

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 4th January - Sunday 12th January

Sat 4th January

(MHR) 6.30pm:

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)

Michael Martin RIP- Charlotte Hunt

Sun 5th January

(StD) 9am:

People of the Parish

(MHR) 11am:

Charlie Camelo RIP Anniv- Tessa & Family

Mon 6th January

(MHR) 9.30am:

WEEKDAY of CHRISTMAS TIME - MONDAY

NO MASS

(MHR) 10.30am:

Funeral Mass of Mr Terence Francis Burland RIP

Tues 7th January

(StD) 9.30am:

WEEKDAY of CHRISTMAS TIME - TUESDAY

Elizabeth McDonagh RIP 14th Anniv – Helen Dooley

Wed 8th January

(MHR)9.30am:

WEEKDAY of CHRISTMAS TIME - WEDNESDAY

NO MASS

Thurs 9th January

(Std) 9.30am:

WEEKDAY of CHRISTMAS TIME - THURSDAY

Kevin Bottjer RIP – Rayner Family

Fri 10th January

(MHR) 9.30am:

WEEKDAY of CHRISTMAS TIME - FRIDAY

Hilda Akintonde - Margaret Varndell

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

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 Pridmore, 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 Monkoom, Andy & Doreen, Nadia Bolton, Donna McKeamey, 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.

Canon Patrick McKenna, Mary Piggan, Patrick Gorman, James Reilly, Vi Fitzgerald, Helen Savage, Fr. Francis Heenan, Kathleen Mary Clayton, Charlie Camelo, Nora Moran, Vincent Fitzgerald, Alfred Barber, Thomas Sullivan, Patrick King, Jan Grajewski, James John O'Connor, Irene Amelia McGovern, Canon John Bloomfield, Frank Fox, Ted Rackham, Gerald Bertram Patrick Atkins, John Campbell, Mary Peacock, Masie Camelo, Joan Martin, Rebecca Sullivan, Arthur F Murray, James Murphy, Bill Nolan, Stella Grace Clarke, Richard Leaver, Des Moran, Myra Ingram, James Clark, Harry Wright, Mary Campbell, Mary & James Browne, Julie Russell, Catherine Kelly, Canon Francis Dobson, William Henry Twiggs.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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and
St Dominic's Catholic Church**

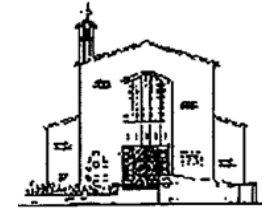


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EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C)

5th January 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

Second Reading: Eph 3:2-3a,5-6

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12



The gifts of the three wise men are symbolic gifts of faith-gold to show Jesus' royalty-Jesus is the King of all kings. Myrrh, an embalming material, symbolizes Jesus' humanity-he will die one day. And frankincense which is solely offered to God symbolizes Jesus' divinity. On this feast of the Epiphany what gifts are we going to offer to Jesus? In what way are we going to reveal him to the world?

A 19th century English carol, Christina Rosetti's *A Christmas Carol*, which begins, "In the bleak midwinter." The carol sums up, in its last stanza, the nature of "giving to the Christ Child."

What can I give him, poor as I am?

If I were a shepherd, I could give a Lamb.

If I were a wise man, I could do my part.

What I can I give Him? Give Him my heart!"



DEAR PARISHIONERS “I would like to thank you all for your kindness and support over the Christmas period. So many people have been involved in preparing The Church of the Most Holy Redeemer and St Dominic’s Church for the great feast of Christmas. A small army of cleaners, flower arrangers, brass polishers, candle stand cleaners have all contributed to making the Churches look their very best. Thank you to all who helped with the cribs, Christmas trees and the decoration of the Churches. Thanks to the Altar servers and helpers for making our celebrations run so smoothly and reverently.

Thank you to all Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, folk-group, guitarists and those who sung “Silent Night” in their own language English (Emily– altar server), Nigeria, Filipino, Zimbabwe, Chinese-Mandarin and Romania who helped to make our Christmas celebrations such a memorable, spiritual and so joyful occasion.

My Special thanks to Mrs K. Karwacinski, Stef, Kate, Steve, and who came to help and support me to provide us music and singing for the Midnight Mass.

BIG THANK YOU for all the Christmas offerings, cards with messages of support and gifts that you so generously gave to me. As 2025 is just around the corner may I take this opportunity to wish you all “ A Happy, peaceful and Healthy New Year 2025.” **From: Fr Joseph**

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING -Join us for a relaxed coffee/tea morning! After the 11am Mass St Anthony’s hall, Most Holy Redeemer Church.

CHILDREN’S LITURGY - Children’s Liturgy resumes this Sunday. We warmly welcome all children back from their Christmas Holidays.

ADVANCE NOTICE – There will be **NO MASS** at 9.30am (**MHR**) this Monday 6th January due to Requiem Mass of Mr Terence Francis Joseph Burland RIP taking place at 10.30am.

PARISH MONTHLY GRAND DRAW - Congratulations to our **January** winner **Ema De Costa No 117 £50**.

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

NEXT SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING - Join us next 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.

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.

RECENT DEATH -Tony Bortoli age 92 sadly passed away at Brentwood Arches Care Home on 10th December. His funeral will be held at Brentwood Cathedral, Essex CM15 8AT on Tuesday 7th January 2025 at 11am followed by burial at Bentley Cemetery. Essex CM15 9RZ. Please remember Tony and his family and friends in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

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.

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.

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.

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>

WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2025/2026 - 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. See the website for more information: www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND ASSISI- St Joseph’s Upminster are organising a pilgrimage for the jubilee year. There are just a few places remaining, which we are keen to fill as soon as possible so flight bookings can be confirmed. We depart on Sunday 26th October 2025 for 5 nights, at a basic price of £1299 per person. The brochure and booking form is available online at https://www.tailored-travel.co.uk/stjosephs_rome_2025. Please return the completed form to St Joseph’s Upminster with your deposit (card details or cheque payable to the agent) as soon as possible.

VACANCY- St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Hutton are looking to appoint a deputy headteacher for April 2025. For more information and a full advert, visit our school website: <https://st-joseph-the-worker-catholic-primary-school.secureprimarysite.net/recruitment-1/> Closing date for applications: Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 12 Noon. Visits welcome. Please contact Mrs Lesley Willats on 01277 227282 or admin@stjosephworker.essex.sch.uk for an application pack or to arrange a visit.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 1st January 2025 Bonus Ball No: 41 Winner: “ Roll Over.” £25
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes