

### **Mass Times - Intentions:**

#### **Saturday 11th July- Sunday 19th July**

##### **Saturday 11th July**

(MHR) 6.30pm:

##### **Sunday 12th July**

(StD) 9.00am:

(MHR) 11.00am:

##### **Monday 13th July**

(MHR) 9.30am:

##### **Tuesday 14th July**

(StD) 9.30am:

##### **Wednesday 15th July**

##### **Thursday 16th July**

(StD) 9.30am:

##### **Friday 17th July**

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

##### **Saturday 18th July**

(MHR) 6.30pm:

##### **Sunday 19th July**

(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](mailto:haroldhillmhr@brcdt.org) to arrange a suitable time.**

#### **Please pray for all who are sick or housebound within our parish community.**

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, Gavin Golding, Jodie (nee) Goulding.

#### **Anniversaries of the Deceased.**

Victoria Ketcher, Arthur John Edwards, James Moore. John Ball, Camelo Joseph Stivala, Fr. John Watson, Johanna Harte, Annie Mary Blyde, Thelma Barton, Michael Hallissey, Thos Wrighton, Pat Fitzgerald, Ellen Tyler, Peter Philips, John Hooker, George Holmes, Timothy Ryan, Canon Daniel Harnett, John Fox, Joe Tolton, William Rutter, Fred Riley, Martin O'Shea, Baby Eliza Ann Kendall, Christopher David Adler, Boleslow Alexander Puchalski, Lionel Tarrington, John & Michael Paul, Margaret Wood, Joy Eileen Hadgraft, Elena Meranghi, Mary Martin, Brian Purthill, Fr. Edmund Dobson, Ellen Maureen Friday, May Skipper.

#### **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

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



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

#### **Sunday 12th July**

**Reading:** Isaiah 55:10-11 **Second Reading:** Romans 8:18-23 **Gospel:** Matthew 13:1-23

The Gospel today reminds us that fruitful soil does not simply appear. Before the seed can bear fruit, the ground must first be prepared. Any farmer will tell you that this takes **time, effort, patience, and perseverance**. The same is true of the spiritual life.

**Being a Christian is hard work.** Praying, forgiving, striving for virtue, learning when to speak or act and when not to...it all takes time, effort, patience, and perseverance. Sometimes I think we're tempted to "take a day off" every now and then and do what we want for a change.

**But that's not how it works.** Just as farmers spend months tilling the soil, aerating the ground, spreading fertiliser, and pulling out weeds, so we too must prepare the soil of our hearts if we want the Word of God to take root in our lives.

There's very little comfort, in an earthly sense, in being a Christian. All the work and labour can be exhausting, especially if we find ourselves in a dry spell or a spiritual rut. But just as a farmer willingly exhausts himself in the hope of a fruitful harvest, so too must we do our best (always prompted and assisted by God's grace), if we wish to **reap spiritual bounties**. We do this through prayer, reading Sacred Scripture and good spiritual books, the regular reception of the Sacraments (especially Confession and the Eucharist), and by practising virtue while also trying to avoid vice.

**It's not going to be easy.** We should remember the words of St. Paul: "The sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us" (Rom 8:18).

Our toil is not just for ourselves either. It is for our children and grandchildren, our communities and our countries. The witness of a faithful Christian life has the power to bear fruit far beyond what we may ever see. **Those are all things worth suffering for.**

In the meantime, **we take comfort in the promises of God**, in our times of prayer and in speaking with Him. We also turn to one another, praying for one another and supporting one another as brothers and sisters in the Lord.

**SECURITY REMINDER** - Following the unfortunate incident last Sunday, when a young lady had her handbag stolen at Brentwood Cathedral, we would like to remind parishioners to remain vigilant. When coming forward to receive Holy Communion, please take your mobile phone, handbag, wallet, and any other personal belongings with you. Unfortunately, thieves often target crowded places and may take advantage of moments when belongings are left unattended. If you notice anything suspicious or anyone acting unusually, please report it immediately to Theresa or Fr. Joseph. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our parish community safe.

**DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION STELLA MARIS (SEA SUNDAY)** - There will be a Diocesan Second collection **this weekend** for Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) after all Masses. Thank you for your support.

**PARISH PICNIC IN THE PARK** - Our Parish Picnic in the park last weekend was a great success. A big thank you to all the families who came along and made it such a wonderful occasion. It was lovely to spend time together, enjoying each other's company in such a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. We look forward to many opportunities to come along together as a Parish Community. Theresa.

**A BIG THANK YOU** - A heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the Table Top Sale. It was a great success, raising **£1055.45**, and it was wonderful to see our two parishes coming together to support the event. If you bought raffle tickets, please check the notice board at the back of the church to see if you have a winning number. Thank you Theresa.

**HEARTFELT THANK YOU** - Krisha & Kelvin would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to Noah, Clovis, Divina, Deborah, Cassius, Jorel and Yimika from St. Ursula's School, along with their teachers, Mrs Hall and Mrs Ashworth, for their wonderful help in planting sunflowers around St. Dominic's Church. Your hard work, enthusiasm and support are greatly appreciated, and we look forward to watching the sunflowers bloom in the months ahead. Thank you for helping to make the church grounds even more beautiful.

**NEXT S.V.P. MEETING** - Next S.V.P. meeting will be on Monday 13th July at St. Dominic's Parish Hall at 5.15pm.

**NEXT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP SESSION** - Please note there will be no Bereavement Support Group sessions during August. The next session will take place on **Wednesday, 2nd September**. We look forward to welcoming everyone back then.

**GIRL'S CLUB** - The Girl's Club is now taking a break for the summer holidays and will reopen in September. The restart date will be announced in due course. We wish all our girls and their families a safe, happy and enjoyable summer break.

**JOHN BOSCO CAMP** - A very big thank you to all parishioners who have sponsored a child for Bosco Camp this year. Thanks to your generosity, we are able to send **NINE** children to camp. We would also like to thank everyone who donated underwear and swimwear. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to the children attending. Thank you for helping to make this opportunity possible. *Theresa*.

**MASS INTENTIONS** - Please allow plenty of notice when requesting a specific date or Mass time for your intention. Mass intentions should be submitted in a clearly marked envelope and will be dealt with by the Parish Administrator. Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.

**JOINING THE RCIA PROGRAM 2026-2027** - Becoming Catholic is the beginning of a lifelong journey of faith. Have you expressed an interest in becoming or want to find out more about being a Catholic? Were you baptised as a Catholic as a child but have not received the sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist? Have you just lost contact with the Church? Please contact Fr. Joseph for more details or alternatively contact the Parish Office 01708 343492 or email [harold-hillmhr@brcdt.org](mailto:harold-hillmhr@brcdt.org). **Further information will be provided shortly.**

**CALAIS LIGHT**: Could you be a volunteer for the refugee charity Calais Light? Volunteers needed to support refugees in two bridging hotels. Volunteer activities are open to anyone from chatting with refugees to playing board games, going for local walks, teaching English (spoken & written) and orienting them to life in the UK. Volunteers can help weekly or fortnightly, to find out more please contact the Lead Volunteer, John Bradley at: [johnbradley9255@gmail.com](mailto:johnbradley9255@gmail.com) If you are able to support financially, please donate via the website [www.calaislight.com](http://www.calaislight.com)

**ST JOHN BOSCO FINAL PLACES - SUMMER HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITY**. The St John Bosco Children's Camp is held near Brentwood. It is an activities camp including archery, fishing, Aqua Park visit, football, kayaking and much more. Final places are currently available for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9 - 12 on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026) to spend a week at camp. Week One 25th July – 1st August or Week Two 1st – 8th August. The camp is run with a Catholic ethos and is for all children, especially those who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but fully funded places are also available thanks to generous grants. All application details are at [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk)

**BREAST CANCER NOW - COFFEE MORNING** - Come and join us on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August from 11am – 2pm in the Parish Centre of St Edward's Catholic Church RM1 4AT for delicious cakes and vast quantities of tea and coffee. Enjoy time with friends old and new whilst raising money for this very worthy cause.

**FEAST OF ST MAXIMILLAN KOLBE - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> August, Feast of St Maximilian Kolbe**, St Edward the Confessor, 5 Park End Road, Romford RM1 4AT. Morning Mass at 10am. Later in the day a vivid and significant new film of Kolbe's life, *Triumph of the Heart*, will be shown in the parish hall at 2.30 and 7pm. English with Polish Subtitles. Age 13+. £5 entry. Booking info on poster at the back of the church. All welcome.

**BANNEUX ND GB PILGRIMAGES 2026** - Banneux ND GB Pilgrimages invite you to join our pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Banneux, Belgium, a major Catholic Marian pilgrimage site. It marks the spot where the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared eight times between January 15 and March 2, 1933, to an 11-year-old girl, Mariette Beco, calling herself the "Virgin of the Poor". During the visions, Mary indicated a stream, stating, "This spring is reserved for all nations to relieve the sick". The shrine was officially approved by the Roman Catholic Church in 1949 and was famously visited by Pope John Paul II in 1985. We will be travelling by luxury coach on the 12 August and returning on the 18 August. A full program of daily Holy Mass, Rosary, Talks, Divine Mercy devotions is available and a day trip to Beauraing, another Marian apparition site is included in the price. Hotel and full board included. Pls call millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information.

#### **LOTTERY BONUS BALL**

**Wed 8th July 2026 Bonus Ball Round 1 No: 37 "Roll Over" Winner: £12.50**

**Bonus ball Round 2 No: 45 "Tony Mak" Winner £12.50**

**Congratulations to the winners and thank you for supporting your Parish!**