

PARISH NEWS

APPOINTMENT of NEW BISHOP of BRENTWOOD - Bishop Timothy Menezes has been appointed the new Bishop of Brentwood by Pope Leo XIV. He succeeds Bishop Alan Williams SM, having previously served as an Auxiliary Bishop in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Please keep Bishop Timothy in your prayers as he prepares to begin his ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood.

FEAST FOR ALL SAINTS & HOLY SOULS - Sunday 1st November we celebrate the Feast of All Saints, a holy day of obligation. Mass times will follow our usual schedule, please make every effort to join us to honour all the saints in heaven. Mass for the Holy Souls will be celebrated on Monday, 2nd November. Most Holy Redeemer 9.30am, St. Dominic's 7.30pm. All are welcome to join us as we pray for our departed loved ones.

ENVELOPES FOR THE HOLY SOULS - As the month of November draws near, we are reminded in a special way to remember our deceased relatives and friends — gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. They remain ever present in our thoughts and prayers. Our love for them endures beyond the grave and finds expression in our concern for their eternal peace and spiritual well-being. Envelopes for the Holy Souls are available at the back of the church. Please take one and write the names of your deceased loved ones whom you would like to be remembered at Masses during the month of November. Completed envelopes may be placed in the purple pouch on the altar or handed in to the Parish Office.

MULTICULTURAL GATHERING – A reminder that our multicultural gathering takes place this weekend after 11am Mass in St. George's Hall, Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. Everyone is warmly welcome!

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS - Christmas raffle tickets will be on sale from this weekend at £1 per ticket in aid of the Christmas Draw. Please see Theresa to purchase tickets. Thank you for your support.

OCTOBER PARISH MONTHLY GRAND DRAW – Congratulations to our **October** winner Bert White No.18. £50.

MAKE FUNDRAISING GO FURTHER – Many employers match funds raised for charitable events. If you are involved in our fundraising activities, please ask your employer whether a matched giving scheme is available, as this could greatly boost our total funds raised. See Theresa or Fr. Joseph.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION FOR WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (MISSIO) - The total amount collected for World Mission Sunday last weekend amounted to **£102.65**. **STD** raised £16.65, **MHR** raised £86.00. Thank you for your kind generosity and your continued support.

LIGHT PARTY - Light Party on **Friday, 30th October**, from 5pm to 7pm at St. George's Hall, Most Holy Redeemer, Harold Hill. Come along for an evening of fun, games, food and refreshments as we celebrate All Saints and the light of Christ. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite superheroes, Disney characters or Saints. Please bring a pumpkin with a cross carved into it. **PLEASE NOTE:** NO Halloween costumes.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP – Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 4th November. **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.

MINI CHRISTMAS MARKET - Sunday 15th November, after 11am Mass, at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. Come along and get ready for Christmas! Join us for our Mini Christmas Market, where you can find your Christmas outfit and browse a variety of stalls, including Clothes and shoes, Bric-a-brac, Religious books, Bags and much more. Refreshments will be provided. All proceeds will go towards our main Christmas Market on the weekend of 28th & 29th November. Everyone is welcome, so please come along, have a browse and support both of our Parishes.

MULLED WINE DONATIONS - We are looking for donations of mulled wine for our Christmas Market stall. If you can donate a bottle or two, it would be very much appreciated. Thank you for your generosity and support!

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY EVENTS

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**. The deadline is fast approaching. For further details, please contact Paula Jones, First Holy Communion Coordinator. Thank you.

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

ST URSULA'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NURSERY APPLICATIONS - St Ursula's Catholic Primary School is pleased to announce that we are currently accepting applications for our Nursery from September 2027. As one of the only Catholic schools in Havering offering Nursery provision, we warmly invite families from all Havering parishes to consider joining our welcoming community. Whether you are planning to continue your child's education at St Ursula's or another Catholic primary school, we are committed to supporting your child's development and providing a strong first step into Catholic education. For more information, please contact the school office: 01708 345200 or office@stursulasprimaryschool.co.uk. We look forward to welcoming your family to St Ursula's.

BRENTWOOD URSULINE CONVENT HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING – Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School Sixth Form Open Evening **Thursday 5th November 2026**, 6.30 – 8.30pm. Headteachers talk at 6.30pm.

PA VACANCY - OUR LADY OF WANSTEAD - The role is to provide administrative support to the Parish Priest by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those making enquiries or attending the parish office. All applicants should have good administrative, social and technical skills. The post will be part-time working 30 hours per week – (working pattern tbc). The salary is £15.45 per hour. The closing date for applications is **10th November 2026**, and suitable applicants will be invited to attend an interview on **18th November**. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV to wanstead@brcdt.org.

READING THE BIBLE THROUGH ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS - Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has just published *Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas*. This new book includes commentary on all the Scripture readings for Mass throughout these two seasons. Full information about the book can be found on the homepage of the website www.whatgoodnews.org.

CATECHIST TRAINING & RESOURCES DAY Saturday 7th November 2026 - Join the BCYS at Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, **10am-3pm**, for an inspiring day of faith, workshops and resources, with guest speaker Fr Matt Roche-Saunders. Free to attend, open to all catechists and leaders working with young people, including young leaders aged 16+. Register at bcys.net/events/catechists2026.

PARISH NEWSLETTER – Unfortunately, Microsoft Publisher has been discontinued, so our parish newsletter will no longer be available on Facebook in its current format. The newsletter will still be available on the parish website www.mostholyredeemerharoldhill.org.uk Alternatively, if you would like a copy, please contact the parish office.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER 2026

Bonus Ball Round 1: No 25 "Jo Hill" £12.50

Bonus Ball Round 2: No 30 "Liz Hill" £12.50

Congratulations to the winners! Thank you to everyone who supports our Parish Lottery!

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Saturday 24th October - Sunday 1st November 2026

MASS TIMES

Saturday 24th October

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 25th October

(StD) 9.00am:

(MHR) 11.00am:

Monday 26th October

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tuesday 27th October

(StD) 9.30am:

Wednesday 28th October

Thursday 29th October

(StD) 9.30am:

Friday 30th October

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Saturday 31st October

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 1st November

(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: 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.

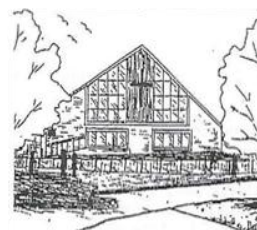
Brian Angel, Jason Angel, Rita Bracher, Christine, Deborah DiMoriaku, Stacey Doyle, Mary Eckett, Louise Flores, G. Golding, Tania Kavanagh, Daniel Kelleher, Karen Kennedy, Billy Koseda, Luke, Madeleine, Charlotte Massey, Susan Newman, Elsie Pridemore, Dee Skene, William Taylor, Tony Tyres, June Warrington, Eileen Lacey, Andrew White, Lynsey Mitchell, John Barry, Trish Connolly, Fran Manderson, Veronica & John Campling, Sarah Harding, Claire Monkcom, Andy & Doreen, Nadia Bolton, Donna 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, Susie Midson.

Anniversaries of the Deceased.

Bridget O'Shaughnessy, May Turvey, Chris Mead, Irene Emily Helen (Rene) Blackmur, Florence Timson, Flora (Marie) Baldwin, Joseph O'Higgins, Anna Maria Camelo, Alban Clouston, Mgr. Daniel Shanahan, Bill Andrews, Terrence Mahoney, Clarence (Jack) Talbot, Eva Vera Wailen, Les Eckett, Elizabeth Daly, Richard Hodnett, John Mitchell, John McIntyre, Charlie Ferry, Katherine Rayner, Josephine O'Connor, Christopher Edgar Mahoney, Nora Kelliher, Catherine Tattersall, Bill Denett, Terence Turvey, Sheila Joan Humphreys, Fr. George Steadman, Fr. Stephen Wyatt, Fr. William Loveland, Louise Hodnett, Canon Thomas Bishop, Noel Coultrup, Charles Rice, Ellen O'Connell, Joseph Greensmith, Derek Puckey, Emily Price, Canon Richard Gay, Guiseppa Toccotelli, Hugh O'Donnell, James Balfe, Frank Mawson, Maurice Hedderman, Betty Dones.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

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



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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

25th October 2026

First Reading: Exodus: 22:21-27 Second Reading: 1Thess: 1.5c-10 Gospel: Matthew 22:34-40

We need to love God: Loving God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, in response to His total love for us, means that we should place God's will ahead of ours, seek the Lord's will in all things, and make HIS WILL, not our own, paramount in our lives. There are several means by which we can express our love for God and our gratitude to Him for His blessings, acknowledging our total dependence on Him. We need to keep God's Commandments, and offer daily prayers of thanksgiving, praise, and petition. We also need to read and meditate on His word in the Bible and accept His invitation to join Him in the Mass and other liturgical functions.

We need to love our neighbour: God's will is that we should love everyone, seeing Him in each of them. Since every human being is the child of God and the dwelling place of the Spirit of God, we are giving expression to our love of God by loving our neighbour as Jesus loves him or her. This means we need to help, support, encourage, forgive, and pray for everyone – without discrimination based on colour, race, religion, gender, age, wealth, or social status. Forgiveness, too, is vital. We love others by refusing to hold a grudge for a wrong done to us. Even a rebuke can be given as an act of love, if it is done with the right heart. We also express love through encouragement and by helping others to grow. We express agape love in meeting the needs of others by using the talents and blessings God has given us to comfort each other, to teach each other, and to share the Gospel with each other, in deeds and in words.

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