

**MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS**  
**Saturday 18th January - Sunday 26th January**

**Sat 18th January**

(MHR) 6.30pm:

**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (C)**

People of the Parish

**Sun 19th January**

(StD) 9am:

Sharon (Sister) R.I.P. – Janet McGaughey

(MHR) 11am:

Brinda Shew & Family - Rita

**Mon 20th January**

(MHR) 9.30am:

**ST. SEBASTIAN, M**

Denise Storrar - Margaret Varndell

**Tues 21st January**

(StD) 9.30am:

**ST AGNES, V, M**

Terry Burland R.I.P. – S.V.P.

**Wed 22nd January**

(MHR)9.30am:

**FERIA**

**NO MASS**

**Thurs 23rd January**

(Std) 9.30am:

**FERIA**

Mrs Eman Haddad R.I.P. – John Haddad

**Fri 24th January**

(MHR) 9.30am:

**ST. FRANCES de SALES, Bp, D**

Ray Storrar R.I.P. - Denise & Family

(MHR) 10.00am:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**Sat 25th January**

(MHR) 6.30pm:

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (C)**

Emma Gorman R.I.P. - Joe & Josie

**Sun 26th January**

(StD) 9am:

People of the Parish

(MHR)11am:

Martha Duggan R.I.P. - Rita O'Malley

**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 Camping, 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.**

Margaret McCrudden, Canon Charles Kuypers, Thomas Neville, James Quinn, Andrew Gallahar, Ted Ringer, John Olliff, Samantha Gilmore, Anne Theresa Ritchie, James Doherty, Elizabeth Maltby, Elisa McGregor, Mary Smith, Bishop Bernard Ward, Pierre Giordmaina, Grandad Mr Harrington, Denis Daly, Fr. Christopher Quirke, Kathleen Frances Long, Rita Hennessy, Herbert Frankson, Ann Constable, Bishop Arthur Double-day, Isabella Boughan, Frank Martin Bearpark, Margaret Talbot, William George McLennan, Fr. John O'Sullivan, Fr. John Hibbert, James Dunne, Ann Slater, Clary Mansfield, Loreta Gallese, Maureen Neville, Yvonne Dignum, Bishop Patrick Casey, Brother Edmund (Walter). Arthur Osborne.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

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

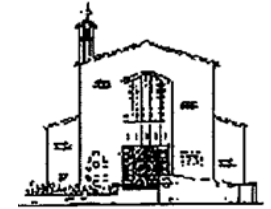


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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (C)**

**19th January 2025**

**First Reading:** Isaiah 62:1-5

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor 12:4-11

**Gospel:** John 2:1-11

At the wedding attended by Jesus, Mary and the disciples, it was the wine that ran out. This prompted the first miracle that Jesus performed. Weddings in those days ; lasted several days. In some villages they could be the social event of the year. People looked forward to it for weeks before and talked about it for months afterwards. Sometimes the entire community would join in the festivities.

The wedding in Cana was such an occasion. Obviously more came than had been expected because the wine ran out. Mary, with a woman's observant eye, noticed this and mentioned it to her son. Respectfully Jesus said, "Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet." John tells us that Jesus had not performed any miracles yet.

But did Mary already know of the powers he had? Obviously she did or she would not have said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." How fitting that they are the last recorded words that Mary spoke in the Gospels because they were addressed to you and me just as much as to the servants. As our mother Mary knows what is best for us and I have often thanked Our Lady for those words.

Mary was essentially instructing the servants to have confidence in Jesus. Mary, who is our mother and the Mother of the Church, always offers the same advice to us. She encourages us to do whatever Jesus tells us. This means that we are invited to listen attentively to the teaching of Jesus and the Church and to put it into practice in our daily lives. That is a demanding task. It is often easier and more attractive to ignore his commandments. It is far more difficult to remain obedient to his word. Therefore, as we reflect on the story of the wedding at Cana, we ask ourselves some challenging questions.

Do we believe that Jesus is both divine and human? Do we recognize in a different way, Jesus is present in our relationships and activities and that he will help us in every circumstance? Do we accept Mary's wise advice and do whatever Jesus tells us? If our answer to these questions is "Yes", then we have certainly learned some valuable lessons from the Cana story.

**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.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** - The next SVP Meeting will be on **Monday 27th January at 4.30pm.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES** - The First Holy Communion Classes will continue this **Thursday 23rd January from 6.30pm to 7.30pm** in St. Georges Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer.

**DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION PAX CHRISTI** - There will be a second collection this **Sunday** for Pax Christi after all Masses. Thank You for your continued support.

**UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS** - A box will be placed at the back of the Parishes for unwanted Christmas gifts. These gifts will be used for Raffle Prizes through out the year. Thank You for your continued support.

**THE NEW DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2025** is now available for purchase at the back of the Church. Price £3.20.

**CONFIRMATION**- there will be a parent and Confirmands meeting on **Saturday 1st February 10.30am** in Most Holy Redeemer's Church.

**CRIB COLLECTIONS** - In each of our Parish Churches at Christmas, a Crib scene depicting the Nativity helps us to focus on the Incarnation of Christ and His love for the whole of humanity. Traditionally, the offerings made at the Crib go to support the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The Crib will remain in place from Christmas Eve until the **Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)** on **Sunday 2 February.**

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** - Come along to find comfort, support and understanding at our welcoming and informal bereavement support group. Sheila Delander and Liz Hill will lead the group. We invite you to join us as we navigate through grief together. Next Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 5th February** at 2pm in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. All are welcome. Tea/Coffee and Cake will be provided.

**GIFTAID** - Is a tremendous way for any taxpayer (including Pensioners who pay tax) to support the Parish. It is simple: you complete just one form (located at the back of the Church) and after that 25% of whatever you give is added to your donation, If you have a gift aid number, please use that as a reference when you make your donation. Any donations are very greatly received.

**JOIN NOW FOR THE 2025 DRAWS** - It is easy for anyone to join in, just fill in the simple form enclosed and hand to either Fr Joseph, Liz Hill or Theresa Murray (extra forms are available at the back of the Church). It costs only £2.00 per month per number. You can have more than one number. You can pay by cash, cheque or standing order. ***An ideal Christmas present too!*** Why not give a draw number for a Christmas present? . Thank you all for participating in our Grand Draw - it makes a valuable contribution to our much needed funds.

**MASS INTENTIONS** - Please remember to allow plenty of notice if you require a particular **date/time**. Place Mass Intentions in a **CLEARLY PRINTED** marked envelope and they will be dealt with by the Parish Administrator.

**NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL:** If you would like the latest newsletter delivered right to your inbox every week, simply email the office email address [haroldhillmhr@brcdt.org](mailto:haroldhillmhr@brcdt.org) and we will add you to our mailing list.

**WHY DO PEOPLE NO LONGER COME TO CHURCH?** -The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are hosting a talk by Rev Dr Liam Hayes at New Hall School. The talk, followed by discussion, starts at **7pm on Wed Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm. No cost to attend. All are welcome but need to register via the following link <https://canonesses.co.uk/event/why-do-people-no-longer-go-to-church-wed-22-jan-2025/>

**VACANCY FOR A COMMUNICATIONS & FUNDRAISING ADMINISTRATOR** - Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is looking to recruit a Communications and Fundraising Administrator to provide effective administrative and communications support to the Marketing and Fundraising Team. The post requires someone who can manage a high degree of responsibility and who is confident working independently and creatively. Candidates must have excellent organisational skills and be proficient at managing their time and priorities effectively. The role is based at their head office in Billericay High Street and ideally would be a full time position (37 hours per week) although some flexibility may be available for the right candidate. Full details can be found in the Job Description on the BCCS website: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/> If you think you have the skills needed for the role and would welcome an informal chat, please contact BCCS Head of Voluntary Income Julie Abbott by email [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) or phone 07912 277413. Otherwise, please apply directly to her with your CV and covering letter before **31st January 2025**

**CARITAS BRENTWOOD NETWORKING DAY** - "You are warmly invited to the 2025 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, taking place on **Sunday, 9th February**, from 2–6 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford RM1 4AT. This event is an opportunity to explore the Catholic response to pressing issues such as homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, supporting those affected by the Cost of Living Crisis, and addressing climate change. Join us to find inspiration during this Jubilee year, exchange ideas and best practices with parishioners across Essex and East London, and learn about the charities and resources available to support your efforts. Registration is free - find more details at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/network](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/network)

**ALPHA COURSE:** Alpha is a ten week course which invites people to discussion of the Christian faith. St Edwards; Catholic Church in Romford is launching the course on **Wednesday 12th February** (7.30-9pm). For further information email Romain at [romain.maillard@gmail.com](mailto:romain.maillard@gmail.com)

**FILM EVENING - Film evening in Romford:** An inspiring film about a pioneering black female leader, **"On a bet and a prayer,"** tells the story of Mary Stretch, formerly a BBC TV and Radio presenter, and more recently the founder of the refugee support charity Calais Light. Along the way she has battled cancer. The film will be shown at St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Romford RM1 4AT, on **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February** as part of an evening running from **6.30 – 9pm**. Gather from 6.30, film at 7pm, and then after the film Mary herself will be available for a Q&A. The cost for the evening is £10, but places are limited; please book on the website: <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/sheerahnetwork/1481185>

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025** The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage next year, led by Bishop Alan, will be from **Friday 18 to Friday 25 July 2025**. The flights will be Southend to Lourdes. Details, including how to book, will follow.

#### **LOTTERY BONUS BALL**

**Wed 15th January 2025 Bonus Ball No: 20 Winner: " Roll Over " £25**  
**Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes**