

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Saturday 26th September - Sunday 4th October 2026

MASS TIMES

Saturday 26th September

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 27th September

(StD) 9.00am:

(MHR) 11.00am:

Monday 28th September

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tuesday 29th September

(StD) 9.30am:

Wednesday 30th September

Thursday 1st October

(StD) 9.30am:

Friday 2nd October

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Saturday 3rd October

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 4th October

(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 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

Pope John Paul I. George (Sam) Carabine, John Gill, Fr. Bob Newbery, Elizabeth Clarke, Mary Fitzgerald, Mr Wheatley, Nancy Sullivan, Mr Harrington, Fr. Bernard Wakeling, James Edwards. Kay Donnelly, Tomas Gorman, Kathleen Heddermann. Tom Castles, Warren Avatt, Kieran Cooper, John Oilly McCarthy, Canon William O'Neill, Philomene Giordmaina, Eric Ince, Geraldine Ellesmere, Mercy Cole, Ellen Everitt, Elizabeth McCormack, Alice Channon, Fr. Michael Hopkins, Winifred Farrell, Phyllis Brennan.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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and
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Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28 **Second Reading:** Philippians 2:1-11 **Gospel:** Matthew 21: 28-32

Our word matters greatly in our relationships, whether in our family or at work or among our friends or with God. When we do not have our word, then we have nothing because we cannot be trusted with even the smallest responsibility. We become unreliable, like the second son in the gospel parable about the father asking his two sons to work in his vineyard. The father depended on him. But he assumed that he could easily fool his father. His word was meaningless and he lacked sincerity.

Dependability is a desirable character trait for all genuine Christians. Otherwise, people are wasting their time with us. God depends on each one of us to help him achieve his plan for the salvation of all people, just as the father in the gospel parable depended on his two sons. The parable teaches us that it was the first son, who initially said 'No' but then thought better of it, who actually did what the father requested. That son had undergone conversion. He had the honesty and the humility to realise his mistake and to change his decision. He became reliable.

Perhaps too often we are like the second son who initially said 'Yes' to his father's request, and then quickly ignored the request. We easily say 'Yes' to God without meaning what we say. Then our word becomes meaningless. The parable of the father and the two sons challenges us to do God's will in action and not only to concur with it verbally. This requires that, like the first son, we are continually open to the possibility of conversion in our lives and that we are honest and humble enough to change our decisions when we recognise that they are wrong decisions, especially in matters relating to our salvation and the salvation of others. Are we people of our word? How do we speak to our loved ones, to our friends, to our colleagues at work, to God? In what ways does our sincerity manifest itself? It would be good to be people of our word. Let us decide to be honest and humble enough to undergo conversion every day and to change our wrong decisions.

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS STABLE - CAN YOU HELP? - We are looking for a **skilled carpenter** to make a new, larger Christmas Stable for St. Dominic's Church, as the present stable is too small. If you would like to give the existing stable a new home, you are very welcome to take it, and a donation to the parish would be greatly appreciated. If you are able to help make our new Christmas stable, please speak to Fr Joseph.

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.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION - EVANGELII GAUDIUM - There will be a second collection for Evangelii Gaudium (Joy of the Gospel) **this weekend** after all Masses. We apologise for the error in the previous newsletter, which gave the incorrect date. Thank you for your continued support.

CELEBRATING 73 YEARS OF MOST HOLY REDEEMER, HAROLD HILL! - Sunday 27th September - After the 11am Mass join us as we celebrate 73 wonderful years of our parish community! Do you have any old photographs, memories or stories from your time in the Parish? We would love for you to bring them along and share with us. Come and enjoy a chance to look back, share memories and celebrate the history of Most Holy Redeemer Parish together. Any donations of cakes would be most welcome. Tea and coffee will be provided. Everyone is warmly welcome. See Theresa for details.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY MULTI CULTURAL GATHERING - After **11am Mass** on **Sunday 25th October**, there will be a social gathering in **St. George's Hall** at Most Holy Redeemer Church. All parishioners of Most Holy Redeemer and St. Dominic's are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate the wonderful diversity of our parish community. Please wear your national costume and, if possible, bring along a dish representing your culture to share. Come along, enjoy some dancing, good food and fellowship, and help us celebrate the many different cultures that make our parishes so special. Everyone is warmly welcome! See Theresa for further information.

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.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2027 - Confirmation application forms are available at the back of the church. **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 contact Francesca Uche, Confirmation Coordinator.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY EVENTS

QUIZ NIGHT - A big thank you to Rob and Mandy for organising our quiz night. It was a great evening, and we would like to thank everyone who came along and supported the event. It was especially lovely to see families coming together and enjoying a fun evening as a parish community. **£265** was raised on the night which will go towards the Christmas Market - thank you to everyone for your generosity and support.

NEXT S.V.P. MEETING - The next S.V.P. meeting will take place on **Monday 5th October** at **5.15pm** in St. Dominic's Hall. We look forward to welcoming both our existing members and any new members who would like to join us.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP - Our next meeting will be on **Wednesday 7th October**. **Time: 2pm** Venue: **St Anthony's Hall**, Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. For anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. Everyone is warmly welcome.

CHRISTMAS MARKET DONATIONS - Do you have any unwanted gifts that you no longer need? We are now collecting items for our Christmas Market. Any new, unused gifts that you would like to donate would be greatly appreciated and will help make our market a success. The Christmas box is available at the back of the church for your donations. Thank you for your support and generosity.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - The Parish Christmas Bazaar at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill, will take place on **Saturday 28th November & Sunday 29th November**. We are looking for donations of bottles of drink (Alcoholic & Non-Alcoholic). See Theresa or Lizzie for further details.

FREEDOM IN CHRIST CONFERENCE - **Freedom in Christ Conference** on **Saturday 3rd October** from 1-3pm at Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Square, South Woodham Ferrers, CM3 5JX. Discover five keys to genuine freedom in Christ and to experience His amazing love, joy, and peace. Many of us, despite our best efforts, struggle with the same sins and feel hopeless in our search for freedom. Come and discover how the Lord can bring healing and freedom from spiritual bondages such as addictions, fear, anger, envy, lust, greed, and unforgiveness.

SACRED HEART OPEN EVENING OF MARY GIRLS' SCHOOL - Open evening at the Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School on **Wednesday 7th October 2026** 6pm - 8pm. Address by the headteacher at 7.30pm.

FOUNDATION DAY TALK - **Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre** - The Community invite you to their Foundation Day Talk on **Friday 9th October at 2pm**. Venue: 74, HOWE CLOSE, COLCHESTER CO4 3XD. Speaker: Dr Cormac Begadon. The talk is entitled: **'Between Faith and Fortune - The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre, Atlantic World and the Paradox of Religious Benefaction in the 18th century'**. For more information and to book your place: <https://canonesses.co.uk/event/foundation-day-2026/>

BCYS ROOTED 2026 7-9 YEARS/ YEARS 10-13 - **Saturday 24th October for years 7-9 / Sunday 25th October for years 10-13**: A brand-new day of faith, friendship and adventure for young people with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, at Walsingham House. With inspiring talks, workshops, outdoor activities, team challenges and prayer, it's a great opportunity to meet other young Catholics and grow in faith. For more information and to apply please visit www.bcys.net/events

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