

### MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 24th January - Sunday 1st February

**Sat 24th January**

(MHR) 6.30pm:

**Sun 25th January**

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

**Mon 26th January**

(MHR) 9.30am:

**Tues 27th January**

(StD) 9.30am:

**Wed 28th January**

(MHR) 9.30am:

**Thurs 29th January**

(StD) 9.30am:

**Fri 30th January**

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

**Sat 31st January**

(MHR) 6.30pm:

**Sun 1st February**

(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 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, Peter Hayes, Lauren Johnson.

### ANNIVERSARIES WE REMEMBER AT THIS TIME

Isabella Boughan, Frank Martin Bearpark, Margaret Talbot, William George McLennan, Fr. John O'Sullivan, Fr. John Hibbert, James Dunne, Ann Slater, Clary Mansfield, Loreta Gallese, Maureen Neville, Yvonne Dignum, Bishop Patrick Casey, Brother Edmund (Walter). Arthur Osborne, James Barnes, Fr. Arthur Perrot Field, Michael Meehan, Mrs K Coleman, Mrs Bridget Gallagher, Charles Edward Robins, Francoise Bristow, Ronald Martin, James Kirkpatrick, Patrick Fitzgerald, Lawrence Henry Duchemin, Fr. Joseph Burns. John Burnham, Savina Cassar.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

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



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### **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**25th January 2026**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 9:1b - 4* **Second Reading:** *1 Corin 1: 10 - 13, 17* **Gospel:** *Matthew 4:12-23*  
Today's Scripture readings teach us that Christ has brought us from the darkness of sin into the Light of God (Mt 4:16) by calling us to repentance (Mt 4:17) and complete acceptance of the Kingdom of God and God's consequent rule over us. The first reading contains a prophetic reference to Christ as the Light that dispels darkness. Matthew wanted his readers to recognize that the Light of which Isaiah spoke had finally appeared with the coming of Jesus. The refrain for today's Responsorial Psalm (Ps 27) reminds us that, "***The Lord is my Light and my Salvation.***" The second reading advises the Corinthians to live as children of the Light, avoiding divisions and rivalries, because several factions had arisen among the Corinthian Christians, each claiming allegiance to its first Christian teacher or to a particular Apostle such as Peter, Paul, or Apollos. In today's Gospel passage (Mt 4:12-23), Matthew explains that what Isaiah prophesied has been fulfilled through the preaching and healing ministry of Jesus. By his ministry of inviting people to the Kingdom of God through repentance, Jesus has brought Light to peoples living in darkness, thus fulfilling God's original promise. In addition, the Gospel describes the call of the first disciples (4:18-22), who would learn from, live out, and then teach us (through the Holy Spirit Who would empower them), Jesus' proclamation of God's Good News. They and their successors would continue Jesus' own preaching, teaching, and healing ministry to the end of time and this world, drawing people to repent of their sins, accept the Good News of God's rule (the Kingdom of God) over them. The ordinary men Jesus called had no formal training in Mosaic Law to preach the Good News, yet they and their successors have been very effective instruments in the hands of the Holy Spirit, to extend Jesus' mission to the world.

**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 2½-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 you're unable to afford this, please do not worry. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

**NEWSLETTER UPDATE** - Once newsletters are no longer available, parish updates may be found on our webpage [www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk](http://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk). Facebook page Most Holy Redeemer Harold Hill & St. Dominic's Church., or by contacting the Parish Office 01708 343492.

**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.

**NEXT MEETING OF S.V.P.** - Next meeting of the SVP will take place on Monday 26th Jan at St Dominics at 5pm. God Bless Patrick

**DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION RACIAL JUSTICE** - There will be a Diocesan second collection Sunday 1st February for Racial Justice after all Masses. Thank You for your continued support.

**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 4th February 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.

**GIFT AID:** Gift Aid is a scheme whereby charities can reclaim from HMRC 25p for every pound donated by taxpayers. On average, MHR & StD have been able to reclaim approximately £ 8,268 per year via this scheme. This is a valuable source of income for the parish. If you are a taxpayer and regularly contribute either by Loose Plate Collection or Standing Order and have not yet signed up to this scheme, please consider doing so. There are forms at the back of the church which can be completed and handed back. Any queries please contact Marian Rowley or Fr. Joseph.

**RCIA** Classes will resume on Saturday 14th at 11am.

**CONFIRMATION CLASSES** - Confirmation Classes will begin on **Saturday 7th February** from 10.30am to 12.30pm in St. Georges hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church. Please make sure you arrive 15minutes early so that the class can start on time. For further details see Francesca Uche.

**RECENT BEREAVEMENT** - Ms. Ann Elizabeth Hanley aged 58 sadly passed away peacefully on 1st January. Her Requiem Mass 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.

**RECENT BEREAVEMENT** - The funeral arrangements for Monsignor David Manson, who died on 19 December 2025 are as follows: Monsignor Manson's body will be received into the church of Our Lady Queen of Peace, Braintree at 6 p.m. on Tuesday 27 January when Mass will be celebrated. His Requiem Mass will be celebrated at the Cathedral of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood at 11 a.m. on Wednesday 28 January. May he rest in peace.

**RECENT BEREAVEMENT** - Cecilia Thompson R.I.P, Straight Rd, Romford aged 79 sadly passed away peacefully on **Tuesday 20th January**. Funeral details to follow in due course. May she rest in peace. Please remember Cecilia and her family and friends in your prayers.

**DATES FOR MONTHLY YOUTH MASS** - **Thursday 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:

<u>Station</u>	<u>Meet Between</u>	<u>Train Departure</u>
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](mailto:romfordyouth@brcdt.org).

**ST URSULA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL** - St Ursula's Catholic Primary School is pleased to announce that we still have spaces available in our Nursery for September 2026. As one of the only Catholic schools in Havering offering Nursery provision, we warmly invite families from all Havering parishes to consider joining our welcoming community. Whether you are planning to continue your child's education at St Ursula's or another Catholic primary school, we are committed to supporting your child's development and providing a strong first step into Catholic education. For more information, please contact the school office: 01708 345200 or [office@stursulasprimaryschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stursulasprimaryschool.co.uk)

**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 the closing date for applications is 5.00pm on Monday, 16th February 2026. If you have any queries or would like to apply, please send your CV by email to [hr@brcdt.org](mailto:hr@brcdt.org)

**SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE (18-25 Jul 2026)** - Applications are open online for this year's Lourdes pilgrimage for those in year 10 and above. You can find all information and the link to apply at [www.bcys.net/events/s126](http://www.bcys.net/events/s126). 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 VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - 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](http://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 21st January 2026** Bonus Ball No: 19 " Jean Rayner " £25  
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes