

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 29th March - Sunday 6th April

Sat 29th March

(MHR) 5pm:
(MHR) 6.30pm:

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ©

(Laetare' Sunday)

Confession
Elizabeth Uwazie R.I.P. & Rev Monsignor Vincent Uwazie R.I.P. -
Francesca & Jerome

Sun 30th March

(StD) 9am:

People of the Parish
Lynda Ezimoha - Henry, Brielle, Ethan Ezimoha
KK 18th Birthday - Mum & Family

Mon 31st March

(MHR) 9.30am:

MONDAY of the FOURTH WEEK of LENT
Elizabeth Uwazie R.I.P 9th Anniv - Francesca & Jerome

Tues 1st April

(StD) 9.30am:

TUESDAY of the FOURTH WEEK of LENT
Michael O'Brien R.I.P. 35th Anniv - Tim & Janet O'Brien

Wed 2nd April

(MHR) 9.30am:

WEDNESDAY of the FOURTH WEEK of LENT
Mohammed Ibrahim Guled R.I.P. - Maria Rosa Guled

Thurs 3rd April

(StD) 9.30am:

THURSDAY of the FOURTH WEEK of LENT
Tony Bolton R.I.P. - Margherita, Jon, Janet, Maria
All School Mass - St Ursula's Primary School

Fri 4th April

(MHR) 9.30am:
(MHR) 10.00am:
(MHR) 10.30am:
(StD) 7pm:

FRIDAY of the FOURTH WEEK of LENT
P.J.O'Malley - Rita O'Malley
Stations of the Cross
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
Stations of the Cross

Sat 5th April

(MHR) 5pm:
(MHR) 6.30pm:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ©
Confession
Bridie Pryke - Margaret Varndell

Sun 6th April

(StD) 9am:
(MHR) 11am:

Gill Brown R.I.P. 30th Anniv - Rayner Family
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 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 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, 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.

Cornelius Griffin, Fr. Joseph Touhey, Charlie Cassar, Joyce Blackwell, Christina Bouny, Mrs Mary Kelliher, Kathleen Riordan, Walter Cronin, George Fowler, Caroline Burland, Canon William Toft, Tony McGaughey, David Thomas, Ellen Harney, Robert Barnes, Elizabeth Page, Tony Bolton (Ronald Anthony Bolton), Canon Charles Hollywood, Valerie Gibbons, Susan O'Malley, Mary Hunt, Fr. Ronald Roberts, Thomas Acahan, Jim Philip, Johanna Ryan, Paddy Rofter, Mark Crehan, Gertrude Brown, Sr. Columba

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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

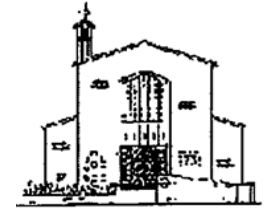


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

30th March 2025

Mothering Sunday

(Laetare' Sunday)

First Reading: *Joshua 5:9a-12* **Second Reading:** *2 Cor 5:17-21* **Gospel:** *Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32*

Today, is the Fourth Sunday of Lent, traditionally known as 'Laetare Sunday' 'Rejoice Sunday' and is also Mothers' Day.

A very happy Mothering Sunday to all our wonderful mums in the parish. I know just how many of you mums run about each and every day after your children and grandchildren, doing all those things a mum does to keep their family functioning and happy. Today we pray for you all, giving thanks for all you do. Of course, we think of those mothers who have gone on to heaven - may God bless you all, living and departed.

Today's gospel recalls the well known and much loved parable of the Prodigal Son. It gives us a wonderful image of God, who like the father of the prodigal son is all loving, full of mercy and compassion.

When we have an image of God who is to be feared, we distant ourselves from the sacrament. Why? Perhaps we see God as distant and judgemental. Fear has sometimes coloured our image of God. Have you ever said or thought, 'I knew God would do that'. We perceive Him as a judge who is keeping a record of all our faults. This is enough to distant us from his mercy and leaves us unable to respond properly. The sacrament offers us the opportunity to turn to a loving and forgiving God who like the father in the parable, is ready to hear the story of our lack of faithfulness and how we have distanced ourselves from Him and from one another.

St Paul whose change of heart brought him into a life-giving relationship with God: 'Nothing', he tells us, 'can separate us from the love of God made manifest in Christ Jesus.' God's love for us is unconditional. Do I really believe this includes me?

*“Happy Mother’s Day to all mothers past, present and soon to be. To all women who have been like a mother; nans, aunts, sisters, family and friends, those who have loved a child unconditionally.
May God Bless you all”*

CATHOLIC MISSIONARY APPEAL. - On behalf of Br. John Deeney, Fr Joseph will be making a special appeal for the **Lasallian Project** after all Masses on **Saturday 5th April and Sunday 6th April** . To learn more about the Lasallian Projects and how you can help, please visit <https://www.lasallianprojects.org.uk/>. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

REQUEST TO OUR LOVELY HOMEBAKERS - We are in need of homemade cakes for Easter Sunday coffee morning. If you would like to contribute, please bring your scrumptious bakes to share with everyone. See Theresa for further information.

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS - Easter raffle tickets are now on sale. Don't miss the chance to win exciting prizes. The Easter Raffle will be drawn on Easter Sunday. All proceeds will support both Parishes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES 2025-2026 - are now available for collection at the back of both Churches. Please collect your box as soon as possible. If you need more information to join the Gift Aid Scheme, please contact Marian or Fr. Joseph. Thank you for your continued support.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP - Attend our friendly and informal bereavement support group, where you can find solace, compassion and assistance. Sheila Delander and Liz Hill will lead the group. The following meeting is set for **Wednesday 2nd April** at **2pm** in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. All are welcome. Tea/coffee and cake will be available.

CONFIRMATION SESSION - Confirmation Session will continue on **Saturday 5th April** from **10.30am to 12pm** in St. Georges hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. For any questions or more information please contact Francesca Uche, Confirmation Coordinator.

GOOD FRIDAY CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Families of First Holy Communion children are specially encouraged to attend for the Stations of the Cross for children on **Good Friday 18th April**. This special service offers a meaningful way for children to reflect on Christ's Passion and deepen their understanding of their faith as they prepare for this important sacrament. **Please arrive promptly by 10.15am for a 10.30am start.** For any questions or more information please contact Paula Jones, First Holy Communion Coordinator.

GOOD FRIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS - Children are invited to join us for a fun-filled arts and crafts session after the Stations of the Cross in St. George's Hall at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. Light refreshments will be available. All are welcome.

EASTER SUNDAY CELEBRATION - Join us this Easter Sunday after the 11am Mass at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill for a joyful community gathering, There will be light refreshments provided, as well as plenty of fun activities for children. The Easter Raffle will also be drawn, so don't miss out! Children are encouraged to wear their Easter bonnets as we celebrate together. All our welcome.

DIOCESAN WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE COACH TRAVEL - We are excited to inform you that we have arranged to share a coach with the Parish of St. Theresa, Newbury Park, for the pilgrimage to Walsingham on Saturday 24th May . **Coach price £25 per person.** Please place the £25 in an envelope with your name **clearly written** on it and hand it to Theresa or Fr. Joseph. **Payment must be submitted by Sunday 6th April.** Further details regarding coach pick - up times and location will follow shortly. Thank you for your support. We look forward to sharing this pilgrimage experience together.

LENT READINGS: Commentary on all the readings during Lent Go to www.whatgoodnews.org Click on Scripture Readings, and then on Lent Readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD - In a talk entitled 'A richer table of God's word', Fr Adrian Gruffy explains how after the Second Vatican Council readings from all parts of the Bible were arranged so that more abundant provision of Sacred Scripture is available to all at Mass. The talk will be at 7 pm (tea and coffee from 6.30 pm) on **Wednesday 2nd April** at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. The talk is also available via live stream on www.whatgoodnews.org. No need to book for this free event.

BCYS YOUTH MASS, BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL, Thursday 3rd April from 6pm -Join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service for their monthly Youth Mass this coming Thursday. Beginning with pizza in the Cathedral Parish Hall from 6pm, followed by Youth-led Stations of the Cross before celebrating Mass at 7:30pm. For more information you can visit www.bcys.net , follow @brentwoodcys on social media or email gabriellaskinner@brcdt.org

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL VACANCY – St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated Learning Support Assistant to join our team. For more information about the position and to apply, please visit <https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=109344> **Closing date is 21.04.25.**

THE SHROUD OF TURIN EXHIBITION - View a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin. Free admission. Wednesday **12 March – Monday 21 April** at St George's Cathedral Lambeth Road Southwark SE1 7HY. St George's Cathedral is open Monday–Friday from 7:15am–5pm, Saturday from 9am–7pm, and Sunday from 7:30am–7pm. The Shroud of Turin is a length of linen cloth that bears a faint image of the front & back of a crucified man - believed by many to be the actual burial Shroud used to wrap the body of Our Lord after his crucifixion, & upon which his bodily image is miraculously imprinted. More details about the exhibition are on the Southwark Archdiocesan website: <https://www.stgeorgescathedral.org.uk/whats-on/shroud-of-turin-exhibition-at-st-george-s-cathedral/> And on You Tube Fr. Robert Spitzer SJ and Chris Stefanick discuss the Shroud of Turin: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5xxiR37eUt8>

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 11.15am on **Saturday 26 April**, followed by a community celebration at Brentwood Ursuline, from 1pm-5pm. For further details and to book a place at the event, please refer to the school's website: www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE -The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Preparation for Divine Mercy Sunday Retreat at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on **Saturday 26th April 2025** from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The retreat will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on [07957594646](tel:07957594646) for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Victoria

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 26th March 2025 Bonus Ball No: 14 Winner: “Jean Rayner” £50
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes