

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

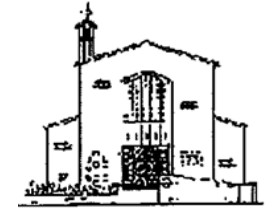


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## *Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)* *Sunday 3rd May*

**First Reading:** Acts 6 1-7 **Second Reading:** 1 Peter 2:4-9 **Gospel:** John 14:1-12

The gospel reading is a reading you will hear many times when a funeral takes place. It is one of the most frequently chosen gospel readings for funeral Masses. On the night before his own death, in the context of the last supper that Jesus had with his disciples before his crucifixion, Jesus speaks about the many roomed house of God his Father towards which he is journeying. He is reminding his troubled disciples that the Roman cross will not be his final destination. Beyond that shameful death there is the heavenly house of God his Father where he will be received with great honour and glory. Even on the night before his own death, Jesus is not only thinking of himself; he is thinking of others, of his own followers. He assures them that the heavenly house of God his Father is not only his own ultimate destination, but it is also the final destination of his disciples.

At the end of their earthly lives, he promises to come to them and take them to that heavenly house so that where he is they may be too. Where Jesus is going, his disciples will follow; to that extent, he is the goal of their journey. This is a very reassuring message for all of us. That is why Jesus begins what he has to say with those very reassuring words, 'Do not let your hearts be troubled'. As well as declaring himself to be the goal of our earthly journey Jesus also declares himself to be the way to that goal, 'I am the way'. He is our present way and our future hope. Jesus is the Way; he is the way to the Father for all his disciples. As John the Baptist prepared a way for Jesus, so Jesus has prepared a way, opened up a way, for all of us.

That is why his leaving this world and going to the Father is good news; his departure is the gateway to new life, not just for him but for us all. Furthermore, in going to the Father, he will send the Holy Spirit, and through the Spirit he will remain with us and within us, until that day when we go where he has gone, and join him in the house of the Father.

## Mass Times - Intentions:

### Saturday 2nd May - Sunday 10th May

**Saturday 2nd May**  
(MHR) 6.30pm:

**Vigil Mass of the Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)**  
Henry & Eliza Martin R.I.P. &  
Jacqueline Anne Terry (Jackie) R.I.P. - Charlotte, Vicky, Stephen

**Sunday 3rd May**  
(StD) 9.00am:

**Fifth Sunday of Easter (A)**  
People of the Parish  
Tinuke Onih (Birthday Intentions)  
Mary & Peter Murray R.I.P. - Theresa & Patrick Murray

(MHR) 11.00am:

**Monday 4th May**  
(MHR) 9.30am:

**The English Martyrs, Mm**  
Agnes Fraser R.I.P. - Foundation Mass

**Tuesday 5th May**  
(StD) 9.30am:

**Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter**  
Claire Butler (90th Birthday) - Margaret Varndell

**Wednesday 6th May**  
(MHR) 9.30am:

**St. John Payne, Pr, M**  
NO MASS

**Thursday 7th May**  
(StD) 9.30am:

**Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter**  
NO MASS  
Requiem Mass of Declan Maurice Hanafin R.I.P.

(MHR) 11.30am:

**Friday 8th May**  
(MHR) 9.30am:

**Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter**  
NO MASS  
Requiem Mass of Brian Ivan Harrigan R.I.P.

(StD) 11.45am:

**Saturday 9th May**  
(MHR) 11.00am:

**Group 2 First Communion Mass**

(MHR) 6.30pm:

**Vigil Mass of the Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)**  
Finley Healing-Paderes Family

**Sunday 10th May**  
(StD) 9.00am:

**Sixth Sunday of Easter (A)**  
John Lyons R.I.P. - Marian Rowley  
People of the Parish  
Mma Ezugwu (Birthday Intentions)

(MHR) 11.00am:

**Morning Prayer: Before Mass 9.15am Monday - Friday.**

**Rosary: Recited after morning Mass Monday - Friday at MHR and on Tuesday - Thursdays after morning Mass at StD. Confessions at Most Holy Redeemer are available by request.**

### Please pray for the sick and the housebound of the parish.

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, 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, Jo-ann Edwards, Vaughan Jones, Terry Hammond, Roy Farrance.

### Anniversaries of the Deceased.

Eileen O'Sullivan, Stan Wilson, Oliver (Olie Crinnion), Father John Kennedy, Peter Marshall, Elizabeth Brain, Reg Cranmer, Catherine Adams, Alexio Fernandes, Canon Thomas Norris, Fr. Feargus Saurin, Canon Patrick Palmer, Canon Basil Booker, Margaret Walker, Ian Palmer, Father John O'Callaghan, Julia Fitzgerald, Brother Sabastian (Monk), Michael O'Connor, Noel Lynch, Mary Murray, Winifred Redding, Joseph Morrison, Elsie Goddard, John & Eileen O'Sullivan, Stan Wilson, James Moore, Gintaras Zilimskas, Ernest Stredwick, Jim Wells, Mrs Jane Blackmuir, Margaret Carpenter, Canon Brian Grady, Mrs Anne Murray, Elizabeth O'Flynn.

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**



**ROSARY - MAY** is traditionally dedicated to honouring our Blessed Mother Mary, through the Rosary. During this special month, let us come together in prayer for families, our homes, peace in the world, the sick of the parish and for those who have no one to pray for them. As the saying reminds us **“The family that prays together stays together”**.

**MAY DAY CELEBRATION** - Join us for our May Day Celebration this **Sunday 3rd May, after 11am Mass at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill** in St. George’s Parish Hall. All are warmly invited to bring and share food from all over the world. Children are encouraged to wear national costume. For further details please see Theresa.

**HEARTFELT THANK YOU** - I would like to extend a sincere thanks to all of our dedicated First Holy Communion Catechists for their tireless efforts in guiding the children through this important milestone in their faith journey. Your hard work, patience, and commitment have made a lasting impact on our community, and I am deeply grateful. I also want to express our sincere thanks to all the parents for their unwavering support and encouragement. Your involvement and dedication to your child’s spiritual growth are truly appreciated. Thank you once again for everything you do. Fr. Joseph.

**FIRST COMMUNION MASS GROUP 1** - Congratulations to our 19 children who made their First Holy Communion this weekend! May God strengthen them in their journey of faith with continuing receiving the Eucharist.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Group 2** rehearsal: Will take place on **Thursday 7th May at 6.30pm**. First Holy Communion Mass: **Saturday 9th May** at 11am at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill.

**CONFIRMATION** - Just a reminder the Confirmation retreat day will take place on **Saturday, 16th May**. There will be a rehearsal with sponsors on **Saturday 6th June at 10.30am**.

**PARISH MONTHLY GRAND DRAW** - Congratulations to our May Parish Monthly Grand Draw Winner Jo Hill **No 33. £50**. Thank you for your support.

**BEREAVEMENT GROUP** - The next Bereavement Group Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 6th May** at 2pm in St. Anthony’s Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. All are welcome.

**DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION PROMOTION OF VOCATIONS** - There will be a Diocesan second collection **next** Sunday for Promotion of Vocations after all Masses.

**DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION WORLD COMMUNICATIONS** - There will be a Diocesan second collection **Sunday 17th May** for World Communications after all Masses.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** - There will be **NO MASS** at 9.30am (STD) on Thursday 7th May as a Requiem Mass for **Declan Maurice Hanafin** will be held at **11.30am**.

**RECENT BEREAVEMENT** – **Declan Maurice Hanafin**, aged **75**, who passed away at home. His **Requiem Mass** will be held at **Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill** on **Thursday 7th May at 11.30am** followed by committal at South Essex Crematorium, (East Chapel) at **1pm**. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** - There will be **NO MASS** at 9.30am (MHR) on Friday 8th May as a Requiem Mass for **Brian Ivan Harrigan** will be held at **11.45am**.

**RECENT BEREAVEMENT** - **Brian Ivan Harrigan**, of Hilldene, Harold Hill, who passed away at Queen’s Hospital. His **Requiem Mass** will be held at **St. Dominic’s Church, Harold Hill** on **Friday 8th May** at **11.45am** followed by committal at South Essex Crematorium, (East Chapel) at **1.40pm**. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

**SUPPORTING THE PARISH** - If you would like to support the parish financially, you can give via standing order or direct debit. Please include a clear reference when setting up your payment, for example: Gift Aid - ( your number), Offertory, or Grand Draw (your number) This helps us identify your contribution easily and record it accurately. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

**BCYS YOUTH MASS – Thursday the 7th of May** - 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 [romforyouth@brcdt.org](mailto:romforyouth@brcdt.org).

**UPCOMING PARTNERSHIP EVENTS: YOUNG ADULTS' SOCIAL & YOUTH**

**Young Adult Social (18 - 35): Friday, 8th May** Join us for optional Adoration (5pm), followed by coffee and snacks in St Edward’s Parish Hall (6pm), and finishing at *The Moon and Stars* pub (7pm) for a casual social. For 18 – 35 year olds within the Partnership—feel free to bring a friend! You are welcome to join us for any or all parts of the evening. This is a casual event, so please feel free to bring a friend along! For more information, contact **Onosé** at [romforyouth@brcdt.org](mailto:romforyouth@brcdt.org).

**MARANATHA at GRAYS Friday 15 May 2026** - Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! All are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, praise and worship, including Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the Catholic Church of St Thomas of Canterbury, Grays RM17 6SR on Friday 15 May 2026, led by Fr. Paschal Uche. The time is from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, with refreshments afterwards. Come and join us! Everyone is welcome.

**PARENTS SEEKING ASSISTANCE FOR JOHN BOSCO CAMP** - If you are in need of financial assistance and would like your child to attend John Bosco Camp, (for children currently in school years 5-7, aged 9-12) in August 2026, please get in touch. Camp dates: 25th July—1st August, 1st August—8th August. For more information or discuss support, please speak to Theresa or Fr. Joseph.

**SPONSOR A CHILD FOR JOHN BOSCO CAMP** - Give a child a gift of summer they’ll never forget ! For just **£200**, you can cover the full cost for one child to attend-a life-changing summer experience– filled with fun, friendship, and memories that last a lifetime. You can also help by donating New underwear for boys and girls (ages 9-12) Swimwear for boys and girls (ages 9-12), Every contribution big or small, helps bring joy, confidence, and opportunity to a child who needs it most. Thank you for your kindness. See Theresa for further details.

**LOTTERY BONUS BALL**

**Wed 29th April 2026 Bonus Ball No: 27 “ Jean Rayner ” Winner: £25**  
**Congratulations to the winner and thank you for supporting your Parish!**