, Sheila Murphy, Patricia Motha, Baby Emily, Hilda Leeward, Lydia Luke, Neil Humphries, Pat Humphries, Joseph Exley, Wayne Mead, Caitlin C, Suzanne Bonelli, Elizabeth Yee, Margaret T, Francis and Shaun, Rose Louise McDonagh, Amie Hughes, Will Manderson, Baby Arthur Connolly, Bridget Geraldine Carr, Terry Burland, Lily Bortoli.

#### ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME.

Henry Price, Ann Freeland, Teresa Nolan, Maureen Jones, Robert Friswell, Andrew Manning, David George, Fr. James Hannon, Kathleen Connelly, Margherita Perotti, Ellen Baffe, 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

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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

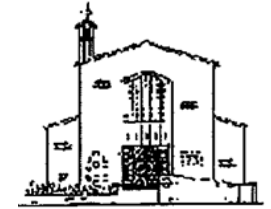


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### **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)**

**1st December 2024**

**First Reading**: Jeremiah 33:14-16 **Second Reading**: 1 Thess 3:12-4:2 **Gospel**: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36



Today we begin Advent. This is the period when we

- 1.) prepare to celebrate the coming of the Christ among us two millennia ago, but we also believe
- 2.) that he is coming among us again now and so we have to prepare to receive him, and
- 3.) know that he will come again at the end of time and we have to prepare the world for his coming.

So let us reflect on how it is because he first came that we are here at the Eucharist today; gathered now we ask pardon of our sins that we might be prepared for his second coming in this Eucharist; and as a community let us pray that we will be ready to stand before him when he comes again in glory.

Advent is a time of waiting for Christ, allowing Jesus to be reborn in our lives. It is also a time for purifying our hearts by repentance and for renewing our lives by reflecting on and experiencing the several comings (advents) of Christ into our lives. Besides coming into our world through birth, Jesus comes into our lives through His Church and its members, through its Sacraments (especially the Holy Eucharist), the Word of God, the worshipping community, and finally, in His Second Coming

**CHRISTMAS MARKET** - A huge heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped prepare the hall for all the stall holders at the Christmas Market. Your hard work and effort made it possible! Thank you to both Parishes for the generous donations - they were greatly appreciated. A big thank you to Geraldine for creating a wonderful Christmas Grotto, which brought so much joy. We would like to express our gratitude to Mrs. Claydon, Mr. Ashburn and everyone at St. Ursula's School for their generous contributions. Finally, a big thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make the event such a success. Your support and kindness mean so much. **From Theresa.**

**NEW TRANSLATIONS LECTIONARIES** - I would like to thank those parishioners who kindly donated towards the purchase of the new translation lectionaries in memory of deceased loved ones and family. Each of the New Lectionaries and the Book of the Gospel has an inscription plate on the inside cover. As of the First Sunday of Advent this year, the new lectionaries will be used. The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will use the English Standard Version - Catholic Edition of the Bible and the Abbey Psalter. The changes are intended to make the biblical translations more faithful to the original languages, biblical scholarship, and to provide a text for use in liturgical setting. Thank you and may God bless you.

**THE NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2025** is now available for purchase at the back of the Church. Price £3.20, Ring bound £4.40. Please place money in the black box located on the right hand side of the card stand (MHR). STD Church please place money in the wall safe marked repository. Thank you.

**DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION WORLD YOUTH** - There will be a second collection this **Sunday** for **WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY** after all masses - a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of Brentwood Catholic Youth Service in the Catholic Church Find out more at [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net), searching @brentwoodcys or if you are able to donate online, please visit [www.bcys.net/donate](http://www.bcys.net/donate). Thank you for your continued support.

**SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING** - Join us for a relaxed coffee/tea morning! After the 11am mass on Sunday 8th December, St. Anthony's Hall, Most Holy Redeemer Church. We are looking for donations of home made cakes for the coffee morning. Please let us know if you're able to help.. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Theresa.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** – There will be **NO MASS** at 9.30am (STD) this **Tuesday 3rd December** due to funeral service of Mr Kevin Charles Bottjer RIP taking place at 10.00am.

**RECENT DEATH** – **Mr Kevin Charles Bottjer RIP** of Straight Road, Romford aged 63 years sadly passed away at home on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October. His Requiem Mass will be held at **St. Dominic's Church** this **Tuesday 3rd December at 10am** followed by **Private Family Cremation**. Please remember Suzanne, and his family and friends in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

**RECENT DEATH** – **Mrs Mary Anne Slater "Maura" RIP** of Brentwood, aged 90 years sadly passed away on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Her Requiem Mass will be held at **The Most Holy Redeemer Church** on **Wednesday 11th December at 1pm** followed by **Burial at Upminster Cemetery**. Please remember Ann and her family and friends in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

**RECENT DEATH** – **Mr Terence Francis Joseph Burland RIP** of Paines Brook Court, aged 92 years sadly passed away on Saturday 23rd November. His Requiem Mass will be held at **The Most Holy Redeemer Church** on **Monday 6th January at 10.30am** followed by **South Essex Crematorium, Corbet's Tey for committal at 12.20pm**. Please remember John and his family and friends in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

**REPOSITORY** - Come and visit the repository at the back of both churches after all Masses. Both repositories offers a wide selection of Christmas Cards, Rosaries, Calendars, and Christmas gift ideas. **Please see Theresa (MHR), Marian or Mary (STD).**

**SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY** - on **MONDAY 9th 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.

**PARISH MONTHLY GRAND DRAW** - **Join now to be included in our next 'big' draw in December 2024.** New members always welcome—it is easy to join in, for only **£2 per month**, see **Lizzy Hill, Fr Joseph** or **Theresa** for more details. Forms available at the back of both Churches. You can pay by standing order or cheque. An ideal gift ! The weekly Bonus Ball and Monthly Parish Draw are excellent ways of supporting the Parish - with a chance to win some cash back. Finally thank you all for participating and support in our Grand Draw - it makes a valuable contribution to our much needed funds.

**INAUGURATION OF ADVENT & NINE LESSONS & CAROLS - BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL** , the following liturgical events which will take place in the Cathedral: Sunday 1 December, 4 p.m. Inauguration of Advent & Sunday 21 December, 4 p.m. Nine Lessons & Carols. Every one is welcome to attend.

**A DAY WITH MARY** - A Day With Mary is taking place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on **Saturday 14 December** (10.15am to 5.15pm). Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark Diocese, John Wilson. Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

**VACANCIES FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNORS** - Vacancies for Foundation Governors have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email your expression of interest to [governanceappointments@brcdt.org](mailto:governanceappointments@brcdt.org).

**WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 25/26:** applications are now open for the volunteer retreat team at Walsingham House. If you are in Yr13 or finishing university and enjoy working with young people then a year on the retreat team could be the perfect next step. Live and work as part of a young Catholic Christian community, sharing your faith and helping to run retreats for the young people of Brentwood diocese. For more information then please see the website: [www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/](http://www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/) or email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org)

**ST JOHN BOSCO** - **Can you volunteer at the St John Bosco Children's Camp next summer?** Applications are now open for anyone aged 17+ to volunteer for a week at the end of July 2025. From helping in the kitchen to running sports and other activities, your skills will mean that 100 children have a wonderful holiday. For most of the children, it is their only summer holiday. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Brentwood. More information - including training date and DBS requirements, along with volunteering FAQs - can all be found at [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk). Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the spring.

#### **LOTTERY BONUS BALL**

**Wed 27th November 2024 Bonus Ball No: No 6 Winner: "Tony Rayner" £25**  
**Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes**