

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
 Saturday 29th August-Sunday 6th September 2026

MASS TIMES

Saturday 29th August

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 30th August

(StD) 9.00am:

(MHR) 11.00am:

Monday 31st August

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tuesday 1st September

(StD) 9.30am:

Wednesday 2nd September

Thursday 3rd September

(StD) 9.30am:

Friday 4th September

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Saturday 5th September

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 6th September

(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

John Amos Dunford, Canon John Sloane, Mary Catherine Porter, Patrick Dowd, Diana, Princess of Wales, Canon John Walsh, Joyce Gildea, Esterina Izzi, Tom McGowan, Canon Cyril Shepherd, Denis Manley, Patrick O'Connell, Marjorie Barra (Funeral), Mrs Rose Jjeoma Anah, Joan Thomas, Ian Harris, Danny McCrudden, Molly Cain, Constance England, Susan & Ann Kirkpatrick, Fr. Pat Cavanagh, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Rose Taylor, John O'Malley, Catherine Harrison.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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

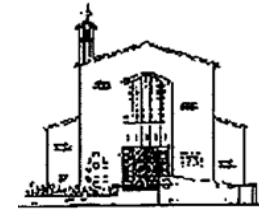


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World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

Sunday 30th August 2026

Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9 **Second Reading:** Romans 12: 1-2 **Gospel:** Matthew 16: 21-27

The readings for this Sunday remind us that Christians are called to live their lives in a different way from others around them. Christian discipleship demands honesty, the willingness to suffer ("take up your cross"), generosity ("to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God"), and readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love. Today readings tell us as well, that while suffering is an integral part of our earthly life, it is also our road to glory. There is no crown without a cross.

Jeremiah, in the **first reading**, is a certainly a prototype of the suffering Christ. Jeremiah tried to live the will of God bravely facing confrontations and persecution, and he continued to proclaim God's message, because when he tried to stop, the message itself became "like a fire, burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in! I cannot endure it."

In the **second reading**, Paul advises the Romans, and us (Rom 12:1-2): *to "offer our bodies as a living sacrifice"* to God by explicitly rejecting the ungodly behaviour of the world around us and by discerning and doing the will of God. Paul learned from personal experience that one's commitment to God's requires of one a fearless, faithful resistance to one's contemporary culture. Paul details the physical sufferings and hostile rejections he met because of his fidelity to, and love for, Jesus and the Gospel entrusted to him in his apostolic mission to the Gentiles.

In today's **Gospel**, Jesus takes his disciples by surprise when, after Peter's great confession of Faith, Jesus *"began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised."* After correcting Peter's protest, Jesus announces the three conditions of Christian discipleship: *"deny yourself, take up your cross, and follow me."* Unless we constantly remind ourselves of the demands of this difficult vocation from God, we will fail to be the kind of disciples that Christ expects us to be.

PARISH NEWS

CARPENTER NEEDED - ST. DOMINIC'S CHURCH - A Carpenter is needed to make a **new Christ-mas stable for St. Dominic's Church**. The present stable is too small. If any parishioner would be willing to make a new larger stable, we would be grateful. If any parishioner would like to have the existing stable, you are welcome to take it, and a donation to the parish would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help, please speak to Fr Joseph. Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

PARISH REPOSITORIES - The repository stock has been replenished in our two parishes. Please come along and have a look after all Masses. We have our usual selection of candles, rosaries and a variety of cards, along with other religious items. There's something for everyone, whether you're looking for yourself or a gift for someone. Thank you for supporting our Parish Repository.

GIFT AID DECLARATION FORMS - For those donating to the Parish by standing order, please consider completing a Gift Aid Declaration Form. This allows the Parishes to claim an additional 25% on your donations. For further details, please speak to Marian, Theresa or Fr Joseph.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2027 - For children who will be in Year 3 or above in September. The applications are available at the back of the church and **forms must be in CLEAR BLOCK LETTERS** to avoid spelling inaccuracies. Forms must be returned by **Sunday 1st November**. Thank you for your cooperation. 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 **this 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.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION-CATHOLIC EDUCATION SERVICE - There will be a second collection on **Sunday 13th September** for the Catholic Education Service after all Masses.

FUNDRAISING QUIZ NIGHT - **Friday 18th September**, Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. Come along for a fun evening of quizzing, laughter and fundraising! Teams of 6-8 people per table. **Entry £5** per person. Bring your own food and nibbles. There will also be a raffle on the night. **Doors open from 7.30pm**, and the **quiz starts at 8pm**. Get your table together and come along for a great evening! **Everyone** welcome!

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 inaccuracies. Completed forms must be returned by **Sunday 6th December**. For further details please speak to Francesca Uche, Confirmation Coordinator.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY EVENTS

YOUTH MASS - FIRST THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - Youth Mass – Brentwood Cathedral: Young people, youth groups, Confirmation groups and school groups are invited to join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service for monthly Youth Mass, with food, prayer and different activities each month before celebrating Mass together. **Join at 6pm** in the Parish Hall, followed by **Youth Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm**. For more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events

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.

RIDE & STRIDE SATURDAY 12TH 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.friendsofsexchurches.org.uk/ride-stride.

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.

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 26th AUGUST 2026

Bonus Ball Round 1: No 52 Rollover £37.50. Bonus Ball Round 2: No 9 Rollover £12.50

Thank you to everyone who supports our Parish Lottery!