

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 1st February - Sunday 9th February

Sat 1st February

(MHR) 6.30pm:

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (c)

Patrick & Bridget Gorman R.I.P. - Joe & Josie

Sun 2nd February

(StD) 9am:

Harry & Irene Rutland R.I.P. – Tim & Janet O'Brien

(MHR) 11am:

People of the Parish

Mon 3rd February

(MHR) 9.30am:

ST ANNE LINE, M

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

Tues 4th February

(StD) 9.30am:

FERIA

Magdalena Intentions

Wed 5th February

(MHR) 9.30am:

ST AGATHA, V, M

NO MASS

Thurs 6th February

(Std) 9.30am:

Ss PAUL MIKI AND COMPS, Mm

Enerita Emildah Mudeke R.I.P. – Florah Mudeke

Fri 7th February

(MHR) 9.30am:

VOTIVE MASS OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Elizabeth McDonagh R.I.P. 14th Anniv - Helen Dooley

Sat 8th February

(MHR) 6.30pm:

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (C)

People of the Parish

Sun 9th February

(StD) 9am:

Jan Pawlowski R.I.P. – Krisha & Kelvin

(MHR) 11am:

Terry Porter Birthday

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 Campling, Sarah Harding, Claire Monkoom, 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.

Patrick Fitzgerald, Lawrence Henry Duchemin, Fr. Joseph Burns. John Burnham, Savina Cassar, Willie Gabriel, Vincent Cassidy, Jack Ryan, Edward Brain, Con Mulvihill, James O'Shaughnessy, Mary O'Brien, Fr. Eric Blindfloss-Smith, Elizabeth Brown, Kathleen Quinn, Annie Morgan, William Mulligan, Lilian Sullivan, Alan Lacey, Grace Elizabeth Hatton, Bridget Gorman, Sheila McGaughey, Peter Dean, Fr. Francis Richardson, Margaret Harris, Ettore John Capocci, Joseph Camelo, Bill Bardhill, Pauline Rose Cattell, Harriet Brown, Katie Cassidy, Fr. Alan Wilcox, Peggie & Linol Perchard, Arthur Bristo, Canon Bernard Manning, Fr. William Smith, James Barry

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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

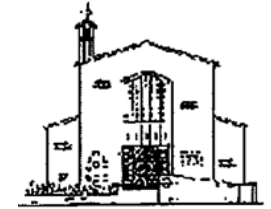


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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (C)

2ND February 2025

First Reading: Malachi 3:1-4 **Second Reading:** Hebrews 2:14-18 **Gospel:** Luke 2:22-32

The feast of the Presentation of the Lord is celebrated forty days after the feast of Christmas, as it was traditionally understood that Jesus was presented in the Temple forty days after his birth. This day is also known as Candlemas, because candles are blessed on this day to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world and the light of our life. This is in keeping with Simeon's reference to the child Jesus in the gospel reading as a 'light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel'.

The Song of Simeon which is commonly known as the Nunc Dimittis, is the traditional Gospel Canticle recited during Night Prayer throughout the whole Church. It is a wonderful song of hope in God being fulfilled.

"At last, all-powerful Master,
you give leave to your servant to go in peace,
according to your promise.

For my eyes have seen your salvation which you have prepared for all nations,
the light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people."

Simeon recognized the true identity of the child that the young couple from Nazareth brought into the Temple. Simeon realized who had just entered the Temple, who had entered his life. Looking at this new born child, he could see the 'salvation' that God had been preparing for all the nations to see. Simeon recognized that the light of God's love was shining through the face of this child, a light that would enlighten the pagans and bring glory to Israel. The gospel reading suggests that Simeon had this level of insight into the child of Joseph and Mary because the Holy Spirit rested on him and he came to the child prompted by the Holy Spirit. It is the Spirit who allows us to see Jesus as he really is.

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.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING - Join us this Sunday after the 11am Mass, in St. Anthony's hall, at the Most Holy Redeemer Church for light refreshments. See Theresa if you can help in any way. All are welcome.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - The First Holy Communion Classes will continue on **Thursday 6th February** from **6.30pm to 7.30pm** in St. Georges hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION LOURDES SICK & HELPERS PILGRIMAGE - There will be a second collection **Sunday 9th February** for Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund after all Masses. Thank you for your continued support.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - The next SVP Meeting will take place on **Monday 10th February at 4.30 pm.**

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Confirmation Classes will begin on **Saturday 22nd February** from **10.30am to 12pm** in St. Georges hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church.

REPOSITORY - Come and visit the repository at the back of the Church after all Masses. Both Repositories offers a wide selection of Cards, First Holy Communion cards and gifts etc. Please see Theresa (MHR) or Marian (STD).

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.

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 GRAND DRAW - 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 and we will add you to our mailing list.

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

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

WORD ON FIRE UK BIBLE CONFERENCE | February 2025 -If you want to gain a deeper appreciation of the Bible and the Catholic faith come and join Bishop Robert Barron and thousands of other Catholics from across the UK for the national conference *Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible*. Tickets are available for the Friday and Saturday or just a day pass for the Saturday. **Date: Friday 21st - Saturday 22nd February 2025** **Location**: Excel Centre, East London, **Speakers Include**: Bishop Robert Barron, N.T. Wright, Professor Tracey Rowland, Archbishop John Wilson and more. For more information and to register, please visit: wordonfire.org/the-bible-event

INTER FAITH DIALOGUE -This year marks sixty years since *Nostra Aetate*, the document on relations with other Faiths of the Second Vatican Council. Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald worked for decades in this area, particularly in the Vatican's Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue. Cardinal Michael will be speaking on 'Inter Faith Dialogue' at 11 am on **Saturday 22nd February** at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. You are invited to attend free of charge. Refreshments will be available from 10.30. Please bring a packed lunch. The event is also available live stream free of charge at www.whatgoodnews.org. A recording of the talk, and the q and a session, will be available subsequently on the same website.

OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE: CYMFED FLAME 2025. Join over 9000 other young Catholics across the country for a day led by international speakers and musicians in the amazing atmosphere of Wembley Arena. More info at www.cymfed.org.uk/flame. **Saturday 15th March** – coach from Romford 08.45, return about 7.30pm. £25 for the day. If you're aged 15 – 18 (Year 10 – Year 13) and would like to come, email our new Youth Coordinator, Onosé, on romfordyouth@brcdt.org. Just 18 places remaining – first to apply get the places. Onosé will be there on the day, along with five other leaders. Be a part of our **UNSTOPPABLE** youth this Jubilee Year!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 24th May 2025: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. Please see Theresa.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2025: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from **Friday 18 to Friday 25 July**. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 29th January 2025 Bonus Ball No: 56 Winner: " Church" £25
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes