

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 7th December - Sunday 15th December

Sat 7th December

(MHR) 6.30pm:

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

People of the Parish

Sun 8th December

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Canon Roddy Johnson RIP

Michael O'Sullivan RIP Anniv - Dermot O'Sullivan

Mon 9th December

(MHR) 9.30am:

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ray Storrar RIP - Denise & Family

Tues 10th December

(StD) 9.30am:

OUR LADY OF LORETO

Sarah Fernandes 1st Anniv RIP- The Fernandes Family

Wed 11th December

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 1.00pm:

ST DAMASUS I,P

NO MASS

Funeral of Mrs Mary Anne Slater "Maura" RIP

Thurs 12th December

(Std) 9.30am:

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Dooley Family Intentions

Fri 13th December

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

ST LUCY, V, M

Peggy O'Neil RIP - F/M

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Sat 14th December

(MHR) 6.30pm:

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

(GAUDETE SUNDAY)

William, Charlotte, & Bill Kelly RIP Anniv - Charlotte Hunt

Sun 15th December

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

People of the Parish

Vocation to Priesthood & Religious Life - K.S.C Romford

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, Lily Bortoli, Tony Bortoli.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME.

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, Sr Mildred, Henry Martin, Alexander William Kemble, Edith Agnes Nolan, Nelson Pereira, Fr. Geoffrey Pye, Peter Aylett, Michael Kehinde, Fr. George Carolan, Fr. John Evers, Dorothy Thomas, Vincent Pisani, Timothy Murphy (Funeral), William Patmore, Annie Llewellyn, Maureen (Mavis) Hewett. Fr. Gerard Kerr, Nicolina (Iina) Stivala, Margaret Geaney, Bill Hennessy, Ellen O'Connor.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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

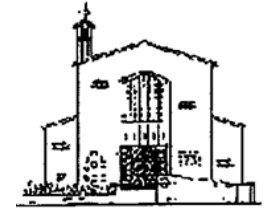


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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) **8th December 2024**

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 **Second Reading**: **Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11** **Gospel**: Luke 3:1-6

As the years pass we might be tempted to reflect that, while we hear the call to prepare well every Advent, nothing much seems to change either in our own lives or in the family of the Church or in the world at large. But if we did think like that we would be wrong. The first coming of Jesus did radically change the course of human history. John's proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins paved the way for Jesus to minister his Father's compassion to us in a way that was beyond our imagining. Nothing can ever be the same again, whether we have taken this fact on board yet or not. The faith of the Church is that everything is moving towards the fulfillment of God's plan and that in due time the Lord will return again in glory. This is very much part of the Advent message: we look back and celebrate the coming of Jesus as a baby in Bethlehem and at the same time we look forward to his coming again in glory. So there is a lot to prepare for.



How was your first week of Advent? How did you 'prepare a way for the Lord' this week? When John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, his task was to 'prepare a way for the Lord', to 'make his paths straight,' much as a messenger might do for a king.

Amid the hustle and bustle of December and the run-up to Christmas, do we give ourselves a chance to prepare for the gift God is giving us this and every Christmas? What areas do we need to work on and what obstacles do we need to remove from our life so we are ready to welcome Jesus? It is not too late to make a straight path for the Lord to come into our lives.



CHRISTMAS MARKET - Huge thank you to all who helped and supported the market in anyway. We raised approx. £3992.94, 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 .

HUGE HEARTFELT GRATITUDE - The SVP would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the generous donor who recently contributed to our work. Your donation will enable us to provide much needed help and assistance to many families, especially during this challenging time. Thank you for making a difference. **Philomena, President of the S.V.P.**

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 (STD).**

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 - The total Collected for National Youth Sunday on **Sunday 1st December** was **£80.81**. MHR raised **£56.51** and Std raised **£24.30**. Thank you for your continued support.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING - Join us for a relaxed coffee/tea morning! after the 11am mass this Sunday St. Anthony's Hall, Most Holy Redeemer Church.

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.

SVP MEETING - The next SVP meeting will be on **Monday 9th December** at 4.30pm .

GIRL'S CLUB - The last Girl's Club session will be **Friday 13th December**. We will resume on **Friday, 17th January**. From all the Girls Club team, we wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy new year.!

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS - to be arranged on **Monday 23rd December at 10.30am**. Come and help prepare the Church (MHR) for Christmas. All welcome. Thank you.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 -Thank you for returning your completed application form together with a copy of your child's Baptism certificate. You should now have received an email to confirm the dates for the Parents Introductory meeting, the classes and the First Holy Communion dates. If you have not received this email, please send an email stating your child's name to mhrcommunion@gmail.com

RECENT DEATH – Mrs Mary Anne Slater “Maura” RIP of Brentwood, aged 90 years sadly passed away on Monday 11th November. The reception of the body into **The Most Holy Redeemer Church** on Tuesday 10th December at 5pm and her requiem Mass 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.

HOLY REDEEMER & ST DOMINIC'S DECEMBER 2024 GRAND DRAW
Congratulations to the following winners of the **December 2024 GRAND DRAW**
1st - £250.00 No137 Ian Stewart, 2nd - £150.00 No 81 Charlotte Hunt,
3rd - £100.00 No157 Kathleen Clements,
4th - £50.00 No 6 Betty Maloney, 5th - £25.00 No 159 Justina Ezugwu.

PARISH MONTHLY GRAND DRAW - 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.

EXISTING MEMBERS - Please make sure you are paid up to date. Thank you all for your continued support in our Most Holy Redeemer & St. Dominic's Church Monthly Grand Draw.

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/>.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL CHILDREN'S MASS - Join us for the Children's & Families Christmas Mass on Christmas Eve at **Most Holy Redeemer Church at 4pm**. All Children are most welcome to come along to this particular Mass dressed in Nativity costumes, Angels and Christmas jumpers of all kinds to add to our celebration.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2024

Children are welcome to wear any nativity costumes at these Masses.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass for Children & Families:

Tues 24th Dec, at 4pm (MHR)

Sing -a-Long Christmas Carols: Tuesday 24th Dec at 9.30pm (MHR)

followed by **Midnight Mass 10pm**

Christmas Day Masses: Wednesday 25th Dec at 9am (StD)

and **11am (MHR)**

St Stephen, The First Martyr: Thursday 26th Dec, at 10.30am (STD)

St John, Ap. Evangelist : Friday 27th Dec at 10.00am (MHR)

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 4th December 2024 Bonus Ball No: No 3 Winner: " Hunter Maguire" £25

Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes