

Twenty - First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
 Saturday 22nd August - Sunday 30th August 2026

MASS TIMES

Saturday 22nd August

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 23rd August

(StD) 9.00am:

(MHR) 11.00am:

Monday 24th August

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tuesday 25th August

(StD) 9.30am:

Wednesday 26th August

Thursday 27th August

(StD) 9.30am:

Friday 28th August

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Saturday 29th August

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 30th 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, Ralph Anah.

Anniversaries of the Deceased.

Fr. George Gresley, Fr Sean Sheils, Ken Knight, Erna Hewett, Patricia Puchalska, Canon Vincent Cameron, Jim O'Neill., Cornelius Paul, Joseph McGuigan, (around this time) Bill Williams, Mary Marsh, Leslie Gabriel, Sally Mead, Annie Conway, Peter Costello, Ian Dryer, William Madigan, Fr. Bernard Collings, George Morgan, Cecil Webb, Sid Gostling, Bill McEvoy, Kathleen Margaret Tennant, Charles Heaton, Vera Maud Hale, John Amos Dunford, Canon John Sloane.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Marta Manasan R.I.P. Anni - Marina

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Orobosa Irabor Intentions - Benedicta Irabor & Family
 People of the Parish

St Bartholomew, Ap

Catherine O'Brien R.I.P. - Tim & Janet O'Brien

Feria of the Twenty - First Week in Ordinary Time

Lesley Woodwara Intentions - Sheila Delander

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No Mass

St Monica

Luic Nguina Studies - Genevive

St Augustine, Bp, D

Gavin Goulding - Theresa & Pauline

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

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World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Doris Muffett - S.V.P.

Alan Lobzack R.I.P. - Paula Jones

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 and
 St Dominic's Catholic Church**

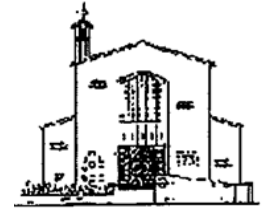


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Reading: Isaiah 22:15, 19-23 **Second Reading:** Romans 11: 33-36 **Gospel:** Matthew 16: 13-20

We are living in a world that is fast, busy and competitive. Every day we are faced with the pressures of work and study, to perform at our very best. We have bills to pay, children to clothe and feed, and relationships to build and maintain. It is hard to see and appreciate the spiritual dimension to our lives. In fact, it is hard to see our neighbours-those we meet everyday-the anonymous faces on the street and the strangers on the bus or train.

In the hustle and bustle of our lives we might even ask, why do we want to see these people? Going to Mass is where we see GOD and that fulfils our Christian obligation. But does it?

There was once a very devout woman who went to Mass twice a day. As she walked to the church for Mass, she would say the rosary. She would not look left or right. The village people she met on the way would say hello, but this woman continued to say her prayers devoutly. This was the way it was for years. She was known in the village as a very holy woman. There came a point where many people who met her stopped greeting her because they knew she was praying and they knew they would not get a response. Except for one man. He met her twice a day as she made her way to the Church. He greeted her with a smile and never once thought of passing her without saying hello. But still, he got no response.

One evening, the woman was making her way to the church for Mass. As usual, she was praying the rosary. She met the man, he said hello with a smile and she didn't answer. When she arrived at the church, she noticed that the doors were closed. Feeling confused, she approached the door. On it was a note which read: 'I am not at home. I am out there.'

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.

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 social gathering. For further information, please speak to Theresa.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 - For children who will be in Year 3 or above in September. The applications will be available **next weekend** and **forms must be in CLEAR BLOCK LETTERS** to avoid spelling mistakes. Forms must be returned by **Sunday 1st November**. Thank you for your co-operation. For further details please contact Paula Jones, First Holy Communion Coordinator.

NEW MASS REGISTRATION CARDS - New Mass Registration Cards **2026-2027** will be available for collection **next weekend**. 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 Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. Tea/coffee and cake will be provided. All are welcome.

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.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2027 - Confirmation application forms will be available from **Sunday 27th September**. Forms must be completed in **CLEAR BLOCK LETTERS**, particularly the section relating to the **Confirmation Certificates**, to avoid spelling mistakes. Completed forms must be returned by **Sunday 6th December**. For further information, please speak to Francesca Uche, Confirmation Coordinator.

WORLD APOSTOLATE OF FATIMA On Saturday 12 September the Diocese of Brentwood will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood. This will be a Day of Prayer & Devotions, with the opportunity for the veneration of the relics. Bishop Alan accompanied by Priests of the Diocese will concelebrate Holy Mass, this will be followed by the Consecration Prayer of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Bishop Alan. As this is a Day of Prayer, we ask all those participating to bring a packed lunch, teas and coffees will be available in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Following lunch, there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with recitation of the Chaplet of Adoration and Reparation. Communal Recitation and reflection on the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, and then a Docu-film and Talk in the Parish Hall on "Fatima Message for the World." Finally, the Enrolment and Investiture of the Brown Scapular will be facilitated in the Parish Hall. Please see poster for full details

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.

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE - Thursday 3rd September for Year 7 and above. Join young Catholics from across the Diocese at Brentwood Cathedral for an evening of faith, fellowship, food, music and prayer.

6 pm - Food & Welcome
6.30 pm - Youth Activities
7.30 pm - Youth Mass
8.30 pm - Finish

Come along, meet other young Catholics and celebrate your faith together!

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. 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.

RIDE & STRIDE SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026 - Walk or cycle between local churches and help raise funds to preserve and improve historic church buildings. Get involved, seek sponsorship from family & friends and support your church. For more information www.friendsofessexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride.

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 19th AUGUST 2026

Bonus Ball Round 1: No 9 - Roll Over - £25.00

Bonus Ball Round 2 : No 16 - George - £12.50

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