

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 16th August - Sunday 24th August

Sat 16th August

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 17th August

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Mon 18th August

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tues 19th August

(StD) 9.30am:

Wed 20th August

(MHR) 9.30am:

Thurs 21st August

(StD) 9.30am:

Fri 22nd August

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Sat 23rd August

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 24th August

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

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 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, Suzanne Bonelli, Elizabeth Yee, Margaret T, Francis and Shaun, Rose Louise McDonagh, Amie Hughes, Will Manderson, Baby Arthur Connolly, Bridget Geraldine Carr, Lukose Vadakara, Matthew, Josie Piper, Bailey Merritt, Chris Lewis.

ANNIVERSARIES WE REMEMBER AT THIS TIME.

Mrs N Bailey, Olive Kelly, Mary Leaver, Winifred Mannix, Roy Wright, Canon Peter Prendergast, William Semple, Ken Stanton, Grace Morris, James Kitchener Walsh, Hugh Docherty, Canon Vincent Hurley, Mary Doherty, Violet Bailey, Cynthia Pereira, Bernard Graham, John Lefever Mitchell, Eileen Sheila Preston, Alice Blake, Cynthia Pereira, Michael Regan, Elizabeth Rider, Fr. Arthur Ryan, Sr. Phyllis (about this time), Elizabeth Stokes, Mary O'Connell, Fr. George Gresley, Fr Sean Sheils, Ken Knight, Ema Hewett, Patricia Puchalska, Canon Vincent Cameron, Jim O'Neill, Cornelius Paul, Joseph McGuigan

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

17th August 2025

First Reading: Jeremiah 38:4-6 **Second Reading:** Hebrews 12: 1-4 **Gospel:** Luke 12:49-53

The First Reading describes the persecution of the prophet Jeremiah. Having tried in vain to save his people, Jeremiah was now abandoned to his enemies. Christians have always seen him as a figure of Christ. His sufferings remind us of the sufferings of Jesus, and his rescue from the pit reminds us Jesus' resurrection from the tomb.

It's clear that when Jesus talks about bringing fire and division his words are not meant to be taken literally. Yet those words stand for something real in him. Jesus was gentle. But this doesn't mean that he was weak. When the occasion demanded it he could be very assertive-as when he drove the traders out of the Temple.

The Gospel contains two sayings about the nature of Jesus' mission. His coming marks a time for making decisions. His followers will have to make crucial choices; they will have to choose to be for him or against him. Choosing for him may divide them from family members. In the early Church, conversion was likely to cause a family row. The convert was rejected by the family, and had therefore to make a choice between Christ and the family.

Christians should not be surprised if the Gospel should divide people and family. Jesus' sense of justice brought him into conflict with those who exploited the weak and the poor. His integrity brought him into conflict with the dishonest. His tolerance brought him into conflict with the narrow-minded and the bigoted. The brighter the light, the darker the shadows it casts. 'When I give bread to the poor, they call me a saint. But when I ask why the poor have no bread, they call me a communist.' So said the late Archbishop Helder Camara, champion of Brazil's poor.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES THIS SUMMER! - While many of our regular parishioners are away during the summer months, we are delighted to welcome all who join us at both of our Parishes. Whether you're visiting family, travelling through the area, or enjoying a summer getaway, we're delighted to welcome you to our parish community.

GENTLE REMINDER FOR MASS INTENTIONS - If you have a specific date in mind for Mass intention, please ensure it is booked at least **4 months in advance**. Mass intentions should be submitted in an envelope, clearly printed in **BLOCK LETTERS** to help avoid any spelling errors. Please note that all Mass intentions, including Foundation Masses, will be scheduled for the next available date, as Fr. Joseph serves two parishes, and the Mass intentions must accommodate both communities.

REPOSITORY AT MOST HOLY REDEEMER - We are pleased to share that new candles have arrived in the shop. You are warmly invited to come and see.

SUMMER HOLIDAY DECLUTTER - DONATIONS WELCOMED - As you tidy up over the summer holidays, we're inviting donations of good condition children's toys and books for our Christmas Market later this year. Your generous contributions will help make the event a success and bring joy to many families. See Theresa for further details.

SUMMER FUN ARTS AND CRAFTS FOR CHILDREN - Join us for a fun filled morning of arts and crafts along with games and activities, **Wednesday 20th August** from **10am to 12pm** in St. George's Hall at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. **All children** must be **accompanied** by a parent or carer, and parents/carers are required to stay for the duration of the session. Everyone is welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 - For children who will be in Year 3 or above in September. The applications will be available from **Sunday 31st August** and forms must be in clear **BLOCK LETTERS** to avoid spelling mistakes. Forms must be returned by **Sunday 2nd November 2025**. Thank you for your cooperation. For further details please contact Paula Jones First Holy Communion Co-Ordinator.

MASS REGISTRATION CARDS - New Mass Registration Cards **2025-2026** will be available for collection on **Sunday 31st August**. Children from Year 3 to Year 5 to pick up a card. Please **RETURN** the card for **2024-2025**. Thank You for your cooperation.

PARISH BEREAVEMENT GROUP - Come along to find comfort, support and understanding at our welcoming and informal bereavement support group. The group will be led by Sheila Delander and Liz Hill. We invite you to join us as we navigate through grief together. Next meeting will be held **Wednesday 3rd September** at 2pm St. Anthony's Hall, Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. Regular meetings will take place on the first Wednesday of every month. All are invited to join us. Refreshments including, tea/coffee and cake will be available.

JOINING THE RCIA PROGRAM 2025-2026 - Becoming Catholic is the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith. Have you expressed an interest in becoming or want to find out more about being a Catholic? Were you baptised as a Catholic as a child but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist? Have you just lost contact with the Church? Please contact Fr. Joseph for more details or alternatively contact the Parish Office 01708 343492 or email haroldhillmhr@brcdt.org. **Further information will be provided shortly..**

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL - If you would like the latest newsletter delivered to your inbox every week, simply email the Parish office email address haroldhillmhr@brcdt.org and we will add you to our mailing list.

VESPERS FOR UKRAINIAN INDEPENDENCE DAY - There will be a special Vespers in the Brentwood Cathedral on **Sunday 24th August at 4.00 p.m.** as part of the celebrations for Ukrainian Independence Day. This is a service to show our support for the people of Ukraine, especially those who have made their home in our community since the outbreak of the war in their country. There will be face painting and activities for children in the Parish Hall from 3.30 p.m. and everyone is invited to join the celebrations in the hall after the service.

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE, LONDON - The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day 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 Ealing Broadway and Victoria

INGATESTONE HALL TEA & TOUR - Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is excited to invite you to a special day exploring the beautiful Ingatestone Hall! Join us for a private guided tour led by Lord Petre or his son, giving you a rare glimpse into this stunning 16th-century Grade I listed manor house. The tour lasts about 1½ hours, and afterwards, you'll be treated to tea and cake in the parlour — a lovely way to relax and chat! **Date: Thursday, 11th September, Times:** 10.30 am and 12.30 pm (two tour options), **Tickets:** £25 per person — you can reserve yours here: <https://eu.jotform.com/form/251772844632361>. **Note: Please be aware that access is limited due to the historic nature of the building, which may not be suitable for individuals with mobility challenges.** If you'd like more info, please get in touch with Julie: Email: jabbott@bccs.org.uk / 07912277413 and we look forward to welcoming you to Ingatestone Hall for a day of history, hospitality, and stunning architecture.

CELEBRATING VATICAN II - As the sixtieth anniversary of the conclusion of Vatican II approaches Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day entitled 'Vatican II and its Popes'. The event will take place at the Catholic parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) on **Saturday 20th September** from 10.30. Entrance is free, and a recording of the talk will be available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE – Youth Gather, 25th – 26th October Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, meeting friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. There will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost, as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply now at www.bcys.net/events

CAFOD - CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development) is looking for people to join our small team of volunteers who visit local schools to inspire children and young people and raise their awareness on issues of global poverty and Catholic social teaching. CAFOD provides full- training and support and welcomes applications from people with a range of experience. For more information contact Chris Driscoll at cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk or call 07776 493 162.

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk **Tel: 0788 7296983**

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 13th August 2025 Bonus Ball No: 54 Winner: "Tony Mak" £75
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes