

Mass Times - Intentions:
Saturday 23rd May - Sunday 31st May

Saturday 23rd May
(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 24th May
(StD) 9.00am:

(MHR) 11.00am:

Monday 25th May
(MHR) 9.30am:

Tuesday 26th May
(StD) 9.30am:

Wednesday 27th May

Thursday 28th May
(StD) 9.30am:

Friday 29th May
(MHR) 9.30am:
(MHR) 10.00am:

Saturday 30th May
(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 31st May
(StD) 9.00am:
(MHR) 11.00am:

Morning Prayer: Before Mass 9.15am Monday - Friday.

Rosary: Recited after morning Mass Monday - Friday at MHR and on Tuesday - Thursday after morning Mass at StD.

Confessions at Most Holy Redeemer are available by request. Please contact the Parish Office on 01708 343492 or email haroldhillmhr@brcdt.org to arrange a suitable time.

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 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, 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.

Mary Fay, John Peace Barber, Fr. Henry Peace, Marilyn Preciosa Lobo, Fr. Charles Carless, Fr. Austin Thornburn, Ellen Goff, Nora Tricker, Marie Kingman, Eugonia Amoah, Nora Tricker, Alfred Hunt, Thomas Ryan, Mr & Mrs J Lane, Harold Godfrey, Teresa Martina Lindberg (née Peacock), Joe Lynch, Elizabeth Rouse, Christopher Coyne, Eileen Blackmur, Tony Meehan, Denis Jarvis, Andy Hill, John Crowley, Peter Gamble, Edward Fone, Mary Dennett, Lee Stimpson, Margaret Keegan, William Roche, Joseph Tan Oon Kiam, John Wood, Eleanore Rozier, Margaret Meehan, Ermanno Toccotelli, Mathew Watson, Eileen Blackmuir, Elizabeth Eaton, Thomas Wrighton, Pino Perotti, Philomena Khan, Ronal Thompson, Kathleen Smith, Leslie Harding, Sean Read, Eileen Falk, Agnes O'Neill.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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



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Pentecost Sunday (A) **Sunday 24th May**

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11 Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 Gospel: John 20:19-23
Today is Pentecost Sunday is also the birthday of the Church. This Sunday is a commemoration and celebration of the receiving of the Holy Spirit by the early church. We celebrate the feast of Pentecost which completes the Season of Eastertide. Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit in the form of flames to the followers of Jesus, as recorded in the New Testament. Jesus had told them to wait until the Spirit came to them. Ten days after Ascension, fifty days the Resurrection, the Holy Spirit came. Some old translations speak of the "Holy Ghost" and this can make him seem a little frightening. The Holy Spirit is not a ghost but a **Person**. The Third Person of the TRINITY.

It was the Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead. It was the Spirit who opened the minds of his disciples and helped them to understand the meaning of his death.

And the same Spirit descends on us at our Baptism and Confirmation. The Spirit is not given for a moment but accompanied us on our journey in the footsteps of Jesus. The Spirit gives us power to participate in the work of Jesus. The Holy Spirit is our strength in times of weakness, our guide in times of doubt, our consoler in times of sadness, our advocate who always pleads our cause. We can't taken even one step without the Spirit.

We too are transformed though our reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It might not feel as dramatic as what happened to the disciples but please do realise that each one of us was changed through our reception of that wonderful sacrament. And each one of us now has the role of being a witness to Christ in the world of today.

St Augustine loved to say: "When we baptise, it is Christ who baptises; when we confirm, it is Christ who confirms; when we absolve, it is Christ who absolves; when we bless, it is Christ himself who blesses."

NEWSLETTER UPDATE - If newsletters are unavailable, Parish updates can still be found on our Website: www.mostholyredeemerharoldhill.org, Facebook page: Most Holy Redeemer, Harold Hill & St. Dominic's Church, or by contacting the Parish Office on 01708 343492.

GIFT AID - Gift Aid is a scheme through whereby charities can reclaim from HMRC 25p for every pound donated by tax payers. 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.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION SICK CLERGY - There will be a Diocesan Second collection on **Sunday 7th June** for Sick Clergy after all Masses. Thank you for your generosity.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION WORLD COMMUNICATIONS - The total amount collected for World Communications last Sunday was **£124.96**. MHR collected £85.66 and StD collected £39.30. Thank you for your generosity.

CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP - During half-term week, Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill, will be hosting a morning of fun activities for children on **Wednesday 27th May** from **10am to 1pm**. The morning will include drama, flower art, music, and light refreshments. A suggested donation of £1 would be appreciated. All children and families are warmly welcome to come along and enjoy the morning. For further details, please see Theresa.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP - The next Bereavement Group Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 3rd June** at **2pm** in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. All are welcome.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL - Confirmation rehearsal takes place on **Saturday 6th June**, in the Most Holy Redeemer Church at **10.30am**. Candidates, along with their sponsor, need to attend this rehearsal in preparation for receiving the Sacrament. Sponsors are reminded that they must be practising Catholics and over 18 years of age. If you need additional information please contact Francesca Uche, Confirmation Coordinator.

JOIN US FOR THE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION AND MASS - We warmly invite all children who received their First Holy Communion this year to join us for the Corpus Christi Mass on **Sunday 7th June** at **11am** at Most Holy Redeemer Church. Children are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion clothes for this special celebration. The Procession of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 10.45am from the Parish Hall, where the First Holy Communion children and Catechists will accompany Fr Joseph into the Church. Refreshments and cakes will be served after Mass. Parents/carers are kindly invited to bring and share either a sweet or savoury dish. Everyone is welcome to stay and celebrate together. For further information please contact Paula Jones, First Holy Communion Coordinator.

BIG COMMUNITY TABLE TOP SALE - Join us **after the 11am Mass** on **Sunday 28th June** at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill in St. George's Hall for our table top sale! We are asking all bakers to donate some homemade cakes, and we would also welcome any volunteers who are able to help on the day. All money raised will go towards a new cellar door in the parish hall. For further details, please see Theresa. All are very welcome!

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.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK - Catholic Legacy Week **24th May - 30th May** is a time when Parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more about the week using QR code or at [//cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek](http://cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek)

HOSPITAL CHAPLAIN - BASILDON HOSPITAL - A vacancy has arisen for a Hospital Chaplain. All applicants should have strong communication skills and be able to deal with the private and confidential nature of the role. The post will be part-time working 5.25 hours per week – during the hours of 8am – 8pm. One day per week. The salary is £13.45 per hour. The closing date for applications is 29th May 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 basildon@brcdt.org

THE CANONESSES OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE INVITE YOU TO A TALK BY DAVID NEUHAUS SJ (JERUSALEM): MUST WE STILL HOPE? - Wednesday 3rd June at 6pm (on ZOOM from Jerusalem) We are deeply grateful to David Neuhaus SJ for agreeing to share his reflections on the topic of 'hope' in the midst of the Israel/Gaza conflict. In his talk, 'Must We Still Hope?', he will confront the difficult question of whether it is right to continue hoping in the face of the suffering in Gaza — and whether there are moments when despair seems inevitable. The talk is free of charge and ALL are welcome. For more details and to book your place please see the link via our home page www.canonesses.co.uk.

EVENT - Open Table Fridays: Faith, Food & Fellowship - Young Adult Social (18 - 35): **Friday, 5th June** 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! And **MAKE SURE** to bring ID for entry to the pub!

ST JOHN BOSCO CHILDREN'S SUMMER CAMP 2026 - Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. **25th July – 1st August** or **1st – 8th August**. Activities include archery, fishing, Aqua Park visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. **Suggested donation £200**, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>. Places are likely to go quickly – early applications are encouraged.

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 to 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), and 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 20th May 2026 Bonus Ball No: 31 "Tim O'Brien" Winner: £25
Congratulations to the winner and thank you for supporting your Parish!