

## **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**

Saturday 25th July - Sunday 2nd August 2026

### **MASS TIMES**

#### **Saturday 25th July**

(MHR) 6.30pm:

#### **Sunday 26th July**

(StD) 9.00am:

(MHR) 11.00am:

#### **Monday 27th July**

(MHR) 9.30am:

#### **Tuesday 28th July**

(StD) 9.30am:

#### **Wednesday 29th July**

#### **Thursday 30th July**

(StD) 9.30am:

#### **Friday 31st July**

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

#### **Saturday 1st August**

(MHR) 6.30pm:

#### **Sunday 2nd August**

(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.**

Jessie Bardhill, Timothy Farrell, Margherita Coombes, Pat McMahon, Betty McCarthy, Mary Eileen Sheridan, Winifred Gostling, Rose Warren, Rev. Joseph F Balgornorth, Jonathan Green, William McVey, Ronald Arthur Bray, Fr. John Harding, Leslie Mansfield, Teresa Allwinkle, Monysee Madeline Jacqueline Price, Michael McInerney, Carol Ann Brooks, Frank Edward Barton, Ellen Murray, Ernest Langdale, Bessie Kerr, Jack Kelly, Frank Soper, Andrew Read, RJ Baker, Fr. Michael O'Sullivan, Michael Mannix, Rosina Charlton, Con Cronin, Fr. Eric Grace, Ellen Roberts, William & Bridget Colson

**MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Vigil Mass of the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

James Clark & Bill Kelly R.I.P. Anni - Charlotte Hunt

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

People of the Parish

BB Finley's Recovery - Paderes Family

**Feria of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Carol Ann Brooks R.I.P. Birthday - Sam Angel

**Feria of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Declan Hanafin R.I.P. - Michael Lenihan

**Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus**

No Mass

**Feria of the Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time**

Catherine Dosite R.I.P. - Lucil Dosite

**St Ignatius of Loyola, Pr**

Kathleen Lillis R.I.P. - Theresa, Josie, Girl's Club

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

**Vigil Mass of the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Repose of the Soul of H.P.D. Colaco - Cyril

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

Declan Hanafin R.I.P. - Michael Lenihan

People of the Parish

Andres R.I.P. Birthday - Naveda Family

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



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**St Dominic's**  
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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Sunday 26th July 2026**

**Reading:** 1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12 **Second Reading:** Romans 8:28-30 **Gospel:** Matthew 13:44-52

Today's first reading gives us the insight of the familiar phrase 'the wisdom of Solomon'. The new young king, Solomon, prayed to God for a gift worth more than gold and silver when he asked for the light to discern between good and evil. He wanted intellectual faculties to govern fairly. God answer by praising the young king for not requesting long life, riches or power over others. God then grants Solomon his request of a wise and shrewd heart.

The whole point of Solomon's wisdom is that it was not his own; it was a gift of God himself. Let us pray for the discernment that puts God's will above silver and Gold.

In the Gospel today we are presented with three more parables about the nature of the Kingdom. The parables of the hidden treasure, the pearl of great price and the dragnet cast into sea, have one thing in common: They are all an invitation to discernment. Our lives and actions, whether consciously or unconsciously, re driven by the fundamental choices that govern our lives. These parables challenge us to consider these choices, and to measure them against the values of the Gospel.

The fisherman, once the dragnet has been hauled in, must separate the good from the bad. A daily examination of conscience is the moral equivalent of the fisherman's dragnet. With humility, we look back on the choices made each day. We rejoice in the good and entrust the bad to the mercy of God. True repentance demands more. We pray that future choices might rooted in God himself.

In his preaching, Jesus was definite about the consequences of how we live on this earth. He taught that at the end of time there will be judgement when the angels will separate the wicked from the just. The wicked will then be thrown 'into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth' (Mt 13:50). They will be alienated from God forever, not because of God's harsh judgement but rather because of the self- imposed judgement of their sinful attitudes and lifestyles.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISHES THIS SUMMER!** - While many of our regular parishioners are away during the summer months, we are delighted to welcome all who join us at both of our Parishes. Whether you're visiting family, travelling through the area, or enjoying a summer getaway, we're delighted to welcome you to our parish community.

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY:** Today the Church celebrates the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. We also mark the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, established by the late **Pope Francis** in 2021. We give thanks for all grandparents and the elderly, and we pray that God will bless them with good health, joy and peace.

**NEW MASS REGISTRATION CARDS** - New Mass Registration Cards **2026-2027** will be available for collection on **Sunday 30th August**. Children entering **Year 3**, together with those entering **Year 5**, are invited to collect a new Mass Registration Card. Please remember to **RETURN your completed 2025-2026 Mass Registration Card when collecting your new one**. Thank you for your cooperation.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS** - If your child received their First Holy Communion this year, please remember to collect their photo from the display board at the back of Most Holy Redeemer Church. Photos will be available until **Sunday 2nd August**. Any uncollected photos by this date will be removed and respectfully disposed of. Please speak to Theresa. Thank you.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - The Children's Liturgy is now taking a break for the summer holidays and will resume in September. Thank you for your support, and we wish our children and families a restful and joyful summer.

**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.

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

**NEXT S.V.P. MEETING** - The next S.V.P. meeting will take place on **Monday 7th September** after the summer holidays. We look forward to welcoming both existing and new members.

**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.

**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.

**RECENT BEREAVEMENT** - **Percy Thomas Gray**, of Dagenham Park Drive, Harold Hill, who passed away on Monday 13th July. His Funeral Service will take place at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill on Tuesday 11th August at 11am followed by interment and committal at Upminster Cemetery. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

**RECENT BEREAVEMENT** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Diane Vassiliou**. Her Requiem Mass will take place at St. Dominic's Church, Straight Road, Harold Hill on Thursday 13th August at 11am. May she rest in peace.

**RCIA PROGRAMME 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 [haroldhillmhr@brcdt.org](mailto:haroldhillmhr@brcdt.org). **Further information will be provided shortly.**

**VACANCY PARISH BOOKKEEPER – CATHEDRAL HOUSE** - A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Bookkeeper, to provide dedicated support in respect of financial control and reporting functions to individual Parishes and manage the day-to-day parish related accounting function within the central finance department. The role will work closely with the Parish Support Finance Assistant. The post will be primarily based at Cathedral House with some travel to parishes required. The full job description is available on our website [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us) The closing date for applications is **31st July 2026** and we will then invite suitable applicants to interview. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV to [hr@brcdt.org](mailto:hr@brcdt.org)

**16TH ANNUAL GK CHESTERTON PILGRIMAGE** - "The 16th Annual GK Chesterton Pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 1st August, please send any prayer requests to; [CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:CatholicGKCSociety@yahoo.co.uk) or text them to 07795205114. Details of the many different ways in which you can be involved on the day, as well as printable GKC prayer cards can be found on [www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk](http://www.CatholicGKChestertonSociety.co.uk) "

**BREAST CANCER NOW - COFFEE MORNING** - Come and join us on **Saturday 8th 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.

**BANNNEUX 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.

**FEAST OF ST MAXIMILLAN KOLBE** - **Friday 14th 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.

#### **LOTTERY BONUS BALL**

**Wed 22nd July 2026 Bonus Ball Round 1 No: 46 " Liz Hill " Winner: £37.50**

**Bonus ball Round 2 No: 11 " Roll Over " Winner £12.50**

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