

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

Saturday 1st August - Sunday 9th August 2026

MASS TIMES

Saturday 1st August

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 2nd August

(StD) 9.00am:

(MHR) 11.00am:

Monday 3rd August

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tuesday 4th August

(StD) 9.30am:

Wednesday 5th August

Thursday 6th August

(StD) 9.30am:

Friday 7th August

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Saturday 8th August

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 9th 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.

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 Pridmore, 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.

Con Cronin, Fr. Eric Grace, Ellen Roberts, William & Bridget Colson, John & Margaret Dunford, John Gildea, Ernest Smith, Hilda Leaver, Michael O'Dea, Daniel Riordan, Fr Tom Jordan, Margaret Walsh, John McCormack, Pope Paul V1, John Nichols, Fr. Henry Tilley, Fr. David Coughlan, Fr. Hugh Verity, Mrs Dean, Jim Gogan, John Parish.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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

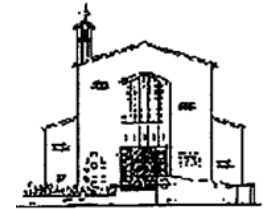


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**St Dominic's
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday 2nd August 2026

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3 **Second Reading:** Romans 8:35, 37-39 **Gospel:** Matthew 14:13-21

Our Sunday readings show us God as a provident Father, abundant in his blessings and love for his people. He reassures us of his presence and care, even as he invites us to care for each other.

In today's Gospel, Jesus' miraculously feeding of 5,000 men (and many more if women and children were counted) demonstrates his compassion and his power to provide for our needs. Despite the disciples' initial doubt about feeding such a large crowd with only five loaves and two fish, Jesus blesses the food, multiplies it, feeds everyone, with plenty to spare. God can turn our limited resources into abundance. Jesus invites us to bring our meager offerings to him, trusting that he can use them to meet the needs of many.

Pope Francis invites us to imitate the disciples who shared of their "five loaves and two fish" multiplied by Jesus and entrusted to them for distribution. He reminds us of what St John Chrysostom said: "Not to share our wealth with the poor is to rob them and take away their livelihood. The riches we possess are not our own, but theirs as well," Pope Francis wishes that the Jubilee Year 2025 might usher hope, especially for the poor: "Echoing the age-old message of the prophets, the Jubilees reminds us that the goods of the earth are not destined for a privileged few, but for everyone. The rich must be generous and not avert their eyes from the faces of their brothers and sisters in need. Here I think especially of those who lack water and food: hunger is a scandal, an open wound on the body of our humanity. And it summons all of us to a serious examination of conscience. I renew my appeal that with the money spent on weapons and other military expenditures, let us establish a global fund that can finally put an end to hunger and favour development in the most impoverished countries, so that their citizens will not resort to violent or illusory situations, or have to leave their countries in order to seek a more dignified life" (Spes Non Confundit, 16).

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.

MATCHED GIVING - Many employees offer Matched Giving Schemes that match funds raised for charitable events. If you are involved in any of our fundraising activities, please enquire whether your work place provides this facility, as it could significantly increase our fundraising total. See Theresa or Fr. Joseph.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be celebrated on Sunday 16th August and is a Holy Day of Obligation for Catholics.

FINAL CALL: COLLECTION OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PHOTOS - Parents are kindly reminded to collect their children's photos from the display board at the back of the church of the Most Holy Redeemer. Any uncollected photos will be respectfully disposed of after this weekend. Thank you for your attention and cooperation.

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.

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. **Further information will be provided shortly.**

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE - NO MORNING MASS AT ST.DOMINIC'S - There will be **NO MASS** at 9.30am (STD) on **Tuesday 11th August** as a Funeral Service for **Percy Thomas Gray** will be held at **11am**.

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE - NO MORNING MASS AT ST.DOMINIC'S - There will be **NO MASS** at 9.30am (STD) on **Thursday 13th August** as a Requiem Mass for **Diane Vassiliou** will be held at **11am**.

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.

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates: 2nd - 4th Oct. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/ info Tel: 0788 7296983.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION - The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday **Monday 31 August 2026 from 10:30 am to 4pm**. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on WhatsApp 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Slough, Ealing Broadway and Victoria

VACANCY ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, UPMINSTER - HEADTEACHER Required from 1st January 2027. Further information and an application pack are available from the school website: <https://stjosephs-upminster.net>. **Closing date: 5pm on Wednesday, 2nd September** with **interviews** (provisionally) on **Wednesday, 16th September 2026**.

BCCS - EXCLUSIVE AND PERSONAL TOUR OF INGATESTONE HALL - The tour is conducted by the Petre family, offering unbeatable insight of the past and present of this Grade I listed building and gardens. Followed by a hot drink and homemade biscuit. Thursday, 3rd September 11.00am - 3.30pm. The event was over-subscribed last year so get your tickets fast - entry is £25 per person - book online today: <http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/> Please note, due to the age of the building, there is no disabled access to the upper floor, and some of the lower floor and grounds are uneven and so not suitable for those who have mobility issues.

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.

THE PRIESTS RETURN TO THE BRENTWOOD DIOCESE! - Fr. Eugene O'Hagan and Fr. Martin O'Hagan - formerly of the celebrated singing trio 'The Priests' - invite you to join them at a one-off charity weekend, hosted by and in support of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. Choose from an elegant Gala Dinner or sophisticated Charity Luncheon, both being held at a stunning Grade II listed manor house. Enjoy fine dining and seize a rare opportunity to see Fr. Eugene and Fr. Martin perform in an intimate and exclusive setting - this is an occasion not to be missed! 09th-10th October at The Lawn, Rochford - for full details and to purchase tickets, please visit www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/ or contact Julie Abbott 07912277413

NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL - If you would like the latest newsletter delivered to your inbox every week, simply email the Parish office email address haroldhillmhr@brcdt.org and we will add you to our mailing list

LOTTERY BONUS BALL

Wed 29th July 2026 Bonus Ball Round 1 No: 54 " Tony Mak " Winner: £12.50

Bonus ball Round 2 No: 1 " Roll Over " Winner £25.00

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