

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 11th January - Sunday 19th January

Sat 11th January

(MHR) 6.30pm:

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

Theresa & Patrick - Margaret Varndell

Sun 12th January

(StD) 9am:

Kevin Bottjer RIP – SVP

(MHR) 11am:

People of the Parish

Mon 13th January

(MHR) 9.30am:

FERIA

Peggy O'Neill - F/M

Tues 14th January

(StD) 9.30am:

FERIA

Paddy Corcoran R.I.P. – Rayner Family

Wed 15th January

(MHR)9.30am:

FERIA

NO MASS

Thurs 16th January

(Std) 9.30am:

FERIA

Maura Slater R.I.P. – Jean Rayner Family

Fri 17th January

(MHR) 9.30am:

ST. ANTHONY, Ab

Bridie Pryke - Margaret Varndell

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

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 Kosedá, 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.

James Clark, Harry Wright, Mary Campbell, Mary & James Browne, Julie Russell, Catherine Kelly, Canon Francis Dobson, William Henry Twigg, James O'Riordan, Alacoque Christine Smyth, Henry Morgan, Nora Jordan, Peggy O'Neill, Gladys Jarvis, Raymond McDonald, Eileen Taylor, Fr John King, George Price, Michael Smith, Charlotte Kelly, James Patrick Mahoney, Charles Robins, Victor Mephram, Mary Hunt, Dolly Veal, Fr. Basil Pearson, Sidney Robert Miles, Michael Donovan, Mrs Maureen Neligan, Bridget O'Regan, George Walker, Fr. Ken Green, Kathleen (Kathy) Murphy, Margaret McCrudden, Canon Charles Kuypers, Thomas Neville, James Quinn, Andrew Gallahar, Ted Ringer, John Olliff, Samantha Gilmore, Anne Theresa Ritchie.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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 and
 St Dominic's Catholic Church**

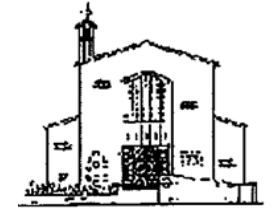


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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (C)

12th January 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 **Second Reading**: Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 **Gospel**: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John the Baptist, in comparison with the Jesus, considers himself lower than the lowest slave. Only a non-Jewish slave could be required to loosen his master's sandal strap and John will not even venture that. John also contrasts his baptism with that of Jesus. While John's baptism is only a baptism for the remission of sins, a ritual sign expressing outwardly what the person must express inwardly, the baptism of Jesus will be an act of God bringing salvation (Holy Spirit) and judgement (fire). Jesus' own baptism by John is the occasion for his special anointing as the Messiah.



After his baptism a new era will begin. The heavens are open signalling a visitation of God with a new revelation for the people. The Holy Spirit comes down on him in the form of a dove and the voice from heaven identifies Jesus as the long-awaited Anointed One—"You are my Son, the Beloved, my favour rest on you." Jesus is announced as the expected messianic King. His Kingship is not one of pomp and power but will be a mission of humble self-sacrifice. Do I treasure the gift of my own baptism given to me many years ago? Am I faithful to my baptismal promises?

Today's feast, the Baptism of the Lord, it reminds us of our own baptism and of what we are committed to because of it. We need reminding from time to time that baptism, while it may have come easily, does not come cheaply. It does cost. Today's Gospel reading (Luke 3:15-16,21-22) makes that clear: "He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire (Luke 3:16).

So as we begin this New Year let us not take our baptism for granted, or forget it. That can so easily happen.

WELCOME BACK - Welcome back to every one who has been away over the Christmas! We hope you had a restful break. A warm welcome as well to any new Parishioners who have recently moved to our community, and to any visitors joining us today.

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.

THE NEW PARISH PARTNERSHIP YOUTH CO-ORDINATOR - Onosé, will speak at each of the Masses this weekend of 11th and 12th January. There will be plenty of opportunities and activities for young people in the weeks and months ahead.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING - Join us this Sunday after the 11am Mass, Most Holy Redeemer in St. Anthonys Hall for a coffee morning and the opportunity to meet our Parish Partnership Youth Co-Ordinator, Onose. We are looking for assistance from the Confirmation Group 2025, to help with light refreshments. See Theresa if you can help in any way. We look forward seeing you there. All are welcome.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - The next SVP Meeting will be on **Monday 13th January at 4.30 pm.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - The First Holy Communion Classes will begin on Thursday 16th January from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in St. Georges hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY- Welcome back to the children after the Christmas break. Children's Liturgy resumes this week during 9am Mass at St. Dominic's and 11am Mass at Most Holy Redeemer.

GIRLS CLUB - Girl's club will resume **Friday 17th January 6 - 7.30pm** in St. George's Hall at Most Holy Redeemer Church. **New members are welcome** from Reception to Year 6. We look forward to seeing you there. See Theresa for further details.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION PAX CHRISTI - There will be a second collection next **Sunday 19th January** 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.

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 **Friday 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.

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 and we will add you to our mailing list.

NEXT MARANATHA - will be on Thursday 16th January at the **Sion Community**, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX at 7pm for Mass, Praise and Worship and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome, so do join us for what has come to be a very blessed evening.

ISLAM STUDY DAY- In 2025 we mark sixty years since the promulgation of Nostra Aetate, the inter-faith document of Vatican II. We are delighted to welcome Sidra Naeem, distinguished teacher and chair of Havering Interfaith, who will speak about Islam. The talk will take place on **Saturday 18th January 2025 from 11.00 (11.00 GMT)** in the hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, in Gidea Park. The talk will also be available by livestream free of charge at www.whatgoodnews.org and will be available subsequently on the same website. The church is close to Gidea Park station (Elizabeth Line). Please bring a packed lunch. Coffee available from 10.30. Do join us.

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 22nd. 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 - St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking to appoint a professional and highly motivated Administration Assistant for our friendly, busy school office. For more information about the position and to apply, please visit <https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=107058>. Closing date is noon on Monday 13th January 2025. Visits are welcome and to arrange, or for further information, please contact the Office Manager, Mrs Foster by phone 01277 653770 or email on admin@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk

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

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 28th 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>

THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE- led by Bp Alan, will be from Friday 18 July – Friday 25 July 2025. The flights will be Southend to Lourdes. Details, including how to book, will follow.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 8th January 2025 Bonus Ball No: Winner: "Jo" £50
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes