

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (A)

Saturday 15th August - Sunday 23rd August 2026

MASS TIMES

Saturday 15th August

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 16th August

(StD) 9.00am:

(MHR) 11.00am:

Monday 17th August

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tuesday 18th August

(StD) 9.30am:

Wednesday 19th August

Thursday 20th August

(StD) 9.30am:

Friday 21st August

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Saturday 22nd August

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 23rd 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 to arrange a suitable time.

MASS INTENTIONS

Vigil Mass Assumption Of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A)

Mr Thomas O'Shea R.I.P. - John F. Glynn

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (A)

People of the Parish

Louise Nana R.I.P. - Tessa & Friends

Feria of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Mrs Florence Solomon R.I.P. - Rita & Patrick Solomon

Feria of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

Mrs Jane Ignatius Okoro R.I.P. - Vivienne Okoro

Feria of the Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

St Bernard, Ab, D

Jacek Ciarka R.I.P. - Magdalena

St Pius X, P

Thanks giving - Fr. Chris Colaco

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

Vigil Mass Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Marta Manasan R.I.P. - Marina

Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Orobosa Irabor Intentions - Benedicta Irabor & Family

People of the Parish

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 McKeamey, 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, Ralph Anah.

Anniversaries of the Deceased.

Francis Veronica McDonald, Timothy Ryan, Annie Wille, Michael Roche, Mrs N Bailey, Olive Kelly, Mary Leaver, Winifred Mannix, Roy Wright, Canon Peter Prendergast, William Semple, Ken Stanton, Grace Morris, James Kitchener Walsh, Hugh Docherty, Canon Vincent Hurley, Mary Doherty, Violet Bailey, Cynthia Pereira, Bernard Graham, John Lefever Mitchell, Eileen Sheila Preston, Alice Blake, Cynthia Pereira, Michael Regan, Elizabeth Rider. Fr. Arthur Ryan, Sr. Phyllis (about this time). Elizabeth Stokes, Mary O'Connell, Fr. George Gresley, Fr Sean Sheils, Ken Knight, Erna Hewett, Patricia Puchalska, Canon Vincent Cameron, Jim O'Neill.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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



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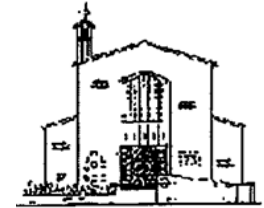
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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin (A)

Sunday 16th August 2026

Reading: Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a **Second Reading:** 1 Corin 15: 20-27 **Gospel:** Luke 1: 39-56

Q 1: Do Catholics worship Mary?

Fact 1: Catholics don't worship or adore Mary because we worship only God, and Mary is not God.

Fact 2: We venerate her, honour her, and love her as Jesus' mother and our Heavenly Mother.

Q 2: Why do Catholics venerate Mary? Mary herself gives the reason in her "Magnificat" recorded in Luke (1:48-49): "For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. (48). The Mighty One has done great things for me, and Holy is his Name." (49)

1) God has honoured Mary in four ways, and we honour her because God honoured her:

- a) He chose her as the mother of His Son, Jesus Christ the Messiah.
 - b) In preparation for this role, God made her "Full of grace" by her Immaculate Conception.
 - c) He anointed her twice with His Holy Spirit: at the Annunciation and at Pentecost, making her the most Spirit-filled of all women.
 - d) God allowed her to participate actively in Christ's suffering and death, suffering in soul all Jesus suffered in body.
- 2) Mary is our Heavenly Mother, given to us by Jesus from the cross.**
- 3) Mary is our role model for all virtues, particularly, love, fidelity, humility, obedience, surrender to the will of God, and patience.**

Q 3: Why do we believe that Mary was taken to Heaven after her death and burial? ("Assumption" means that after her death, Mary was taken into Heaven, both body and soul. The word Assumption comes from the Latin verb "assumere," meaning "to take to oneself." Our Lord, Jesus Christ took Mary home to himself where he is. It was on November 1, 1950, that, through the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII officially declared the Assumption as a Dogma of Catholic Faith, giving the following reasons:

- 1) Uninterrupted tradition in the Catholic Church starting from the first century AD.
- 2) The feast is found in all the ancient liturgies.
- 3) The belief in the assumption of Mary is taught by all early Fathers of the Church, e.g., Origen (died AD 253), St. Jerome (died AD 419) and St. Augustine (died AD 430).
- 4) Negative evidence: Mary's tomb was never reported or venerated.
- 5) Old Testament evidence of corporal assumption of Enoch (Gn 5: 24) and Elijah (2 Kgs 2:1).
- 6) Theological reasons: her Immaculate Conception and sinless life.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS - We would like to congratulate all the young people in our parish who have received their A-Level and GCSE results. We are very proud of your hard work and achievements and wish you every success and happiness in the next chapter of your journey. Well done and congratulations.

PARISH RECIPE BOOK - Theresa is currently working on an updated parish recipe book and would love to include traditional recipes from our parish families. If you have a traditional family recipe, from your country or culture, please consider handing it in so that it can be included in the book. With our parish community representing many different nationalities and cultures, we hope to collect a wonderful variety of recipes from around the world. The recipe book will be sold at the Christmas Market as part of our parish fundraising. If you would like to contribute a recipe or would like further information, please speak to Theresa.

MATCHED GIVING - Many employers operate Matched Giving Schemes, matching funds raised through charitable events. In recent years, two Barclays employees have successfully secured matched funding for our Parish, demonstrating how valuable these schemes can be. If you are helping with any of our Parish fundraising activities, especially our Christmas Market, please check whether your employer offers a Matched Giving Scheme. Your support could make a significant difference to our fundraising efforts. For further information, please speak to Theresa or Fr. Joseph.

AUGUST PARISH MONTHLY GRAND DRAW WINNER - Congratulations to our **August** Parish Monthly Grand Draw Winner Ema Da Costa . **No 117. £50.** Thank you for your support.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 - For children who will be in Year 3 or above in September. The applications will be available from **Sunday 30th August** and forms must be in clear **BLOCK LETTERS** to avoid spelling mistakes. Forms must be returned by **Sunday 1st November**. Thank you for your cooperation. For further details please contact Paula Jones First Holy Communion Co-Ordinator

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.

NEXT BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - The next Bereavement Support Group meeting will be held on **Wednesday 2nd September from 2pm**. The meeting will be held in St. Anthony's hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. Tea/coffee and cake will be provided. All are welcome.

COFFEE/TEA MORNING - Our next coffee & tea morning will take place on **Sunday, 6th September**, after the 11am Mass at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. Donations of cakes would be greatly appreciated for this morning social gathering. For further information, please speak to Theresa.

NEXT S.V.P. MEETING - The next S.V.P. meeting will take place on **Monday, 7th September from 5.15pm in St. Dominic's Parish Hall**. We look forward to welcoming both existing and new members.

GIRL'S CLUB - Girl's Club will reopen on **Friday, 11th September**, following the summer break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Children's Liturgy will resume on **Sunday, 13th September**, following the summer holidays. We look forward to welcoming all the children back!

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER - If you would like to have the parish newsletter emailed to you each week, please contact the parish office with your email address.

VACANCY COVER SUPERVISOR SACRED HEART OF ST MARY'S GIRL'S SCHOOL UPMINSTER - The role involves supervising classes during the short-term absence of teaching staff, ensuring students remain engaged with work set by their teachers and maintaining a positive learning environment. No formal teaching qualification is required, and full training will be provided, although experience of working with young people would be an advantage. This would be an excellent opportunity for someone who enjoys working with young people and would like to contribute to the life of a successful and caring school. **Closing Date Midnight, Fri 28th August 2026**, Start Date To be advised at interview. Contact Mrs Olivia Munday 01708 222660 recruitment@mary.havering.sch.uk

MASS FOR ALTAR SERVERS – Guild of St Stephen (Brentwood Diocese) The Guild of St Stephen – Brentwood Diocese warmly invites all altar servers and their families to the Mass for Altar Servers on **Saturday 19 September 2026** at 11.30am, taking place at St Joseph the Worker, Hutton (CM13 1BJ). Servers are asked to arrive by 11.15am and to bring their own alb/cassock and cotta. Parking is available onsite, and the nearest train station is Shenfield (Elizabeth Line & National Rail). Following Mass, refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall, after which the Guild of St Stephen Brentwood Diocese AGM will take place. This special Mass will be offered for all altar servers across the Diocese and in thanksgiving for John McCormack, marking 36 years of dedicated service as Chairman of the Guild. If you would like to attend the Altar Servers' Mass, please email guildofststephenbrentwood@gmail.com by 13 September 2026, as this will assist us in planning for numbers. All are warmly welcome.

CATHOLIC TEACHING IN THE WORLD OF AI - Pope Leo has recently published *Magnifica Humanitas*, an encyclical letter on 'safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence'. It puts 'artificial intelligence' in the context of Catholic Social Teaching. The Holy Father writes: 'In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanisation, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human.' Fr Hugh MacKenzie, chaplain at Westminster Cathedral, is an expert on AI. He will be giving a presentation on the topic on **Saturday 26th September 2026** at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park, beginning at 11 am. The event is in-person but is also available live-stream from www.whatgoodnews.org The talk will be of particular interest to our young people, with their IT competence.

CATECHIST TRAINING & RESOURCES DAY 2026 - We are delighted to invite you to our **Catechist Training & Resources Day 2026**, taking place on **Saturday 7th November**, from **10:00am–3:00pm** at **Brentwood Ursuline Convent School**. This free day is open to everyone involved in youth and children's ministry across the Diocese of Brentwood. It is an opportunity to refresh your own faith, discover new ideas and resources, and connect with others who share your passion for helping young people encounter Christ. We would also love to welcome **young leaders aged 16+** who are already serving in their Parish, or who are interested in becoming catechists or youth leaders in the future. The event is **completely free**, but if you can make a small donation towards our running costs, it is always gratefully received. To reserve your place, please complete the form on our webpage at <https://bcys.net/events/catechists2026/> We look forward to welcoming you to another wonderful event,

LOTTERY BONUS BALL WEDNESDAY 12th AUGUST 2026

Bonus Ball Round 1: No 52 - Winner Roll Over - £12.50

Bonus Ball Round 2 : No 44 Winner Church - £50.00

Congratulations to our winner and thank you to everyone who supports our Parish Lottery!