

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 22nd February - Sunday 2nd March

Sat 22nd February

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 23rd February

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Mon 24th February

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tues 25th February

(StD) 9.30am:

Wed 26th February

(MHR) 9.30am:

Thurs 27th February

(Std) 9.30am:

Fri 28th February

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Sat 1st March

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 2nd March

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (C)

Margaret Shalloe RIP - John & Family

Colin O'Brien RIP 2nd Anniv - Tim & Janet O'Brien

People of the Parish

FERIA

Teofil Zych RIP - Magdalena

FERIA

Daniel Ireland RIP - The Pryke Family

FERIA

NO MASS

St GREGORY of NARAK

Sara Radzikowska- Batkowska RIP - Magdalena

FERIA

Holy Souls

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES (C)

People of the Parish

R.T. Moorthy RIP Centenary Birthday Anniv - Morais

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, 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.

Frank Kelly, Therese Louisa Marie Stancombe, Leo Fackler, Joseph Harrington, Thomas Jones, Margaret Shalloe, Maria Fackler, George Arthur John Kempshall, Canon Aloysius Roche, Betty Quinn, Elizabeth Buckley, Andy Morton, Patrick Joseph O'Shea, Josephine O'Higgins, John Murphy, Mgr. Jules Van Meehan, Fr. David Chapman, Catherine Greensmith, Albert Waller, Fr. John Wall, Charles Morgan, Mary Ellison, Maria Fackler, Pauline O'Reilly, Mrs Margaret Loughran, Mrs Myra Buckingham, Ronald Hastell, Frederick Walter Neville, Catherine Hallisey, Catharina Bolton, Frederick White, Frederick Nye, Joanne McCann.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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

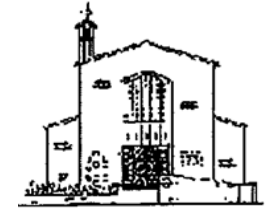


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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

23rd February 2025

First Reading: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 **Second Reading:** 1 Corin 15:45-49 **Gospel:** Luke 6:27-38

What Jesus tells his disciples in today's Gospel is hard to do, requiring extraordinary, even heroic efforts. Our human tendency is to repay offense with another offense. To hate one's enemy, to curse the curser, to avenge oneself on an evildoer, or at least to exact an equal punishment, is a fairly spontaneous reaction. To renounce punishment is not normal. But if we are guided by the Spirit of God and not simply by our natural reaction, we are going to return good for evil: to love our enemies, do good to those who hate us..... Pray for those who mistreat us. We have to do "violence" not on our enemies but on our human instinct to take revenge. We are to conquer evil by doing good.

We are on the right track if we focus on the loving and merciful God rather than the malice of others. Let us be merciful just as also the heavenly Father is merciful. He himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Have we not been ungrateful and given way to our wicked ways also? Pope Francis says, "Having been loved by God, we are called to love in return; having been forgiven, we are called to forgive; having been touched by love, we are called to love without waiting for others to love first; having been saved graciously, we are called to seek no benefit from the good we do" (Homily, Bari, Italy, 23rd Feb 2020).

The words of Jesus do not absolutely authorise inaction, passivity, or resignation. On the contrary, they give us weapons to stop injustice and violence. The "law of retaliation" does not stop until antagonists are destroyed physically, morally, or spiritually. "an eye for an eye" will eventually make everyone blind, and "a tooth for a tooth" will turn everyone toothless. But if someone shows enough courage and spirit to renounce retaliation, a way is being paved for peace and reconciliation. The book of Proverbs says, " If your enemies are hungry, give them food to eat, if thirsty, give something to drink; for live coals you will heap on their heads, and the Lord will vindicate you" (25:21-22). Anger, when met will anger, will turn into a conflagration that devours those along the path. But the fire of anger is doused with gestures of peace, humility, and reconciliation. "Live coals" are heaped on the head of the angry or offended person, making him or her think that there are other and better ways to resolve conflicts.

PRAYER REQUEST FOR POPE FRANCIS - We ask for prayers for the Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he continues to battle an infection in both lungs. May the Lord grant his strength and healing, and may he guide the doctors and medical staff caring for him. Please keep Pope Francis in your prayers during this time.

LENT 2025 - Ash Wednesday falls on **Wednesday 5th March**, and **Easter Sunday on 20th April**. On Ash Wednesday we will have two Masses with the distribution of the Ashes at **9.30am STD & 7.30pm MHR**.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY LITURGY – Please be aware there is no children's Liturgy this Sunday Children's Liturgy will resume after the half term break.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION RACIAL JUSTICE - There will be a Diocesan Second Collection this **Sunday** for Racial Justice after all Masses. Thank you for your continued support.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - The next St Vincent de Paul Meeting will take place on **Monday 24th February at 4.30 pm**.

YOUTH GATHERING - Come and meet our new Parish Partnership Youth Coordinator, Onose! This is a great opportunity to share your ideas and explore exciting possibilities for young people in our Parish. This **Tuesday evening** from 6pm to 8pm in St. Georges Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church. Pizza, Chats and dreaming about the future of our Parish. Everyone aged 13 to 18 is warmly welcomed. We want to hear from as many young people possible. Parent's please encourage your teenagers to come along. We look forward to seeing you there.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - The First Holy Communion Classes will continue on **Thursday 27th February** from **6.30pm to 7.30pm** in St. Georges hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church.

GIRL'S CLUB - Girl's club will be will reopen on Friday 28th February.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Confirmation Classes will continue on **Saturday 1st March** from **10.30am to 12pm** in St. Georges hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church. Please bring along a **photo** and **£30** to cover admin fee. Anyone who has financial difficulty please see Fr. Joseph. For further details please contact 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. Anthony's hall, at the Most Holy Redeemer Church for tea, coffee and cake.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS – please take a moment to note the next available dates (*shown below*). As you can see Masses get booked in well in advance, **especially Sunday Masses**. Therefore, recent requests, notably for **11am** Sunday Masses, will be booked in for next available date (now July '25). *Apologies for any inconvenience caused.*

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.

PARISH SECRETARY- BILLERICAY - A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Parish Secretary to work at Billericay- The Most Holy Redeemer. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills. The post will be part-time working 20 hours per week with hours planned to suit the requirements of the parish. The salary is £12.46 per hour. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV and cover letter by email to billericay@brcdt.org. Closing date: **25th February 2025**

PUBLIC CONSULTATION IN ROMFORD BREWERY - This Thursday, 27th February, from 3.30-6.30pm in the Brewery, there is a consultation about the proposed new Mosque for Romford. You can also view the proposals online at hicc-your-feedback.co.uk where comments can be made until Friday 14th March.

FLAME 2025—FINAL CALL FOR YOUNG PEOPLE aged 15+ who would like to come to Flame 2025 at Wembley Arena on Saturday 15th March. Coach leaves Romford 08.45, returns approx. 19.30. We have excellent seats, and this amazing day includes speakers such as Bear Grylls and musicians GuvnaB and One Hope Project. Join 10,000 young people from all over the country. The deadline to apply is **Thursday 27th February** – email romfordyouth@brcdt.org to let Onosé know that you want to come. Cost for the whole day, including coach, just £25.

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 pioneering black female leader. 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>.

VACANCY HEAD TEACHER – **St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford**. Our current Head, Mrs Waterfield, is retiring after 20 years. The Governors are seeking to appoint a Headteacher to begin in September to continue the excellent work at this caring, friendly and diverse two form entry primary school. Visits from prospective applicants are warmly encouraged, and can be arranged at a time to suit you. Full details: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>. Salary Group 3 L18-24a (depending on experience). Closing date for applications: Monday 17th March

VACANCY CARITAS DEVELOPMENT OFFICER -This new role within the Diocese will help develop and strengthen our charitable action and ministry. Working alongside the Director of Caritas, the successful applicant will have excellent digital media, organisation and presentation skills, and a heart for Catholic Social Teaching, helping to share this valuable work in schools and parishes, supporting existing volunteers. £24,000 - £27,000pa depending on experience. Full time, including some evenings and weekends. Closing date 31st March at noon. More information and application details: caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org

MASS INTENTIONS – Please note the next available dates: **Sunday Masses:** 9am (StD) – 2/03/25 11am (MHR) – 06/07/25, 6.30pm (MHR) – (Sat) 16/03/25. **Weekday Masses:** (MHR) 07/03/25, (StD) 04/03/25. **Remember to allow plenty of notice if you require a particular date/time - it isn't always possible to celebrate Mass Intentions on the day requested; if so the Mass will be celebrated on the nearest available date.** Place Mass Intentions in a clearly marked envelope and they will be dealt with by the Parish Administrator. Thank you.