

MASS TIMES AND MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 14th February - Sunday 22nd February

Sat 14th February

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 15th February

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Mon 16th February

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tues 17th February

(StD) 9.30am:

Wed 18th February

(STD) 9.30am:

(MHR) 7.30pm:

Thurs 19th February

(StD) 9.30am:

Fri 20th February

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10am:

(STD) 7pm:

Sat 21st February

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sun 22nd February

(StD) 9am:

(MHR) 11am:

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

(World day of the Sick)

Assagu Guled - Guled Family

Jan Pawlowski R.I.P. - Krisha & Kelvin

People of the Parish

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Prayers for Favours & Wisdom

Feria

John & Margaret Lyons R.I.P. - Marian

ASH WEDNESDAY

Dorothy Lenihan R.I.P. - Michael Lenihan

Guled Family Intentions

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

3.M.O. Grandson Joe Finley - Paderes Family

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Angela Bradley - T. Gorman

Stations of the Cross

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First Sunday of Lent (A)

People of the Parish

Colin O'Brien R.I.P. - Tim & Janet O'Brien

Glen Maloney - Theresa & Patrick

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, Peter Hayes, Lauren Johnson, Glen Maloney.

ANNIVERSARIES WE REMEMBER AT THIS TIME.

Arthur Dunford, James Bergin, Harry Barton, Sean O'Neill, Fr. John Joyce, Kathleen Winford, Thomas Neville, Peggy Pritchard, Anne Patricia Evans, Joe Harrington, Fr. Thomas O'Connor, Fr. Archibald O'Brien, Patrick Fitzgerald, Henry Burland, Deirdre (Dee) Talbot, Ellen Wilkinson, Dorothy Rose Garety, Deacon Sidney Lewis, Hazel Gwen McNamara, Frank Kelly Therese Louisa Marie Stancombe.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

(World day of the Sick)

15th February 2026

First Reading: Sirach 15:15-20 Second Reading: 1 Corin 2: 6-10 Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

Someone asked St Mother Teresa of Calcutta, "What will we be judged on?" She responded, "I believe that when we die and the time comes for us to be judged, God will not ask how many good things we did in our lives, but only with how much love we did them."

St Mother Teresa's reflection helps us move toward a synthesis. As we learned last Sunday, "Where you synthesis is, there lies your heart." Pope Francis writes about the importance of preaching not "detached ideas" but a synthesis. We saw that for our culture, the synthesis comes down to this: Do good deeds and treat the poor kindly. When a person asks a simple question, however, it becomes apparent that doing good deeds cannot summarize the entire Gospel. The question is: Why? Why do good deeds? Why care for the poor? It is not because of some innate generosity, but because of the recognition of one's own radical poverty. God rescues us from the misery of Egypt. That rescue becomes total in the perfect sacrifice of Jesus. Ultimately we can only love others because God loves us.

So as St Mother Teresa observes, what matters are not the deeds, but the love with which one does them. We can see that in today's Gospel. Our care for the underserved must be a part of observing the entire moral law. Jesus mentions three main precepts: You shall not kill, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not lie (swear false oaths). Violations of those precepts fall hardest on the poor. They are more likely to be victims of violence and a disproportionate number of abortions take place in our poorer communities. Adultery and subsequent family break-up causes misery on all levels of society, but once again disproportionately among the poor. Lack of marital commitment in turn creates a cycle of poverty. And of course false oaths (lies) impoverish society, while the ability to make and fulfil contracts lifts up a society.

A person is what the heart is. Our chief concern, then, must be to get the heart right. If the heart is right, then our deeds will be true and genuine. They will flow from what we are, as naturally as good fruits from a good tree. You can't go any deeper than that.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY - 18th FEBRUARY - Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Holy season of Lent. Mass with the distribution of ashes will be celebrated as follows: **St. Dominic's at 9.30 am, Most Holy Redeemer 7.30pm. Easter Sunday: 5th April.**

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. Lent calls us to grow closer to the Lord through prayer, fastening, and almsgiving. May this sacred time be one of renewal and spiritual blessing for our community.

THE RITE OF ELECTION - This year 6 candidates will be received into the Catholic faith in our Easter Vigil in our Parish. Next Sunday they will be presented to Bishop Alan for the Rite of Election at Brentwood Cathedral, please remember them in your prayers.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION LOURDES SICK & HELPERS PILGRIMAGE FUND - The total amount collected for Lourdes Sick & Helpers Pilgrimage Fund last Sunday amounted to **£277.15**. MHR raised £255.00, STD raised £22.15. Thank you for your kind generosity and support.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Please be aware there is no children's liturgy this weekend, will resume after the half term break.

GIRL'S CLUB - Just a reminder no girl's club this week due to half term. Girl's Club resumes on **Friday 27th February**.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES - Please note that there is no session this week due to half term. The First Holy Communion Classes will continue **NEXT Thursday 26th February** from 6.30pm to 7.30pm in St. Georges hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES - Confirmation Classes will continue on **Saturday 21st 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.

THE R.I.C.A PROGRAMME 2026 - Our RCIA sessions will continue next 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) on Monday 23rd February as a Requiem Mass for Cecilia Po Choo Thompson will be held at 11am.

RECENT BEREAVEMENT - **Cecilia Po Choo Thompson R.I.P.**, 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**. Please remember Cecilia and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace.

PARTNERSHIP YOUTH EVENT : Join the Romford Parish Partnership for an afternoon of 360° gaming at **Lakeside!** Open to all students in **Years 9 to 13**.

- **When: Thursday, 19th February (Half Term)**
- **Cost: £20** (Includes 1 hour of gaming **AND** a McDonald's meal)
- **Travel:** Meeting at **St Edward's (RM1 4AT)** at **12:25 PM** for group departure (12:35 PM sharp).
- **Return:** Group arrives back at St Edward's by approximately **5:00 PM**.

To Book: Contact **Onose** at romfordyouth@brcdt.org or via the Partnership Instagram page [@romford_youth](https://www.instagram.com/romford_youth) to secure one of our limited spaces.

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.whatgodnews.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) – **01/03/26**, 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 and they will be dealt with by the Parish Administrator. Thank you.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 11th February 2026 Bonus Ball No: 52 " Church" £25
Congratulations to winner and thank you for supporting your Parishes