

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 14th December - Sunday 22nd December

Sat 14th December

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 15th December

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Mon 16th December

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tues 17th December

(StD) 9.30am:

Wed 18th December

(MHR) 9.30am:

Thurs 19th December

(Std) 9.30am:

Fri 20th December

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Sat 21st December

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 22nd December

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) (GAUDETE' SUNDAY)

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

People of the Parish

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

MONDAY of the THIRD WEEK of ADVENT

Carmel O'Sullivan RIP - Margaret, Eddie & Hannah

TUESDAY of the THIRD WEEK of ADVENT

Mary Lukose Vadakara RIP 10th Anniv - Lima Vadakara

WEDNESDAY of the THIRD WEEK of ADVENT **NO MASS**

THURSDAY of the THIRD WEEK of ADVENT

Katrina Hennigan RIP Anniv - John Glynn

FRIDAY of the THIRD WEEK of ADVENT

Ann Barton & Ann Clark RIP Anniv - Charlotte Hunt

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C)

Henry & Eliza Martin RIP Anniv - Daughter

Nicolina (Lina) Stivala RIP 4th Anniv - Mary Whayling & Family
People of the Parish

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.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME.

William Patmore, Annie Llewellyn, Maureen (Mavis) Hewett. Fr. Gerard Kerr, Nicolina (Lina) Stivala, Margaret Geaney, Bill Hennessy, Ellen O'Connor, Tom Ward, Bettie Bernacki, Vincent Bernacki, Frederick Allen Miles, Anthony Camelo, Joseph Synpas, Martin Kelly, Nellie Newman, William Hunt, Jim Morton, Lil Wells, Harry Stickle, Helena O'Connor, Nora Berrigan, Michael Waters. Fr. A. Madden. Eileen Brown, Ernest Callaghan, Eugene Riordan, Fr. William Guinevan, Maureen Barrow, Bridie Stanton, Anne Treacy, Peter McCormack, Ann Slater, William O'Connell, Hannie Greensmith, Frederick Carr.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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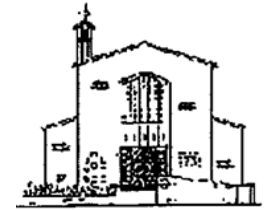


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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (C) 15th December 2024

First Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-18a **Second Reading**: Philippians 4:4-7 **Gospel**: Luke 3:10-18

Gaudete! Rejoice!



The nickname for this Third Sunday of Advent, is "Gaudete...Rejoice". We use rose - coloured vestments today in imitation of the parallel Sunday During Lent, "Laetare...Rejoice". Today we have a slight relaxation of our penitential spirit as we prepare for the celebration of Christmas. Advent is a season of joyful penance. On this Third Sunday of Advent the liturgy bids us to rejoice because the Lord is at hand. The peace and joy are very different from the enforced hilarity and showily attractive merriment that mark the Christmas Season for so many. There are those who would like to turn it into a mid-winter observance devoid of all spiritual content. As believers, we know that the cause of our joy is Emmanuel- God with us. The joy of the Lord can only be experienced by loving what he commands and longing for what he promises.

The call to rejoice is in some ways the hardest to answer. It involves transforming obstacles into challenges, translating suffering into sacrifice and living out of our ultimate destiny as redeemed people. This is not a big-picture, grand-scale formula. It is an everyday living experience in which we see our lives, not through rose-tinted spectacles, but in the light of the rose-coloured candle.

Today's Gospel offers some practical advice from John as he preaches the Good News in preparation for Jesus' appearance, we must share what we have with the person who has none, and we must be honest in our dealings with others. The cause of our joy is that God is with us, the Word made flesh. His light shines in the darkness and the darkness cannot overcome it.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE – On **Friday 20th December at 5pm**. All families welcome at The Most Holy Redeemer' Church, St. Georges Hall. All Children are most welcome to come along dressed in Christmas jumpers to add to our celebration. Please bring along an orange to decorate. **Donations for the Salvation Army Food Bank** would be greatly appreciated! If possible, please consider bringing along one item from the following list: Tinned Fruit, Cereal Bars, Instant Pasta, Tea Bags, Coffee Sachets, Tinned Soup, UHT Milk. Thank you for helping to make a difference! Light refreshments will be served. See Theresa for further information.

CHRISTMAS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS & READERS - Attention Readers and Eucharistic Ministers , the sign up clipboard for Christmas Masses volunteer opportunities will be available at the back of the Parish for the next two weekends. Positions will be filled on a first – come, first-served basis. Thank you for your service. See Theresa.

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.

CLEAN ALBS – Altar Servers take your Alb's home this weekend to be washed and ironed then returned for Christmas Celebration. Thank You for your continued support through out the year.

CHRISTMAS POSTERS - As is their tradition, the Knights of St Columba have sent a supply of Christmas Posters for our homes – **do take one (FREE)** and display it prominently in your window as an act of Christian witness.

DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2025 -The new edition of the Diocesan Directory is available at the back of the church, priced at £3.20. Packed with information about the Church in Essex and East London, it also includes articles written by newly-ordained clergy and obituaries of the nine priests who have died during the year (eight Diocesan and one Franciscan) & etc.

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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS – Twice a year at Christmas and Easter time the Offertory collection is your personal gift to Fr. Joseph. The donation given forms a major part of his remuneration for the year.

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

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 – **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.

CHRISTMAS MARANATHA - Our Christmas Maranatha at The Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX, is on **Thursday 18th December**. The evening begins with Mass at **7pm** followed by Prayer and Praise and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Our Celebrant is Fr. Arnaud from St. Anthony's, Forest Gate. and everyone is very welcome.

NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS SERVICE - will take place in the Cathedral on **Sunday 22nd December at 4.00 p.m.** A celebration of prayers, readings and carols presided over by Bishop Alan Williams. With music by the Brentwood Cathedral Choir. Please do join us for this very special celebration.

READINGS FOR THE SEASON OF ADVENT- Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared reflections on all the Mass readings for the Season of Advent. To access these readings, go to www.whatgoodnews.org and click on 'Scripture Readings' and then 'Advent Readings'.

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. Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the spring.

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

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 10.00am (STD)

ST John, Ap, Ev :

Friday 27th Dec at 10.00am (MHR)

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 11th December 2024 Bonus Ball No: No 19 Winner: "Jo" £25
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes