

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 17th January - Sunday 25th January

Sat 17th January

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 18th January

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Mon 19th January

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tues 20th January

(StD) 9.30am:

Wed 21st January

(MHR) 9.30am:

Thurs 22nd January

(StD) 9.30am:

Fri 23rd January

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Sat 24th January

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 25th January

(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).
CONFESION: 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, 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.

Michael Donovan, Mrs Maureen Nelligan, Bridget O'Regan, George Walker, Fr. Ken Green, Kathleen (Kathy) Murphy, Margaret McCrudden, Canon Charles Kuypers, Thomas Neville, James Quinn, Andrew Gallahar, Ted Ringer, John Olliff, Samantha Gilmore, Anne Theresa Ritchie, James Doherty, Elizabeth Maltby, Elisa McGregor, Mary Smith, Bishop Bernard Ward, Pierre Giordmaina, Grandad Mr Harrington, Denis Daly, Fr. Christopher Quirke, Kathleen Frances Long, Rita Hennessy, Herbert Frankson, Ann Constable, Bishop Arthur Doubleday, Isabella Boughan, Frank Martin Bearpark, Margaret Talbot, William George McLennan, Fr. John O'Sullivan, Fr. John Hibbert, James Dunne, Ann Slater, Clary Mansfield.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

18th January 2026

First Reading: *Isaiah 49:3,5 - 6* **Second Reading:** *1 Corin 1: 1 - 3* **Gospel:** *John 1: 29 - 34*
A popular conception of Christianity equates it with neighbourliness and good works. Sometimes people will say : " I don't go to Church but I am a good a Christian as those who do." The only response to such a statement that we don't go to Church because we are good but because God is good. For a Christian, the goodness of God is revealed in his Son Our Lord Jesus Christ. Christians are those who follow Him and acknowledge Him to be their Lord and Saviour. The response to the Psalm at Mass today is: 'Here I am, Lord , I come to do your will.'

Through our prayer and our reflection we as Christians are constantly seeking to discern what Christ's will for each of us really is and our faith and trust in Him leads us to do good and avoid all that is evil. Though we do not always achieve the high ideals of Christ and his Gospel, we try by a spirit of repentance and perseverance to open ourselves anew to his saving grace. We know Him to be the Lamb of God who takes our sins away.

The Prophet Isaiah had prefigured the death of Jesus when he described the servant of God as a lamb led to the slaughter, a lamb burdened with the sins of us all.

"Ours were the sufferings he bore, ours the sorrows he carried. But we, we thought of him as someone punished , struck by God, and brought low. He was pierced through for our faults, crushed for our sins. On him lies a punishment that brings us peace, and through his wounds we are healed."

John used the phrase, the Lamb of God, 29 times in the Book of Revelation. It becomes one of the most precious titles of Christ. In one word it sums up the love, the sacrifice, the suffering, and the triumph of Jesus. Jesus was none than the Son of God.

NEWSLETTER UPDATE - Upon depletion of the newsletters, you can catch up online at Website www.mostholystredeemer.org.uk. Facebook: Most Holy Redeemer Harold Hill & St. Dominic's Church. Or call the Parish Office 01708 343492 - we'll happily send it to you weekly!

SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL CARE AT THE QUEEN'S HOSPITAL - If your loved one is admitted to Queens hospital, please inform the nurse at reception desk that they are catholic and would like to receive Holy Communion. The reception can page the duty catholic priest at anytime to arrange for a visit.

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 alter natively contact the Parish Office on 01708 343492 .

VOTIVE CANDLE PRICE UPDATE - We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the price of votive candles will be adjusted to **40p** each. The candles we now have a four-hour burn time. Unfortunately Ikea no longer supplies the previous 2^{1/2}-hour candles, and the cost of a pack is now £4, plus delivery charges. This increase helps us cover the current retail and delivery costs. If your unable to afford this, please do not worry. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

MAKE FUNDRAISING GO FURTHER - Many employers match funds raised for charitable events. If you are involved in our fundraising activities, please ask your employer whether a matched giving scheme is available, as this could greatly boost our total funds raised. See Theresa or Fr. Joseph.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION PAX CHRISTI - The total amount collected for Pax Christi last Sunday was **£93.28**. MHR raised £69.62. STD raised £23.66 . Thank you for your kind generosity and your continued support.

GIFT AID - When you donate to the Church through Gift Aid, we can reclaim 25p in every £1 donated, so for all collections, donations, Masses etc. Please Gift Aid your donation. If you have any queries, please contact Fr. Joseph or Marian after Masses. Thank You.

STAMP COLLECTION FOR ST FRANCIS HOSPICE - A collection box for used stamps in support of St. Francis Hospice will be available at the back of the church. Please place any stamps in the box by 28th January. Thank you for your support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - The First Holy Communion Classes continues this Thursday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in St. Georges hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church.

CONFIRMATION MEETING FOR PARENTS & CONFIRMAND - There will be a Parent and Confirmands meeting on **Saturday 24th January 10.30am** in St. Anthony's Hall, at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. Please bring along a passport - size photo of your child. A copy of your Baptism certificate, if not already submitted. **The £35 registration fee**. If you're experiencing any financial difficulty, please speak to Francesca Uche or Fr. Joseph after the meeting. Your attendance is very important. Thank you for your cooperation.

UNWANTED CHRISTMAS GIFTS - A box will be placed at the back of the Parishes for unwanted Christmas gifts. These gifts will be used for Raffle Prizes through out the year. Thank You for your continued support.

RECENT BEREAVEMENT - Ms. Ann Elizabeth Hanley aged 58 sadly passed away peacefully on 1st January . Her service will be held at **St. Dominic's Church, Harold Hill on Tuesday 10th February at 9.30am** followed by **Forest Park Crematorium for committal at 11am**. Please remember Ann and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

YOUTH 2000 LONDON ONE-DAY RETREAT - Kick off the new year with a day of faith, friendship, and hope! Join Youth 2000 for prayer, teaching, and community in Wimbledon. **When: Saturday, 24th Jan 2026 | 9am – 9pm**. **Where:** Sacred Heart Parish, Wimbledon, SW19 4LU, **Who:** Ages 16–35 (under 18s must be accompanied by an adult). **Cost (£30):** Includes lunch and dinner. Sponsored spaces are available if cost is a barrier. **Registration closes Monday, 19th January (12pm)**. Don't miss out—come alone or bring a friend; the Youth 2000 team will ensure you're warmly welcomed into a small group! For more information, please contact Onose, our youth coordinator, directly (via email at romfordyouth@brcdt.org).

DATES FOR MONTHLY YOUTH MASS - **5th February 2026** - Less than 2 weeks before we begin the season of Lent, the SVP will join us to help us begin to think, reflect and prepare with their new resources. **5th March 2026** - Join us for Stations of the Cross during Lent – a simple, meaningful way to slow down, reflect, and journey with Jesus through real-life struggles and hope. *Please note there is NO Youth Mass in April as this falls on Maundy Thursday.*

BCYS YOUTH MASS - From February onwards, we will be organizing group travel from our local stations to Brentwood Cathedral for the monthly BCYS Youth Mass. If you would like to travel with the group, please meet at your nearest **Elizabeth Line** station at the following times:

| Station | Meet Between | Train Departure |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Romford | 5:10pm – 5:25pm | 5:32pm |
| Gidea Park | 5:15pm – 5:30pm | 5:35pm |
| Harold Wood | 5:20pm – 5:35pm | 5:38pm |

 **We Need Your Help!** We are currently looking for **volunteers** to help gather our young people at each of the three stations listed above. If you can spare an evening to coordinate a group, please contact our Partnership Youth Coordinator via email at romfordyouth@brcdt.org.

VACANCY PARISH FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR – SOUTHEND - A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Finance Administrator. All applicants should have good administrative and finance skills, although training will be given. The post will be part-time working 6 hours per week – (working pattern tbc). The salary is £12.60 per hour. The closing date for applications is 9th February 2026 and suitable applicants will be invited to attend an interview. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV to southend@brcdt.org

SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE (18-25 Jul 2026) - Applications are open online for this years' Lourdes pilgrimage for those in year 10 and above. You can find all information and the link to apply at www.bcys.net/events/sl26. As always, there is funding available for which we can provide advice and support. We hope to have as many different schools and parishes represented as possible so if there is any support we can give, please do get in touch.

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S CAMP - an amazing volunteer opportunity for this summer. If you are in school year 12 or student age (or any age over 17!) you are very welcome to apply at www.boscocamp.co.uk. The application process includes references and a DBS check, which we can help with, as well as a training and support before and during Camp. The Camp provides over 100 children a week with a summer holiday – for many their only holiday. As a volunteer you use your skills in assisting with different sporting and fun activities, as well as the practical aspects of camp life. Volunteer for 25th July – 1st August or 1st – 8th August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and also seeks financial donations – all information on the website.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 14th January 2026 Bonus Ball No: 23 "Church" £50

Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes