

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 8th March - Sunday 16th March

Sat 8th March

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 9th March

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Mon 10th March

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tues 11th March

(StD) 9.30am:

Wed 12th March

(STD) 9.30am:

Thurs 13th March

(Std) 9.30am:

Fri 14th March

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

(MHR) 10.30am:

(STD) 7.00pm:

Sat 15th March

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 16th March

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Paddy Neville R.I.P. Anniv - Mary & Family

People of the Parish

Joanne Elizabeth McCann R.I.P. 7th Anniv - Colin & Linda Miles

MONDAY of the FIRST WEEK of LENT

Stefan Lewonowski R.I.P. - Magdalena

TUESDAY of the FIRST WEEK of LENT

Molly Quirk - The Page Family

WEDNESDAY of the FIRST WEEK of LENT

NO MASS

THURSDAY of the FIRST WEEK of LENT

Molly Quirk - The Page Family

FRIDAY of the FIRST WEEK of LENT

Mr Felah Janny Haddad R.I.P. - John Haddad

Stations of the Cross

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Stations of the Cross

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

Magdalena Intentions

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

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)

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 Monkoom, Andy & Doreen, Nadia Bolton, Donna McKeamney, 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, Lukose Vadakara, Mathew.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME.

Michael Power, Mary Gamble, Una McCormack, Canon Joseph Whitfield, Cissie (Celelia) Holiday (Funeral date), Beatrice Gabriel, Fr. Thomas Lawton, Fr. John Gordon, James Joseph Sheehan, Dean Sessions, Fr. Maurice Roche, Fr. Edmund Meyer, Bill Mead, Robert Pettet, Eileen Noyes, Elizabeth Gibb, Patrick Neville, Brian Bonini, Mick Morrissey, Martin O'Connor, Rory Steadman, Mary Alford, Maurice Hart, Fr. Bill Luby, Beryl Walton, Mrs Julia Tuley, Fred Clarke, Jessie Edwards, Jane Crane, Eileen Frances Cook, Patrick Barnes, Isie Moore, Mary McGrellis, Canon Martin Horkan, Dermot Kennedy, Lillian Alford, Ada Kelly.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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

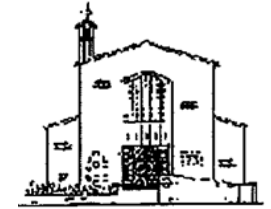


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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

9th March 2025

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 **Second Reading:** Romans 10:8-13 **Gospel:** Luke 4:1-13

Even the devil can quote Scripture! This dismissive line is often declared when someone tries to 'one-up' another by quoting a familiar Scripture passage to make a point. Simply knowing Scripture does not guarantee someone's right relationship with God. So merely citing Scripture does not win the argument.

Oscar Wilde once said: 'I can resist everything except temptation.' He was not alone. The scriptures testify that temptation is part and parcel of being a human being. The sage exhorted his readers, ' My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent' (Prov. 1:10). St Paul taught: 'No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it' (1 Cor 10:13).

We can sometimes be confused by the experience of being tempted. We can be tempted a thousand times a day but being tempted is not sinful: it is giving in to the temptation that leads us to sin. If you are tempted into doing evil, flee from it. It is not falling into water but lying in it that causes a person to drown! Jesus is the perfect model of how to endure and resist temptation. He engaged the devil and did not yield.

Jesus overcame him by the power of scripture. We are called to do the same-it is the word of God that dispel the lies of the enemy. Temptation is always based on a lie or deception. The truth of scripture is like a shield against the darts and arrows of the evil one.

God allows us to be tempted so that we may grow and mature. Thomas a Kempis had great insight into the day-to-day living out of the Christian life. His words speak across the centuries with the wisdom of Christ: '*The voice of Christ: write my words in your heart and meditate on them earnestly for in time of temptation they will be very necessary. So long as we live in this world we cannot escape suffering and temptation. Little by little with patience and fortitude and with the help of God, you will sooner overcome temptations than with your strength and persistence.*'



MARY'S MEALS - would like to invite you to collect all your foreign currency* no matter how old or obscure. This weekend, envelopes are available at the back of the church for you to take home and put all your foreign coins and notes into. Clear out your drawers and have a look under the sofa. Currently the charity feeds over 2.4 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education – by giving Mary's Meals your foreign coins and notes you can help feed the next hungry child. Mary's Meals feeds in over 17 countries. Because of our low costs we can do this for as little as £19.15 per child per year! *We will also take UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING - Join us this **Sunday** after the 11am Mass, in St. Anthony's hall, at the Most Holy Redeemer Church for tea, coffee and cake. Look forward to seeing you all!

SEASON OF LENT - During the season of Lent there will be Stations of the Cross every Friday at MHR after 9.30am Mass and at St Dominic at 7.00pm led by Sr Imelda or Sr Evelyn. During Lent we are encouraged to undertake practices of self-denial: Fasting, Almsgiving and spend more time dedicated to Prayer. Please make a very special effort to come to renew our Spiritual lives.

PARISH MONTHLY GRAND DRAW - Congratulations to our **March** winner **M.Gryko No 50. £50.**

THE PARISH REPOSITORY – Come and visit the repository at the back of the Parish after all Masses. We have available St Patrick's day cards, rosettes and ribbons, Easter cards, Confirmation cards, First Holy Communion cards, gifts, and Rosaries. Just some of the items available at reasonable prices.

BIG THANK YOU - A big thank you to all Parishioners who kindly donated unwanted Christmas gifts. These gifts will be used for our next Christmas Market and as Raffle Prizes. We truly appreciate your continued support. *From Theresa.*

EASTER RAFFLE PRIZES. We are seeking prizes for our Easter Raffle which will be drawn on Easter Sunday 20th April. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your support.

JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER FOR SOCIAL FUNDRAISING - We are looking for new enthusiastic volunteers to join our social fundraising team and help support both our Parishes! This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with the community, and help raise vital funds. If you are interested in joining us or want more details see Theresa or add your name to the list at the back of the Parishes. Your support is greatly appreciated!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - The next St Vincent de Paul Meeting will be on **Monday 10th March at 4.30 pm.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - The First Holy Communion Classes will continue on **Thursday 13th March** from **6.30pm to 7.30pm** in St. Georges hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT DAY - Just a reminder that the Confirmation Retreat Day will take place on **Saturday 29th March** at Walsingham House, Abbotswick, Navestock Side, Brentwood, CM14 5SH. **PLEASE ARRIVE BY 9.30AM** for a prompt start. If you have any issues or need further information please contact Francesca, Confirmation Coordinator. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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. Any one interested for the Walsingham trip please add your name on the list at the back of the Church or speak to Theresa. The coach price is under review at the moment.

NEWSLETTER VIA EM AIL: 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.

BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL LENTEN TALKS 2025 - Just to remind you about the series of Lenten talks on the power and significance of the Holy Eucharist in our lives of faith, entitled, "Those who believe, don't leave." Details of the lectures are as follows:

Wednesday 12th March: Brendan Thompson who is the U.K. Programme Director for Word on Fire Ministries. Brendan is a Lay Theologian speaking to thousands of people each year.

Wednesday 19th March: Fr Philip Caldwell who is a parish priest of the Salford Diocese who taught Theology for many years at Ushaw Seminary before its closure; he writes for the Catholic Truth Society and gives retreats.

Wednesday 26th March: Bishop Alan Williams, our own Bishop of the Diocese, a Marist, former Director of the Shrine in Walsingham, and Bishop of the Diocese for over ten years. A Doctor of Psychology, and the Conference of Bishops' delegate on many commissions.

Wednesday 2nd April: Fr Stephen Morrison (O) Norbertine Parish Priest of Our Lady of Sorrows, Peckham. After studying French at Oxford entered the Norbertine Order. Latin Scholar and speaks several other languages. Gifted preacher. The talks will take place in the Brentwood Cathedral and begin at 7.30pm. Please put these dates in your diaries.

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

INTER FAITH DIALOGUE - An edited recording of the talk given by Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald at Gidea Park parish is now available on the website www.whatgoodnews.org The Cardinal explained how the Second Vatican Council encourages dialogue with people of other faiths, and described especially the contribution of Pope Francis to this work.

BRENTWOOD URSULINE – 125th ANNIVERSARY - To mark our 125th anniversary, we invite past and present staff and students to attend an anniversary Mass at Brentwood Cathedral at 11.15 a.m. on Saturday 26th April 2025, to be followed by a community celebration at the Brentwood Ursuline School from 1.00 to 5.00 p.m. For further details and to book a place at the event, please visit the website: www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk

THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18th to Friday 25th 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 5th March 2025 Bonus Ball No: Winner: 58 " Fr. Joseph " £50
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes