

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 23rd August - Sunday 31st August

Sat 23rd August (MHR) 6.30pm:	TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Catherine O'Brien (Kit) - Tim & Janet O'Brien
Sun 24th August (StD) 9am: (MHR) 11am:	People of the Parish Genevieve Assomo Owena
Mon 25th August (MHR) 9.30am:	FERIA Magdalena Intentions
Tues 26th August (StD) 9.30am:	FERIA Carol Daley R.I.P. - Jean & Fred Rayner
Wed 27th August (MHR) 9.30am:	ST MONICA NO MORNING MASS
Thurs 28th August (StD) 9.30am:	ST AUGUSTINE, Bp, D Gina & Family Intentions
Fri 29th August (MHR) 9.30am: (MHR) 10.00am:	THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN the BAPTIST Sara Radziwoska- Batkowska R.I.P. - Magdalena Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession
Sat 30th August (MHR) 6.30pm:	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) Peter Hunt R.I.P. Birthday - Charlotte, Vicky, Stephen
Sun 31st August (StD) 9am: (MHR) 11am:	Cliff 60th & Leah's 30th Birthday - Nozarick Family Leon Leeward R.I.P. - Hilda & 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 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

Patricia Puchalska, Canon Vincent Cameron, Jim O'Neill, Cornelius Paul, Joseph McGuigan, (around this time) Bill Williams, Mary Marsh, Leslie Gabriel, Sally Mead, Annie Conway, Peter Costello, Ian Dryer, William Madigan, Fr. Bernard Collings, George Morgan, Cecil Webb, Sid Gostling, Bill McEvoy, Kathleen Margaret Tennant, Charles Heaton, Vera Maud Hale, John Amos Dunford, Canon John Sloane, Mary Catherine Porter, Patrick Dowd, Diana, Princess of Wales.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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



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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

24th August 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 66:18-21 **Second Reading:** Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13 **Gospel:** Luke 13:22-30

When the questioner asked Jesus "How many will be saved?" he was assuming that the salvation of God's Chosen People was virtually guaranteed, provided they kept the Law. In other words, the Kingdom of God was reserved for the Jews alone, and Gentiles would be shut out.

Jesus reminds us that, even though God wants all of us to be saved, He cannot, and will not, force us to be saved, for He has given us the freedom to accept His invitation or to refuse it. That means we all need to work at obediently keeping His Commandments, humbly loving and serving one another, and forgiving others as He has already forgiven us. Entry into God's kingdom is not automatically granted, based purely on religious affiliation or nationality, so we cannot presume on God's mercy and do nothing by way of response to God's invitation.

What Jesus is saying is that salvation is not guaranteed for anyone. "Outside the Church there is no salvation" was a rallying cry for centuries. But Jesus declares that nobody can claim that he is "saved," possessing a "visa" to Heaven. How many will be saved in the end is a decision that rests with God and depends His Justice which includes His Mercy.

Jesus came to bring God's love and freedom to the whole world. The message of his Gospel is that there is not a single person, people, nation, race, or class, as such, which will be permanently barred from approaching God and receiving the love and liberation that He offers freely to everyone. Hence, the role of Christians, and of the Christian community, from the beginning until the end of time, is, first and foremost, to proclaim to the whole world the Good News of God's love for the world, and then to show this Good News to be real, made visible in the loving, forgiving, sharing, and serving lives of individual Christians. So, to be "saved" means to live and to die in a close, loving relationship with God and with others.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ! - We send our warmest wishes and congratulations to Cliff on his 60th Birthday and to Leah Nozarick on her 30th Birthday, both on Sunday 31st August. Wishing you both many happy returns. To celebrate, there will be a Chinese lion dance outside the Most Holy Redeemer Parish Hall on Sunday 31st August start from **4pm** onwards. The dance will last about an hour, all children are especially welcome to come and enjoy !

GENTLE REMINDER FOR FOREIGN COINS. - Dear Parishioners, we extend our sincere gratitude for your continued generosity and support of our parishes. At this time, we are able to accept only **local currency** in the collection. We respectfully request that foreign coins or banknotes not be placed in the offertory. Thank you for your kind understanding and ongoing support.

SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL CARE AT THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL - If anybody is going into The Queen's Hospital and would like to receive Holy Communion or a visit from one of the team, please contact Helen Miranda on 01708 477890. If you want to see a priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) or the Sacrament of the Sick, the ward staff should be able to page the Duty Catholic Chaplain to arrange for him to visit you.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK - is available to anyone who is gravely ill or about to have an operation, so if you know someone who should receive this important sacrament then please speak to Fr Joseph or alternatively contact the Parish Office on 01708 343492 .

PARISH REPOSITORY - The repositories at both parishes have now been re stocked. A wide selection is available, including Christmas calendars, candles, rosaries, greeting cards, and various other gift ideas. We warmly invite you to come and browse today.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 - For children who will be in Year 3 or above in September. The applications will be available next **Sunday** and forms must be in clear **BLOCK LETTERS** to avoid spelling mistakes. Forms must be returned by **Sunday 2nd November 2025**. After this date, application forms will not be accepted. 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 next **Sunday**. Mass registration cards are only available for children preparing for their First Holy Communion next year - this applies to year 3 and year 5 only. 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.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE (CWL) - Join past and present members of the Catholic Women's League in celebrating the Feast Day of St Margaret Clitherow, CWL patron saint, on **Saturday 30th August** at St Joseph's Church, Champion Road, Upminster RM14 2SY. Talk about English Martyrs from St Alban to St Oliver Plunket in church at 3pm. Refreshments in Social Centre from 4 to 6pm. 6.30 Mass will be dedicated to St Margaret Clitherow. All welcome. This invitation is being extended to Catholic Women's League members in the Brentwood Diocese and to local parishes who have or have had a CWL Section in their parish and to our friends at English Martyrs Church and St Alban's Church because of the theme.

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**

VACANCIES IN DIOCESAN SCHOOLS: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

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.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 20th August 2025 Bonus Ball No: 49 Winner: "Theresa" £25
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes