

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 21st February - Sunday 1st March

Sat 21st February
 (MHR) 6.30pm:

First Sunday of Lent (A)
 People of the Parish

Sun 22nd February
 (StD) 9am:
 (MHR) 11am:

Colin O'Brien R.I.P. - Tim & Janet O'Brien
 Glen Maloney - Theresa & Patrick

Mon 23rd February
 (MHR) 9.30am:
 (MHR) 11am:

Monday of the First Week of Lent
NO MASS
Funeral of Cecilia Po Choo Thompson R.I.P

Tues 24th February
 (StD) 9.30am:

Tuesday of the First Week of Lent
 James Oliver Foran R.I.P. - Tim & Janet O'Brien

Wed 25th February
 (MHR) 9.30am:

Wednesday of the First Week of Lent
NO MASS

Thurs 26th February
 (StD) 9.30am:

Thursday of the First Week of Lent
 Manus Gallaher R.I.P. - Bridget Gallaher

Fri 27th February
 (MHR) 9.30am:
 (MHR) 10am:
 (MHR) 10.30am:
 (STD) 7pm:

Friday of the First Week of Lent
 Margaret Shalloe - John & Family
 Stations of the Cross
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
 Stations of the Cross

Sat 28th February
 (MHR) 6.30pm:

Second Sunday of Lent (A)
 Angela Bradley - T.Gorman

Sun 1st March
 (StD) 9am:
 (MHR) 11am:

People of the Parish
 Manus Gallaher R.I.P. - Ann Carr & Bridget Gallaher

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 Kosedá, 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 Theodore James, Peter Hayes, Lauren Johnson, Glen Maloney.

ANNIVERSARIES WE REMEMBER AT THIS TIME.

Deacon Sidney Lewis, Hazel Gwen McNamara, Frank Kelly, Therese Louisa Marie Stancombe, Leo Fackler, Joseph Harrington, Thomas Jones, Margaret Shalloe, Maria Fackler, George Arthur John Kempshall, Canon Aloysius Roche, Betty Quinn, Elizabeth Buckley, Andy Morton, Patrick Joseph O'Shea, Josephine O'Higgins, John Murphy, Mgr. Jules Van Meehan, Fr. David Chapman, Catherine Greensmith, Albert Waller, Fr. John Wall, Charles Morgan, Mary Ellison, Maria Fackler, Pauline O'Reilly, Mrs Margaret Loughran, Mrs Myra Buckingham, Ronald Hastell, Frederick Walter Neville.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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First Sunday of Lent (A)
22nd February 2026

First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7 **Second Reading: Romans 5: 12-9** **Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11**

Lent is primarily the time of intense spiritual preparation for conquering our temptations, using the means Jesus used during his forty days of preparation in the desert for his public life. It is also the time of repenting for our sins and renewing our lives so that we can celebrate Easter with our Risen Lord Who conquered sin and death by his suffering, death and Resurrection. Today's readings teach us that we are always tempted by the devil, by the world, and by our own selfish interests. So, we need to cooperate actively with God's grace, if we are to conquer our temptations and practice prayer, self-control, and charity.

We are to confront and conquer temptations as Jesus did, using the means Jesus employed. Every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth, and a position of authority, power, and glory, and to use any means, even unjust or sinful ones, to gain these things. Jesus serves as a model for us in conquering temptations by strengthening himself through prayer, penance, and the effective use of the Word of God. Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies with prayer (especially by participating in the Holy Mass), with penance, and with meditative reading of the Bible.

We are to grow in holiness during Lent through prayer, reconciliation, and sharing: a) by finding time to be with God every day of Lent, speaking to Him in fervent prayer, and listening to Him through the meditative reading of the Bible; b) by offering penitential acts of reparation for our sins; c) by getting reconciled with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation and reconciled with others by asking their forgiveness for our offenses against them; d) by sharing our love with others through selfless, humble service, almsgiving, and helping those in need.

PARKING NOTICE -11AM SUNDAY MASS - It has been brought to our attention that there are ongoing issues with parking at the 11am Sunday Mass. All vehicles **MUST** be parked in the designated parking spaces **ONLY**. Parking outside of marked areas is **NOT** permitted. Under no circumstances is parking allowed in front of Fr. Joseph's garage. This must be kept clear at all times. Your full **cooperation is required**.

THE RITE OF ELECTION - This year, our Parish joyfully welcomes 6 candidates who are preparing to become fully initiated members of the Church. This Sunday, they will be presented to Bishop Alan at Brentwood Cathedral for the Rite of Election. Let us keep them in our prayers as they continue their journey of faith, which will culminate in their full initiation at the Easter Vigil.

GENTLE REMINDER - Dear Parishioners, we extend our sincere gratitude for your continued generosity and support of our Parishes. At this time, we are able to accept only local currency in the collection. We respectfully request that no foreign coins or banknotes be placed in the offertory. Thank you for your kind understanding and on going support.

NEXT S.V.P. MEETING - Meeting of SVP will take place at St Dominics at 5pm on Monday 23rd February.

SEASON OF LENT - During the Holy Season of Lent, all parishioners are warmly invited to take part in the following: Stations of the Cross. Every Friday morning during Lent after the 9.30am Mass. Every Friday evening at 7pm at St. Dominic's led by the Sisters and the Prayer Group.

PARISH COFFEE MORNING - JOIN US ! - All parishioners are warmly invited to a coffee and tea morning on Sunday 1st March, St. Anthony's Hall, Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill after the 11am Mass. We have a very multicultural community across both parishes, and it would be wonderful to see as many parishioners as possible from all different cultures coming together. This is a great chance to meet fellow parishioners, share ideas, help form a new fundraising team to support our parish activities. For more information please see Theresa.

GIRL'S CLUB - Girl's Club continues this **Friday**.

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

CONFIRMATION - Confirmation will continue this **Saturday** 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.

THE R.C.I.A PROGRAMME 2026 - The **RCIA** sessions will continue Saturday at 11am in St. Anthony's Hall at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill.

ADVANCE NOTICE - There will be **NO MASS** at 9.30am (MHR) this Monday as a Requiem Mass for Cecilia Po Choo Thompson will be held at 11am.

RECENT BEREAVEMENT - Cecilia Po Choo Thompson, Straight Rd, Romford aged 76 sadly passed away peacefully at Queens Hospital on **Tuesday 20th January**. Her **Requiem Mass** will be held at **Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill on Monday 23rd February at 11am** followed by Bentley Crematorium for committal at 12.30pm. May she rest in peace.

RECENT BEREAVEMENT - Josie KirkPatrick, Brentwood, aged 86 sadly passed away peacefully at home on **Monday 9th February**. Funeral service will be held at Bentley Crematorium, Brentwood, CM15 9R2 on **Thursday 5th March at 2.30pm**. May she rest in peace.

NEW REPOSITORY STOCK ARRIVING SOON - We're delighted to let you know that new stock for both repositories will be available soon - including a beautiful selection of St. Patrick's day cards, Easter cards, gifts, Mother day cards, candles etc along with other seasonal items. Watch this space for further updates.

EASTER EGGS - As we prepare to celebrate the joy of Easter, we are in need of Easter Eggs for our Easter Sunday festivities. If you are able to donate, we would be so grateful for your help in making the day special for our children and families. Your generosity truly helps bring smiles and excitement to our celebration. Please see Theresa for more information.

SERIES OF FOUR LENTEN LECTURES 2026 - Will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall commencing **Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7.30pm**. The theme this year is: "What does it truly mean to be Catholic?" This invitation is to the whole Diocese of Brentwood. All Welcome!

Talk 1. Wednesday 25th February. Abbot Hugh Allan, O Praem. "I Believe..." Living and Proclaiming the Catholic Faith. 7.30pm. **Talk 2. Wednesday 4th March**. Rev Msgr Kevin W Hale, VG. Being Catholic and the call to holiness as seen in the lives of some recently canonised saints. 7.30pm. **Talk 3. Wednesday 11th March**. Mr Mauro Iannicelli. Prayer as the Foundation of our Catholic Life. 7.30pm. **Talk 4. Wednesday 18th March**. Rev Msgr John Armitage. The uniqueness of Catholicism for British Society. 7.30pm

NEXT MONTHLY YOUTH MASS - 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 is April** as this falls on Maundy Thursday.*

THE BOOK OF GENESIS – LENTEN TALK - On Thursday **12th March** at 7 p.m. in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, 410 Brentwood Road, in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) Fr Adrian Graffy will be giving a talk on the Book of Genesis, a book which in different ways figures prominently during Lent. The talk will be preceded by light refreshments from 6.30 p.m. This free, in-person event is also available via live stream at www.whatgoodnews.org

LOURDES WITH OUR DIOCESE: Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes this summer: **Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026**. Bookings will open shortly at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>

THE St. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY and CAFOD WORK EXPERIENCE - The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from **21st – 26th June** in London. Candidates must be aged 18-25 years old, but priority will be given to those in their first or second year at university. [Apply here](#) Applications close on the 6th of April. For any queries, please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS – Please note the next available dates: **Sunday Masses**: 9am (StD) – 08/03/26, 11am (MHR) – 08/03/26, 6.30pm (MHR) – (Sat) 08/03/26. **Weekday Masses**: (MHR) 05/03/26, (StD) 03/03/26. **Remember** to allow plenty of notice if you require a particular date/time - **it isn't always possible to celebrate Mass Intentions on the day requested**; if so the Mass will be celebrated on the nearest available date. Place Mass Intentions in a clearly marked envelope

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 18th February 2026 Bonus Ball No: 33 "Roll Over" £25
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes