

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 6th December - Sunday 14th December

Sat 6th December

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 7th December

(StD) 9am:

11am:

Mon 8th December

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tues 9th December

(StD) 9.30am:

Wed 10th December

(MHR) 9.30am:

Thurs 11th December

(StD) 9.30am:

Fri 12th December

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Sat 13th December

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 14th December

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT (A)

Joanne McCann & Ann Adams R.I.P. - Colin & Linda Miles

People of the Parish

Lilly Bortoli R.I.P. - Bereavement Group

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin

Jill Harkins R.I.P. - The Garre & West Family

Tuesday of the Second Week of Advent

Meriam Balbin Laria R.I.P. - Pille Family

Wednesday of the Second Week of Advent

NO MORNING MASS

Thursday of the Second Week of Advent

Alex - Marie & Ken

Our Lady of Guadalupe

Charles Colaco R.I.P. - Colaco & Fly

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confession

THIRD SUNDAY of ADVENT (A)

Peggy O' Neill R.I.P. - F/M

Nicolina (Lina) Stivala R.I.P. - Mary & 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 Pridmore, 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.

Ellen Balfe, Gladys Bardill, Sharon Heckmann, John Cross, Fr. Brian Drea, Vincent Pisani, Fr. Michael Healy, Charles Martin. Sr. Scolastica Kelly (Monica), Fr. Bernard Pownall, David O'Brien, Mary O'Connell, Joseph Dunford, Arthur Terrington, Marion Morgan, Vincent Pisani, Carol Ann Joyce, Anthony Doherty, Ellen Jean Pink, Dick Allwinkle, Ann Adams, Sr Mildred, Henry Martin, Alexander William Kemble, Edith Agnes Nolan, Tony Bortoli, Nelson Pereira, Fr. Geoffrey Pye, Peter Aylett, Michael Kehinde, Fr. George Carolan, Fr. John Evers, Dorothy Thomas, Vincent Pisani, Timothy Murphy (Funeral), William Patmore, Annie Llewellyn, Maureen (Mavis) Hewett. Fr. Gerard Kerr, Nicolina (Lina) Stivala.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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



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SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT (A)

7th December 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 **Second Reading**: Romans 15:4 -9 **Gospel**: Matthew 3: 1-12

The season of Advent is the time of waiting for the coming of the Lord. We eagerly wait for someone we love. However when we want to receive the person we love, we prepare ourselves for the moment of our meeting. Thus, the second Sunday of Advent tells us to be prepared for his coming.

The liturgy of today speaks of repentance, personal change of heart, a transformation or conversion. Repentance is more than merely grieving over our sins; it is a call to change for the better. In today's Gospel Matthew presents us John the Baptist as he introduces Jesus to the world.

The church chooses him as the personification of the Advent theme as he preaches repentance, transformation of the heart and reform of our lives. He calls people to prepare the way for the Lord and make his paths straight. His words have an advice and warning for each one of us. In the first reading, a prophet sees a new beginning for the royal line of David. His coming will introduce a time of peace. Here Prophet Isaiah informs the people of the Messiah who will judge them by his righteousness and with peace he will rule the earth. He is filled with the wisdom and insight, counsel and power, knowledge and fear of the Lord. In the second reading Paul encourages Jews and gentiles to open themselves to the scriptures and to God's saving grace. God indeed was faithful to the Jews and is merciful to the gentiles. Now filled with hope and expectation Paul asks them to seek peace and reconciliation, accepting each other as Christ has accepted us.

CHRISTMAS MARKET - We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped prepare the hall for the stall holders at our Christmas Market last weekend. We are deeply grateful to both parishes for their generous donations - your support was truly appreciated. Thanks to your kindness, we raised approximately **£3,559.03**, with more contributions still to come. We are also expecting a further £2,000, made possible through the support of two parishioners who work for Barclays, and we extend our sincere appreciation to Barclays for enabling this generous contribution. A special thank you to Geraldine for creating a magical Christmas Grotto that brought so much joy to all who visited. We also extend our warm thanks to Lynda Ezimoha who kindly donated £222 from her wonderful chicken and rice. We are very grateful to Mrs Claydon, Mr Ashburn and everyone at St. Ursula's school for their generous support. Finally, we offer a big thank you to each and every person who helped in any way to make the event such a success. Theresa.

COFFEE & TEA - This Sunday following the 11am Mass, we invite everyone to join us for coffee & tea in the Most Holy Redeemer, St. Anthony's Parish Hall. All our welcome.

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - on **MONDAY 8th December** celebrates the fact that Mary was conceived without sin: "The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted by Almighty God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved free from all stain of original sin."

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

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. Light refreshments will be served. See Theresa for further information.

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS - The Christmas flower arrangements will be prepared in St. Anthony's Hall, at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill on **Tuesday 23rd December at 11am** - Please let Theresa know whether you be attending. Everyone welcome!

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**. **Forms submitted after the deadline will unfortunately not be accepted.**

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 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 be advised that Bishop Thomas's funeral on 16 Dec at 11.30am will be live streamed from the Cathedral: at: <https://www.shealolin.co.uk/bishop-thomas>

HOLY REDEEMER & ST DOMINIC'S DECEMBER 2025 GRAND DRAW
Congratulations to the following winners of the **December 2025 GRAND DRAW**
1st - £250.00 No 5 F. Rayner, 2nd - £150.00 No 151 C. Hodsoll,
3rd - £100.00 No 31 C. Miles, 4th - £50.00 No 157 K. Clements,
5th - £25.00 No 75 S.Davies.

EXISTING MEMBERS - Please make sure you are paid up to date. Thank you all for your continued support in our Most Holy Redeemer & St. Dominic's Church Monthly Grand Draw.

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 child-care 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@stmcp.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).

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2025

Children are welcome to wear any nativity costumes at these Masses.

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass for Children & Families:

Wednesday 24th Dec, at 4pm (MHR)

Sing-a-Long Christmas Carols: Wednesday 24th Dec at 9.30pm (MHR)

followed by **Midnight Mass 10pm**

Christmas Day Masses: Thursday 25th Dec at 9am (StD)
and **11am (MHR)**

St Stephen, The First Martyr: Friday 26th Dec, at 10.30am (MHR)

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 3rd December 2025 Bonus Ball No: 1 "Rollover" £25
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes