

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 22nd March - Sunday 30th March

Sat 22nd March

(MHR) 5pm:

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 23rd March

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Mon 24th March

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tues 25th March

(StD) 9.30am:

Wed 26th March

(MHR) 9.30am:

Thurs 27th March

(StD) 9.30am:

Fri 28th March

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

(MHR) 10.30am:

(StD) 7pm:

Sat 29th March

(MHR) 5pm:

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 30th March

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT @

Confession

People of the Parish

Molly Quirk - The Page Family

Tony Bortoli R.I.P. - Theresa & Patrick

MONDAY of the THIRD WEEK of LENT

Amy Massey Birthday - Mum, Charlotte, James

THE ANNUNCIATION of the LORD

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

WEDNESDAY of the THIRD WEEK of LENT

Mary Soh R.I.P.

THURSDAY of the THIRD WEEK of LENT

Victoria Osijo 81st Birthday & Pastor Nike Osijo R.I.P.

FRIDAY of the THIRD WEEK of LENT

Rev Monsignor Vincent Uwazie R.I.P. 1st Anniv - Francesca & Jerome

Stations of the Cross

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession

Stations of the Cross

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT @

Confession

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

People of the Parish

Lynda Ezimoha - Henry, Brielle, Ethan Ezimoha

KK 18th Birthday - Mum & Family

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 Camppling, 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.

Sean Mulvey, Les Smith, Molly Morton, John Cummings, Canon Arthur Holmes, Alice Mary Noonan, Lee Poulton, Ann Paul, Ronald Hastell, James Harkins, Pat Palmer, Doris Kemp, Kathleen Gill, John O'Donovan, Albert Harris, Christopher, Fr. John Sherlock, Mary Ann Jordan, Eddie O'Flynn, Grant Kingman, Ethel May Appleby, Bridget O'Malley, Mgr. Alfred Gilby, Douglas Jones, Tom Nugent, Peter Murray, Eileen Jones, Cornelius Griffin, Fr. Joseph Touhey, Charlie Cassar, Joyce Blackwell, Christina Boundy.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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

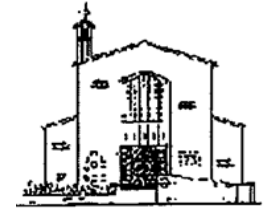


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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

23rd March 2025

First Reading: *Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15* **Second Reading:** *1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12* **Gospel:** *Luke 13: 1-9*

In the Bible, fig trees symbolise "blessings." They stand for peace and prosperity (Is 36: 16). A picture of peace is that of people sitting under their own vines, under their own fig trees undisturbed, because there are no enemies to expropriate the fruits at harvest time (Mi 4:4).

The fig tree is not only useful for its fruits. The fruit, leaves, and roots can also be used as medicine. No wonder, people eagerly await for the harvest.

But if there are fruitful fig trees, there are also barren ones. In the Gospel parable, the orchard owner asks the gardener to cut down the barren tree because it simply exhausts the soil. The gardener knows that with careful tending, with enough fertilizer and sunlight, the tree may yet bear the expected fruits. And so he asks the owner for another chance.

We are all fig trees, reliant on the care of God. God provide for everything that we need for growth and fruition, but it is up to us if we cooperate and so bear fruit.

The parable of the fig tree is also about a person who merely lives and refuses to become useful, who refuses to pursue things that are of true value. Yes. Indeed, there are people who refuse the graces offered them for the spread of God's reign, for peace, justice, and love. Let us remember that it is in Jesus' self-giving that we were saved. In the same way, we are called to bear fruit, to participate in Jesus' salvific action.

Let us also remember that the time given us is not limitless. It may be short or long, but sooner or later we will appear before the Lord to render an account of the graces and opportunities given us. The time to act is now, not tomorrow or some later date.

BRITISH SUMMER TIME - Gentle reminder Summer Time begins on **Sunday 30th March**, clocks go **forward** one hour overnight at **1am on 29th March**.

NEXT WEEKEND MOTHER'S DAY - Prayers and blessings for all mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures. With appreciation for all that you do.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - This great feast of the Annunciation of the Lord falls on **Tuesday 25th March**. There will be a special Mass at 9.30 am in St. Dominic's Church.

WEDNESDAY MORNING MASS - Wednesday morning Mass will take place every week at Most Holy Redeemer Church at 9.30am throughout the Lenten Season.

GIRL'S CLUB - The Girl's Club last session before Easter is next **Friday 28th March**. It will resume on **Friday 25th April**. Happy Easter to all from the Girl's Club Team.

REPOSITORY - MOST HOLY REDEEMER & ST. DOMINIC'S – We now have new stock available, including a wide selection of cards, rosaries and more. Please see Theresa (MHR), Marian (STD).

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

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS - Easter raffle tickets are now on sale. £1 a strip. See Theresa Murray. Thank you for your continued support.

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.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS FOR SOCIAL FUNDRAISING - We are seeking 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 require more information speak to Theresa or add your name to the list at the back of the Parishes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - Revision Session on **Thursday 27th March** from **6.30pm to 7.30pm** in St. Georges hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church. Theresa will have a table for First Holy Communion gifts and cards available for sale.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL in Church for **GROUP 1** on Thursday 1st May @6.30pm. **First Communion Mass for Group 1 on Saturday 3rd May @11am.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL in Church for **GROUP 2** on Thursday 8th May @ 6.30pm. **First Communion Mass for Group 2 on Saturday 10th May @ 11am.**

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL in Church for **GROUP 3** on Thursday 15th May @6.30pm. **First Communion Mass for Group 3 on Saturday 17th May @11am.**

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.

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.

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." **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.

SPONSORED LENTEN SLEEP OUT – "In the spirit of the Lenten tradition of charity, we are hosting a sponsored sleepout at Campion school. This is an opportunity for students in Years 10 to 12 to act in solidarity with those in our community who have no choice but to sleep rough outside. The sleepout will be raising funds for two charities, one nominated by Campion's Year 12 students, <https://independenceproject.co.uk/> and a charity supporting people who are homeless in our community, Your Place (formerly Caritas Anchor House, www.your-place.org.uk). Arrivals are from 9pm in the sixth form block. In the evening attendees will watch a film about homelessness and be led in reflection and prayer on this topic. Attendees are asked to bring resources to enable them to 'sleep under the stars' at Campion such as a sleeping bag, cardboard and bin liners – no tents are allowed. Students will be supervised by school staff and there is a contingency plan if the weather is too bad to keep sleeping outside. Toilets and simple hot drinks will be available. Attendees can be collected from school at 7am on the morning of **Saturday 29th March**. This is a brilliant opportunity for students to put their faith into action, through an act of fundraising and solidarity, and to do so with their friends and as part of their school/partnership community. If you wish your son/daughter to take part, please complete the relevant Edulink form to provide parental consent. Due to a limited number of spaces, you will then be informed as to whether your son/daughter has been successful in getting a place on the sleepout, and will be asked for a minimum £5 donation to be made via the event fundraising page to confirm your son/daughter's participation. This donation will be split evenly between the nominated charities and further donations can be given either in cash or through an online fundraising page: <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/campion-romford-sleepout>

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 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

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. Anyone interested for the Walsingham Pilgrimage please add your name to the list at the back of the Church or speak to Theresa. The coach price is **£45** per person.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 19th March 2025 Bonus Ball No: 28 Winner: "Roll Over" £25
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes