

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 27th December - Sunday 4th January

Sat 27th December
 (MHR) 6.30pm: **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (A)**
 Sara Radzikowska - Batkowska R.I.P. - Magdelana

Sun 28th December
 (StD) 9am: Romilla Ince 60th Birthday
 People of the Parish
 Ezugwu Family Thanksgiving
 11am:

Mon 29th December
 (MHR) 9.30am: **St Thomas of Canterbury, Bp, M**
 Nan & Richard O'Brien Family - Ann McCarthy

Tues 30th December
 (StD) 9.30am: **Sixth day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**
 Sheila Humphreys R.I.P. - S.V.P.

Wed 31st December
 (MHR) 9.30am: **Seventh day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord**
NO MORNING MASS

Thurs 1st January
 (MHR) 9.30am: **Mary the Mother of God**
 Mothers & Grandmothers of our Parish - Fr Joseph

Fri 2nd January
 (MHR) 9.30am: **Ss Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bpp, Dp**
 Chris Colaco Congratulations Diaconate Ordination - Sam Angel
 (MHR) 10.00am: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Sat 3rd January
 (MHR) 6.30pm: **Second Sunday after the Nativity**
 Assagu R.I.P. - Guled Family

Sun 4th January
 (StD) 9am: Alex Teodorska R.I.P. - Rayner Family
 (MHR) 11am: Charlie Camelo R.I.P. Anni - Tessa Sleet & 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, 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.

Fr. Francis Wilson, Peter Farrelly, Jean Ward, Joanne Dorman, John O'Neill, Joseph Thomas Whelan, Joseph John Mahoney, Elizabeth Fletcher, Mrs Nora Walsh, James Page, Con Crowley, Charles Stanley Jennings, Thomas Sharpe, Anne Marie Stevenson, Kath Walshe, William Dean, Eileen Annie McQueen, Thomas Graham, Canon John Byrne, Robert Piggan, Hanah O'Riordan, Julia Denton-Cox, Mary McGrath Rutland, Andy McCormack, Julia Denton-Cox, Francis O'Brien, Fr. Brian Reeves, Reginald Napper, James Quinn, Mrs Winifred Carter, Mr Patrick Riely, Andrew Manning, Catherine Spain, Joe Walsh, Kathleen Jarvis, Timmy Crowley, Mary Hedderman, Alf Saltman, Gladys Lyons, Catherine Moore, Edward Gough, Wilfred Nathan Rozier, Norma Russell, Regina Maria Lavall, Michael Doherty, Rose Redgrave, Edward John Lynn, Michael Hedderman, Bill Baker, Canon Patrick McKenna, Mary Piggan, Patrick Gorman, James Reilly, Vi Fitzgerald, Helen Savage.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH (A)

28th December 2025

First Reading: Sirach 3:2-6, 2-14 **Second Reading:** Colossians 3:12-21 **Gospel:** Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23

Christmas is, above all, a family feast and while our thoughts are still centred on Bethlehem and the Holy Family, the readings of today's liturgy deal with various aspects of family life. Speaking about the Holy Family may be somewhat off-putting as our own home may be a far cry from this loving ideal.

Let us not forget that Mary and Joseph, like any other parents, had their own problems and difficulties to face. From the very beginning, the child they loved and cherished was a mystery to Mary and Joseph and as he grew up under their protection all they could do was to place their trust in God. We must do the same. The family is as old as humankind and has survived because it is built on the strong foundation of love. We may not be able to change many things in the world but our influence does extend over our homes and our own family.

Family, life never runs smoothly and today it is more difficult and trying than ever before. On this feast of the Holy Family, we ask Mary and Joseph to make our families pleasing to God, to be the heart and centre of every home throughout the world.

DEAR PARISHIONERS

"I would like to thank you all for your kindness and support over the Christmas period. So many people have been involved in preparing The Church of the Most Holy Redeemer and St Dominic's Church for the great feast of Christmas. A small army of cleaners, flower arrangers, candle stand cleaners have all contributed to making the Churches look their very best. Thank you to all who helped with the cribs, Christmas trees and the decoration of the Churches, altar servers, to all Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, folk-group, guitarists, organist who helped to make our Christmas celebrations such a memorable, spiritual and so joyful occasion. My special thanks also Katrina, Stef, Kate, Liam, Steven and Chris who provided us music at Midnight Mass which make it so joyful and spiritual.

My sincere thanks to you for your generosity to me personally this Christmas. For your cards, good wishes, gifts and kind Christmas Offerings, I am deeply grateful. I truly appreciate each and every one of your continued kindness and support. Wishing you all a very happy New Year and every blessing for 2026. With gratitude and prayers Fr Joseph.

ALTARS SERVER - Congratulations to our 7 altar servers who have received their medals on Friday 26th December on Stephen Day. They are: **Brielle (silver), Angel, Divina, Josie, Lilian, Lucas and Orobosa**. Thank you for their dedications and commitments. Three servers are currently on holiday, **David, Kosi and Ugonsi**.

CONGRATULATION - to Bert & Brenda White, who are celebrating their Platinum Wedding Anniversary on Boxing Day - 70 wonderful years of marriage. May God continue to bless you both as you celebrate this very special milestone. Wishing you both a happy memorable celebration.

HERALDING the NEW YEAR 2026 UNDER GOD'S LOVING CARE - **Thursday 1st January** is the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God. Please join us for Mass at 9.30am in **Most Holy Redeemer Church**. The Epiphany Holyday of Obligation will be celebrated on Tuesday 6th January.

A MORNING of COFFEE/TEA, and COMMUNITY - Join us for a relaxed coffee/tea morning **Sunday 4th January** after 11.00am Mass at The Most Holy Redeemer Church (St Anthony's Hall). **Thank you** to all children and parents who came to support Christingle and give generously food and donations to the Salvation Army. It was very well attended and much appreciated. Theresa.

PARENTS MEETING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - There will be a meeting for **PARENT'S ONLY** on **Thursday 8th January 2026** at 7pm Most Holy Redeemer Church in St. Anthony's hall. Please bring a passport - size photo of your child. A copy of your child's baptism certificate, if not already submitted. The **£25** registration fee. If you're experiencing any financial difficulty, Please speak to Paula Jones or Fr. Joseph after the meeting. Your attendance is important. Thank You for your cooperation.

GIRL'S CLUB - Girl's club will resume on **Friday 9th January 6-7.30pm** in St. George's Hall at Most Holy Redeemer Church. **New members are welcome** from Reception to Year 6.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Children's Liturgy will resume on **Sunday 11th January**. From all the Catechists, we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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. Please return the form by **Sunday, 11th January 2026**. **Forms submitted after the deadline will unfortunately not be accepted.**

RECENT BEREAVEMENT - Rt Rev Mgr David Manson who I am very saddened to tell you has died suddenly. His obituary and details of his funeral arrangements will follow.

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).

WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 26/27 - Applications are now open for the Walsingham House Team 26/27. Being on the team is a wonderful opportunity to work with young people from across the diocese, live in community and to share and deepen our faith. Applications are open to those aged 18-23 (current Year 13 and above). For more information including the application form please see the web-site <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email michaelkearns@brcdt.org. Applications close on Friday, 16th January 2026.

VACANCY ST. HELEN'S CATHOLIC INFANT SCHOOL – KITCHEN ASSISTANT 11am - 2pm (term-time only) from January 2026. Please contact the school office for further information and an application pack: office@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk Deadline: Friday, 16th January 2026

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@stmcp.sch.uk, or phone 01708 448430.

VACANCY 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 22 hours per week – 4 days per week working from 9.00am - 3.00pm with half an hour for lunch. Term time only. Salary £14.50 per hour

RETRouvaille - Retrouvaille helps marriages. It can bring hope and healing to relationships. Next date: 12th February 2026. www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296983

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2026 - Join our pilgrimage to Lourdes travelling overnight by luxury coach from **9 to 14 February 2026**. It is always a beautiful and deeply spiritual experience soaking in the Spirit of Jesus as we travel to honour Our Blessed Mother. Leaving Slough and Ealing Broadway on 9 Feb 2026 and departing Lourdes on 13 February for a visit to the Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Rue de Bac, Paris on 14 February morning and arriving in London later on 14 February 2026. Full board, exciting festival devotional program, experience the Blessed Sacrament Procession of the Sick, the Candlelight Marian Rosary Procession and the International Mass on the Feast Day followed by Stations, Confessions and Adoration with Hour of Mercy. Travel, full board and program cost £590. Call millie on 07957594646 for more info.

LOURDES WITH OUR DIOCESE: Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes next summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Booking details will be available in the new year.

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE & CO MAYO – Led by Bishop Alan. 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 24th December 2025 Bonus Ball No: Theresa "49" £25
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes