

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 13th September - Sunday 21st September

Sat 13th September

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 14th September

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Mon 15th September

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tues 16th September

(StD) 9.30am:

Wed 17th September

(MHR) 9.30am:

Thurs 18th September

(StD) 9.30am:

Fri 19th September

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Sat 20th September

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 21st September

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS (C)

Joanne McCann R.I.P. Birthday - Colin & Linda Miles

Ethel Okoro Birthday Thanksgiving

People of the Parish

Ezugwu Family Thanksgiving

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Barbara Birthday - Elsie

ST CORNELIUS, P AND CYPRIAN, Bp, M

Holy Souls

FERIA

NO MORNING MASS

FERIA

Olaymka Olatanji Tawio Birthday

FERIA

Margaret Varndell Intentions

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession

TWENTY - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ©

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday

Bill, Margie Martin Anni Rip - Charlotte Hunt

Vocation to the Priesthood & Religious Life - KSC Romford

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, Tracy Stuart.

ANNIVERSARIES WE REMEMBER AT THIS TIME.

Baby Angela Brandley, Fr. Theophilus Borer, Bishop George Andrew Beck, Canon James Hemming, Rev. Arthur Woods (Deacon), Peter William Cammings, Eileen Archer, William (Bill) Lyons, Fr. Louis Heston, Walter Cronin, Margaret McInerney, Sep 15 Rev. Charles Waller, John Fox, Lesley Joseph Beattie, Noreen Mullane, Sep 16 Laurence Brown, Fr. John Bergin, Patricia Duchemin, Patrick Duggan, Daniel Greany, Fr. Anthony Wayston, Christopher Collis, Jack Barry, Fr. Anthony Maston, Adrian Gostling, Sep 18 Wilfred Rozier, John Falk, Patrick Traynor, Mary Lane, Sam Burland, Mrs. Elizabeth Dearlove, Maria Cottage, John Arthur Tredgett, Canon Frederick Gahaghan, Gordon Jackson, Denis O'Leary, Eileen Henson, Eileen Fraser, Sep 21, Mary Jane Castles, Stanley Henry Manning, William John Read, Tommy Fahy, Fr. John Ryan, Patrick Watson, Peter Manning.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS ©

14th September 2025

First Reading: Numbers 21:4b-9 **Second Reading:** Philippians 2:6-11 **Gospel:** John 3:13-17

Today we celebrate the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. Once again we see in the scriptures how God unfolds his plan of salvation over thousands of years. The Gospel clearly shows us that when Moses raised the Serpent (the seraph) on a pole to save the people from their sins how this foretold that Christ would be lifted high on the cross to save us from our sins.

For the people of Moses' time they saw the results of their sin nailed to a pole and raised above them. If they looked to it in faith they would be saved. For us we see the results of our sin and that of all humanity nailed to a pole and rose. For Christ took the price of all our sins upon himself and was raised. To us it is promised that if we look to him in faith we will be saved as well. This is the importance of the crucifix in the Christian Tradition. We do not have empty crosses because an empty cross didn't save us. Christ crucified is the sign of our salvation.

But what does it mean to look to Christ in faith. You have heard me tell you faith does not mean simply believing in Christ. The devil believes Christ died and rose from the dead. No true faith must be lived otherwise it is dead. This is why Christ told us to take up our cross and follow him. We see a clear example when we contrast the people in our first reading with Christ in our second.

They were unwilling to suffer. They once again were grumbling and complaining against God. Though they had betrayed God twice they still expected that they were owed a comfortable living and when they didn't get it they complained against God. Look to Christ. He emptied himself and took the form of a slave. To him was due all the Glory and Honour and yet he refused it for our sake. He was willing even to suffer, not for himself but for us, to the point of death and at that time it was the most demeaning and humiliating death one could undergo. Christ accepted it all because it tells us in the Gospel that God willed that the entire world be saved.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!! - **Ethel Okoro** "Wishing you Many Happy Returns and May God bless you with good health".

ADVANCE NOTICE SERVICE OF THE WORD - Please note that there will be **NO MASS** as St. Dominic's Church on **Thursday 25th September** due to the Diocesan Clergy Conference. On this day, there will be a Service of the Word in place of Mass.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE - There will be a diocesan second collection after all Masses **this weekend** to support the Catholic Education Schools in England and Wales. Thank you for your continued support.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION EVANGELI GAUDIUM DAY - There will be a diocesan second collection **Sunday 21st September** for Evangelii Gaudium Day after all Masses. Thank you for your continued support.

MASS INTENTIONS - There are several weekday dates still available for Mass intentions at both parishes. Mass intentions may be offered for many occasions - anniversaries, birthdays, healing, or for loved ones, living or deceased. If you would like to request a Mass intention, please place it in a **clearly** marked envelope, written legibly, and it will be handled by the Parish Administrator. Please note that Mass Intentions form part of the parish priest's annual income as they do not receive an official salary. Thank you for kind support and generosity.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026 - For children who will be in Year 3 or above in September. The applications are available at the back of the church 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. The requirement is that you are a practicing Catholic who attends Sunday Mass, and lives in the Harold Hill or Harold Wood area. For further details please contact Paula Jones First Holy Communion Co-Ordinator. Thank you for your cooperation.

MASS REGISTRATION CARDS - New Mass Registration Cards **2025-2026** will be available for collection this weekend. 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.

CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE: Fr. Joseph kindly asks parents to attend the opening evenings of the schools first before applying for the Certificate of Catholic Practice. Details of the School surgery sessions will be advertised shortly in the parish newsletter. There is **no requirement** for a Certificate of Catholic Practice for children applying for St Ursula's Catholic Primary School and Ursuline Convent High School. However, Certificate of Catholic Practice **is required** for pupils applying to Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School and The Campion School.

GIFT AID DECLARATIONS FORMS - For those donating to the Parish by standing order, please consider filling out a Gift Aid declaration Form. This allows the Parishes to claim an extra 25percent on your donations. See Marian, Theresa or Fr Joseph for further details.

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.**

MARANATHA - The next session of Maranatha will be held at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX on **Thursday, 18th September**. This will be our last session of Maranatha at the Sion Community; however, we are looking at ways to continue in the New Year 2026. In the meantime, we look forward to welcoming you on **Thursday 18th** for prayer, praise, Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. May God bless you all.

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 URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 OPEN EVENING- Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School, Queens Road, Brentwood, Essex cm14 4ex. Year 7 open evening will take place Thursday 25th September 6.30pm-9.00pm, Headteachers talks @6.30pm and 7.30pm. Open mornings Thursday 2nd and 3rd October 2025 9.30am-11.00am **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Please note there is no onsite parking for the events. Contact admin@buchs.co.uk, www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk

OPENING EVENING SACRED HEART OF MARY GIRL'S SCHOOL -'Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School is holding its Year 6 Open Evening (for entry to Year 7 in September 2026) on **Wednesday 1st October 2025 at 6pm-8pm**. Headteacher Welcome Talk is at 7.30pm. Please come along and see what this wonderful school - rated Outstanding by Ofsted in all 5 areas in October 2024 - has to offer your daughter. Further details about the school see www.sacredheartofmary.net'.

ARCHBISHOP SAINT ÓSCAR ROMERO TALK AND POWER POINT PRESENTATION: Archbishop John Wilson (Archbishop of Southwark), will be giving a Talk and power-point Presentation on Saint Óscar Romero, in the Cathedral Parish Hall on **Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm**. Archbishop John has made a special study of St Oscar Romero, and it is a great honour and privilege to invite him to our Cathedral Parish and Diocese for this talk.

St THOMAS MORE ANNUAL DINNER - **St Thomas More Alumni LAST EVER Annual Dinner - Saturday 11th October**. After 27 years the organisation for former pupils and staff members of St Thomas More High School in Westcliff has decided to hold one last Annual Dinner. It will take place in the school on **Saturday 11th October**. Guest Speaker will be Tony McDonald (headteacher 1981-85) and the cost for a four-course meal will be £30. Full details are available on the Alumni website: www.stmalumni.co.uk

CATECHIST TRAINING & RESOURCES DAY 2025 - This training and resources day is open to anyone working with young people in the Diocese of Brentwood, including all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, Parish Partnership Youth Coordinators and Youth Leaders as well as those who look after the children's liturgy. It will be an opportunity to hear about fresh resources, as well as receiving input to assist you in your First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. **We would particularly like to welcome any young people (16+) who already are or may be interested in working as young leaders and catechists in the parish and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation.** **DETAILS** **Saturday 8th November 2025** Join other catechists from across Essex & East London for a day of: Formation and practical workshops Inspiring speakers, Networking and sharing best practices, Find out all information and book your place now here: www.bcys.net/events/catechists2025

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 10th September 2025 Bonus Ball No: 13 "Sue Edwards." £25
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes