

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 8th February - Sunday 16th February

Sat 8th February

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 9th February

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Mon 10th February

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tues 11th February

(StD) 9.30am:

Wed 12th February

(MHR) 9.30am:

Thurs 13th February

(Std) 9.30am:

Fri 14th February

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Sat 15th February

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 16th February

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (C)

People of the Parish

Jan Pawlowski R.I.P. – Krisha & Kelvin
Terry Porter Birthday - Kerry, Teddy, Frankie, Lilia

ST SCHOLASTICA, V

Teofil Zych R.I.P. - Magdalena

OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Sara Radzikowska - Batkowska R.I.P. - Magdalena

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John Delander R.I.P. 2nd Anniv

ST CYRIL, M & St. METHIDIUS, B

Charlotte Massey Birthday - Mum, Amy, James
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (C)

Stefan Lewonowski R.I.P. - Magdalena

People of the Parish

60th Birthday Thanksgiving - Ema Da Costa

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 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 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, 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.

Katie Cassidy, Fr. Alan Wilcox, Peggíe & Linol Perchard, Arthur Bristo, Canon Bernard Manning, Fr. William Smith, James Barry, Joseph Smyth, Teresa McGuinness, Mary Barry, Michael Warren, James Paul, Pam Penton, Stephen O'Connell, Elizabeth Bergin, John Frederick Elliott, Clinton (Clint) Thomas 2002. Sr. Philomena, Kathleen Theresa Hooton, Peter Murray, Fr. Charles Snell, John Delander, Arthur Dunford, James Bergin, Harry Barton, Sean O'Neill.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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

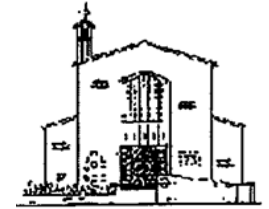


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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

9th February 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8 Second Reading: 1 Corin 15:1-11 Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

Isaiah, Paul and Peter are at the centre of today's readings. All three men did great things for God. Yet each of them had an inferiority complex. They had a low opinion of themselves. They had low self-esteem, to use the modern jargon. They did not put themselves forward but were called by God. They accepted that call reluctantly, convinced that they were unworthy of it. Isaiah said, 'I am a man of unclean lips.' Paul said, 'Of all the apostles I am the least. I don't even deserve the name apostles.' And Peter declared, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' This was not false humility on their part; it was the plain truth.

Each starts by acknowledging his unworthiness and inadequacy. From a spiritual point of view, such a start is ideal. As St Paul said, 'When I am weak, that is when I am strong.' (2Cor 12:10). The meaning is that when he recognises his own weakness and turns to God, God's power becomes available to him.

When we acknowledge our weakness. God can strengthen us. When we acknowledge our emptiness, God can fill us. When we acknowledge our poverty, God can enrich us. Then we become available to do his work and he accomplishes in us the things we find impossible. Humility is the starting point. It is not that we are sinner through and through. Far from it, it is just that we are weak, selfish and cowardly. Without grace we are unable to save ourselves, much less save anyone else.

Isaiah, Paul and Peter eventually accepted God's invitation, and all three did a splendid job. This is the paradox-strength arising out of weakness. When we answer God's call, he empowers us so that we can do things we never thought possible. We should ask God to give us the humility to acknowledge our weaknesses and the strength to rise above them. Then we will have the joy of discovering that it is when we are weak that we are strong because God's power becomes available to us.

HEARTFELT THANKS - We extend our sincere gratitude to Fr. Reu and Fr. Gerald for their invaluable help while Fr. Joseph has been on annual leave. Your support and dedication to both our Parishes are deeply appreciated. We are truly grateful for all that you have done in his absence and look forward welcoming Fr. Joseph back upon his return, Thank you once again for your kindness and commitment.

GENTLE REMINDER REAR CAR PARK AT MOST HOLY REDEEMER - Please use the designated spaces at the back of the Church. Kindly be mindful when parking to ensure space is used efficiently and considerately. Thank You for your cooperation !

BIG THANK YOU - We would like to extend our heart felt thanks to the ladies from Barclays Bank for their support. We are pleased to confirm that we have received the £2,000 for the Christmas Market held last November. Your support is truly appreciated.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION LOURDES SICK & HELPERS PILGRIMAGE - There will be a second collection this **Sunday** 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.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - The First Holy Communion Classes will continue on **Thursday 13th February** from **6.30pm to 7.30pm** in St. Georges hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church. There will be **no session** on Thursday 20th February due to half term, will resume on Thursday 27th February.

GIRL'S CLUB - Girl's club will be **closed** on the 14th, 21st February will reopen on Friday 28th February.

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. Please bring along £30 to cover admin fee. Anyone who has financial difficulty please see Fr. Joseph. For further details please Francesca Uche Confirmation Co-Ordinator.

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 March 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.

NEXT SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING - Join us **Sunday 9th March** after the 11am Mass, in St. Anthonys hall, at the Most Holy Redeemer Church for light refreshments.

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.

RECENT DEATH – **Mr Paul Newton RIP** of Buckbean Path, aged 53 years sadly passed away at Queens hospital on Friday 17th January. His Requiem Mass will be held at **St. Dominic's Church, Straight Road, Harold Hill** on **Friday 21st February at 11am** followed by Burial at Upminster Cemetery **at 12.30pm**. Please remember him and his family and friends in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

MARRIAGE WEEK: 7th-14th February is National Marriage Week. Please pray for couples living the vocation to marriage, for those preparing for married life, for those who are widowed, and those who are struggling with difficult situations in their family life. The Annual Mass of Thanksgiving for Marriage and Family Life will take place in Brentwood Cathedral on **Saturday 21st June** - if you are celebrating a significant anniversary this year please let your parish priest know. In a message for this week the lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life, Bishop Bosco MacDonald, writes 'the hope of marriage is that it becomes a source of stability and happiness, showing us the endless love that God has for all of us'. Read the whole message on the Bishops' Conference website cbcew.org.uk

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

MARANATHA - Our next evening of prayer and praise will be held on **Thursday 20th February** at 7pm at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX.

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.

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> – for any questions about the evening please contact the organisers via the 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 romforyouth@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.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 5th February 2025 Bonus Ball No: 52 Winner: " Roll Over " £25
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes