

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 5th April - Sunday 13th April

Sat 5th April

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT ©

Confession
Bridie Pryke - Margaret Varndell
Mohammed Ibrahim Guled - Maria Rosa Guled

Sun 6th April

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

Gill Brown R.I.P. 30th Anniv - Rayner Family
People of the Parish

Mon 7th April

(MHR) 9.30am:

MONDAY of the FIFTH WEEK of LENT

Nicky Bradford R.I.P - Yvonne Miah & Family

Tues 8th April

(StD) 9.30am:

TUESDAY of the FIFTH WEEK of LENT

John Raycraft R.I.P. - F/M

Wed 9th April

(MHR) 9.30am:

WEDNESDAY of the FIFTH WEEK of LENT

Deceased Members of the Tan Family

Thurs 10th April

(StD) 9.30am:

THURSDAY of the FIFTH WEEK of LENT

Molly Quirk R.I.P. - The Page Family

Fri 11th April

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

FRIDAY of the FIFTH WEEK of LENT

Peter Hunt R.I.P. 1st Anniv - Charlotte, Vicky, Stephen
Stations of the Cross
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
Stations of the Cross

Sat 12th April

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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD ©

Confession
People of the Parish

Sun 13th April

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

Thanksgiving for Lynda Ezimoha & Family
Mary O'Sullivan R.I.P. Anniv- Dermot O'Sullivan

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 Camping, 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, Arnie Hughes, Will Manderson, Baby Arthur Connolly, Bridget Geraldine Carr, Lily Bortoli, Lukose Vadakara, Matthew.

ANNIVERSARIES OCCURRING ABOUT THIS TIME.

Johanna Ryan, Paddy Rofter, Mark Crehan, Gertrude Brown, Sr. Columba, Mrs Alice Fuller, Tim Hedderman, Bridget Morrissey, Olga Cantos, Esterina Izz, Eddie Cassidy, William Gale, Marie Nye, Bridget Screene, Michael Kelly, Fr. Thomas Adkins, Bridie Needham, Barbara Patricia Harkins, Katie Smith, Arthur Mallen, Beatrice Manning, Catherine McVeigh, Catherine Kelly, Agnes Clark, Fr. Patrick O'Donoghue.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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



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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

6th April 2025

First Reading: *Isaiah 43:16-21* **Second Reading:** *Philippians 3:8-14* **Gospel:** *John 8: 1-11*

One of the great mysteries of today's Gospel is what did Jesus write in the dust? The Fathers of the Church have proposed numerous theories. Some have suggested that Our Lord was writing the Law, others have suggested that he was writing the sins of the mob. It has even been suggested that he was doodling to show his contempt for the actions of the scribes and Pharisees. Some have suggested that Jesus' writing is a foreshadowing of the Book of Life, the allegorical book in which God records the names and lives of the righteous. Judgement certainly is one of the main themes running through this passage.

Today's Gospel has often been misused by groups and individuals both outside and within the church to justify actions and lifestyles opposed to the teaching of the Church. However I always find that citing this passage and using the phrase "What would Jesus do?" is a bit of a cop out. To say that Jesus did not judge the woman is not true. He does judge the woman. He acknowledges her sin but he does not endorse her actions. In fact he tells her not to sin again! Nevertheless there is a stark comparison between Jesus' judgement and the judgement of the Pharisees. The Pharisees are not only quick to condemn this woman but they are also perversely using her and the Law as a means to an end, an opportunity to trick and trap Our Lord. On the other hand Jesus simply does not condemn the woman. He challenges her. He challenges her to a life without sin. He challenges her to strive to live in holiness. Unlike the Pharisees Jesus confronts a bad life, not with the exclusionary condemnation which is always tempting for those who consider themselves pure and holy. Instead, he confronts it with the challenge of a good life in Him.

Jesus gave the woman a choice: she could return to her sins, or she could embark on a life in the holiness of those liberated through God's grace. Jesus challenged her to have a new life in union with Him. This is the challenge that Christ puts before each and everyone of us every moment of the day.

CAR PARK CLOSED AT ST.DOMINIC'S – Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday**. Mass will begin at 9.am starting with the distributing and blessing of the Palms and Commemoration of the entry into Jerusalem starting in the car park area. Please be aware **there will be no car parking available in front of the Church.**

CATHOLIC MISSIONARY APPEAL. - On behalf of Br. John Deeney, Fr Joseph will be making a special appeal for the **Lasallian Project** after all Masses this weekend. 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.

PARISH MONTHLY GRAND DRAW - Congratulations to our **April** winner **K.Wilson No 88. £50.**

ROTAS - Eucharistic Ministers and Readers please collect your new rotas from Theresa. 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.

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.

GOOD FRIDAY CONFIRMATION GROUP STATIONS OF THE CROSS - Families of this year's Confirmation group are specially encouraged to attend for the Stations of the Cross 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 4.15pm for a 4.30pm start.** For any questions or more information please contact Francesca Uche, Confirmation Coordinator.

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.

THE FINAL CONFIRMATION SESSION - The final Confirmation Session is set to continue on **Saturday 26th 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.

RECENT DEATH – Bridget (Bridle) Levy aged 88 sadly passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday **25th March**. Her burial service is scheduled for **Thursday 24th April** at **12pm** at Forest Park Cemetery Chapel followed by a graveside service at the existing gravesite within the cemetery. Please remember her and her family in your prayers. **May she rest in peace.**

EASTER VIGIL READINGS - The Readings are a high point in the celebration of the Easter Vigil. In order to assist priests and people in managing these readings, Fr Adrian Graffy has prepared commentaries on each of them. Go to www.whatgoodnews.org Click on Scripture Readings, and follow the links.

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.**

LIVED EXPERIENCE OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES IN ENGLAND & WALES SURVEY- www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the official agency of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales for domestic social action, is conducting this survey to assess the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the broader effects of the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. The insights gathered from this survey will play a crucial role in our advocacy efforts to address child poverty and influence policy change. We are keen to hear directly from Catholic families about their experiences. All responses will be kept completely anonymous and are optional to answer. If you wish to withdraw your response at any time, please contact Daisy Vanderputt at daisy.vanderputt@csan.org.uk. Thank you for sharing your experience and helping us advocate for change. Complete the survey here: www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey

HOLY WEEK 2025

THE CHRISM MASS - Wed 16th April

11am at Brentwood Cathedral

MAUNDY THURSDAY - 17th April

7.30pm - Solemn Mass of the Lord's Supper
followed by Adoration until 11pm (MHR)

GOOD FRIDAY (Day of Fasting and Abstinence) - 18th April

10.30am - The Stations of the Cross for Children (MHR)

3pm - Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of The Lord (MHR)

(Collection taken up at this celebration is for the upkeep of Holy Places & for Catholics of the Holy Land)

4.30pm - The Stations of The Cross for Teenagers. All Welcome. (MHR)

HOLY SATURDAY - 19th April

9.30am - Proper Office of Readings and Morning Prayer (MHR)

8pm - Celebration of the Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter (MHR)

EASTER SUNDAY - 20th April

9am - Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord (StD)

11am - Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord (MHR)

EASTER MONDAY - 21st April 9.30am - Mass (MHR)

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed **2nd April 2025** Bonus Ball No: 53 Winner: "**Roll Over**" **£25**
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes