

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 29th November - Sunday 7th December

Sat 29th November

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 30th November

(StD) 9am:

11am:

Mon 1st December

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tues 2nd December

(StD) 9.30am:

Wed 3rd December

(MHR) 9.30am:

Thurs 4th December

(StD) 9.30am:

(MHR) 12.30pm:

Fri 5th December

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Sat 6th December

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 7th December

(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, 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, Maisie & Baby, Cecilia Thompson.

ANNIVERSARIES WE REMEMBER AT THIS TIME.

George Smith, Marilyn Forster, Fr. Francis Branney, Sr. Lucy, Zygmunt Siedlaczek (Funeral), Henry Price, Ann Free-land, Teresa Nolan, Maureen Jones, Robert Friswell, Andrew Manning, David George, Fr. James Hannon, Kathleen Connelly, Margherita Perotti, Ellen Balfe, Gladys Bardill, Sharon Heckmann, John Cross, Fr. Brian Drea, Vincent Pisani, Fr. Michael Healy, Charles Martin. Sr. Scolastica Kelly (Monica)

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT (A) **30th November 2025**

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 **Second Reading**: Romans 13:11-14a **Gospel**: Matthew 24: 37-44

The First Readings of the Advent Sunday from Isaiah are concerned with the Messiah and the messianic times. Isaiah kept the hopes of the people alive in very dark times. In today's reading we have the theme of universal peace and salvation. The Gospel and the Second Reading deal with the Lord's second coming, which the first Christians believed was imminent. Both readings convey a sense of urgency through phrases such as, 'Wake up', 'Stay awake', 'Stand ready'.

Spirituality is about waking up. It is about understanding things, seeing things, hearing things. It is necessary to reflect, to have the will, and to be wide awake. Not to while away the time in drowsiness. To be spiritually awake means to be attentive to God and to others. It means to be living in love.

We have two options: we can be a watcher or a sleeper. It is easy to be a sleeper. But sleepers waste their lives. It is harder but very much more rewarding to be a watcher. To be a watcher. To watch means to be awake, to be alert, to be concerned, to be active, to be interested, to care. In a word, to be a watcher is to be responsible. Jesus urges us to stay awake, to be on our guard, to be on the watch. We have nothing to fear and everything to gain from answering Advent's wake-up call.

This is the first Sunday of a new liturgical year. Another year has come and gone. Time is passing. Life is short, so we need to get on with our work. We must seize the day. We shall pass through this world but once. Therefore, any good that we can do, to any human being, let us do it now, let us not defer it or neglect it; for we shall not pass this way again.

CHRISTMAS MARKET !!!

After 6.30pm Mass (this evening) and 11.00am Mass Today (Sunday)! 12pm - 3.30pm in the St George's hall (MHR). Please come along and enjoy the festive atmosphere, pick up some Christmas presents, meet Santa or just enjoy a cuppa/some food together with friends.

BRENTWOOD DIOCESAN DIRECTORY 2026 - are available at the back of the church priced £3.20 for Ringbound £4.40.

GIRL'S CLUB - Girl's Club will close for the Christmas break after our last session on **Friday 12th December**.

NEXT MEETING OF S.V.P. - Next meeting of SVP will take place at St Dominics at 5pm on **Monday 1st of December**. I would be grateful for many members attend as possible as we will be working on our Christmas arrangements. God Bless Patrick

PARISH 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 3rd December** 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.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION WORLD YOUTH DAY - The total amount raised to support the World Youth Day last Sunday totalled **£158.81**. MHR raised **£112.31**, StD raised **£46.50**. Thank you for your kind generosity and your continued support.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE - Monday 22nd December at 5pm. All families welcome at The Most Holy Redeemer Church, St. Georges Hall. All Children are most welcome to come along dressed in Christmas jumpers to add to our celebration. Please bring along a orange to decorate. **Donations for the Salvation Army Food Bank** would be greatly appreciated! If possible, please consider bringing along one item from the following list: Tinned Fruit, Cereal Bars, Instant Pasta, Tea Bags, Coffee Sachets, Tinned Soup, UHT Milk. Thank you for helping to make a difference! Light refreshments will be served. See Theresa for further information.

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS - will be arranged in St. Anthony's Hall on **Tuesday 23rd December at 11am** - Everyone welcome!

RECENT BEREAVEMENT - Aleksandra Teodorska R.I.P, Straight Rd, Romford aged 86 sadly passed away peacefully on **Monday 10th November**. Her Requiem Mass will be held at **The Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill Thursday 4th December at 12.30pm** followed by at committal at South Essex Crematorium - East Chapel at **2.20pm**. May she rest in peace. Please remember Aleksandra and her family and friends in your prayers.

RECENT BEREAVEMENT - Rt Rev Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus of Brentwood Diocese, who sadly passed away peacefully at his home in Stock on Monday 24th November. The funeral arrangements for Bishop Thomas McMahon are as follows: The reception of the body will be received into the church of Our Lady and St Joseph, Mill Road, Stock, CM4 9LJ. On Sunday 14 December at 4 p.m. when Mass will be celebrated. The body will be received into the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, 28 Ingrave Road, Brentwood, CM15 8AT on Monday 15 December where Vespers will be sung at 5 p.m. The Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 16 December in the Cathedral at 11.30 a.m. The burial will take place in the Cathedral cemetery. May he rest in peace. Please see obituary for Bishop Thomas on our diocesan website. www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/news/diocese-mourns-bishop-thomas-mcmahon-rip/

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION FORMS 2026 AVAILABLE - Any young people who will be 14 years of age or over by Easter 2026 and are interested being confirmed are invited to collect a form. Confirmation forms are available at the back of the church. Please see Francesca Uche , Confirmation Coordinator, Theresa Murray, Paula Jones, Fr. Joseph. Please return the form by **Sunday, 11th January 2026**. **Please note that no forms will be accepted after the deadline.**

PARTNERSHIP YOUTH EVENT: The Romford Parish Partnership invites all secondary school students in Years 9 to 13 to an evening of Bowling and Bumper Cars! Join us on **Friday, 5th December from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM** at Namco Fun scape Romford in the Brewery. Cost £10. **Spaces are limited** so to register your attendance, please scan the code on the flyers displayed at the back of the church or contact Onose on the Partnership Instagram account @romford_youth or via email at romfordyouth@brcdt.org.

EDUCATION SUPPORT ADMINISTRATOR – CATHEDRAL HOUSE - A vacancy has arisen to provide administrative and general departmental support to School Advisors across the Education Department of the Diocese. The post will be part-time - 22 hours per week – 4 days per week working from 9.00am until 3.00pm with half an hour for lunch. Term time only. Salary £14.50 per hour the closing date for applications is 5.00pm on **Friday, 5th December 2025** If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV by email to hr@brcdt.org

ST URSULA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL - NURSERY AND RECEPTION TOURS - We have added additional tour dates for prospective Nursery and Reception Parents on **Tuesday 16th December at 9.10am** & **Wednesday 17th December at 9.15am**. If you would like to book your space on one of the tours, then please call the school office on 01708 345200.(We kindly ask that you arrange childcare for your own child during the tour - to minimise the disruption to our pupil's learning and so that you can benefit from the information shared).

THE DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE - The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Divine Mercy Advent Reflection on **Saturday 20 December from 1 pm - 4:30 pm** at **St Mary Mother of God, 213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF**. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information.

HEAD TEACHER VACANCY - The Governors of St Mary's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch, are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Head Teacher from April 2026. **Closing date: Friday 9th January 2026 at 5pm / Interview Date: Friday 23rd January 2026**. Enquiries can be made by email to admin@stmcpes.co.uk, or phone 01708 448430.

MARANATHA - Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! You are warmly welcomed to an evening of praise and worship, including mass and adoration. Save the dates: **Friday 16th of January and Friday 13th of February 2026**. Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm, including refreshments after. Venue: The Blessed Sacrament Church, 116 Melbourne Avenue, CM12DU, Chelmsford. Bring your friends! Organised by the CDSC (Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion).

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE & Co MAYO- Led by Bishop Alan Williams. Monday 15th June 2026. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight from London Stansted, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock Shrine, Ballintubber Abbey, Fr. Peyton Centre & Kylemore Abbey. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 26th November 2025 Bonus Ball No: 40 "Marie Page" £25
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes