

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Saturday 3rd October - Sunday 11th October 2026

MASS TIMES

Saturday 3rd October

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 4th October

(StD) 9.00am:

(MHR) 11.00am:

Monday 5th October

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tuesday 6th October

(StD) 9.30am:

Wednesday 7th October

Thursday 8th October

(StD) 9.30am:

Friday 9th October

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Saturday 10th October

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 11th 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Margaret King R.I.P. 1st Anni - C.Hunt

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Marie Pawlowska R.I.P. - Krisha & Kelvin

People of the Parish

Feria of the Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Lucia Jose' Andre' R.I.P. - Ema & Family

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Deceased Members of the Matthew & Rayner Families R.I.P. - Rayner Family

Our Lady of the Rosary

No Mass

St Osyth, Rel

Oluwafemi & Oluwanifemi Akingbotolu 6th Wedding Anni

St John Henry Newman, Pr, D

Jerome Uche - Francesca & Family

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

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

People of the Parish

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Vocation to the Priesthood & Religious Life - K.S.C.

Gavin Goulding - Theresa

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, Ralph Anah.

Anniversaries of the Deceased

Winifred Farrell, Phyllis Brennan, Eliza Clark, Patrick McVeigh, Fr. Henry Healy, Patrick McGuigan, Fr. David Logue, Winifred Farrell, Thomas Farrell, Beryl Walton, Fr. Patrick Ryan, Mrs Hennes, Canon Edward Heary, Joe Simona, Bridget Costello, Cliff Peacock, Josie McDermott, Fr. Harold Cahill, Kathleen Brotherton, Frankie Hardy, Annie Barnes, Agnes McCormack, Doug Tierney (Snr), Fr. Alfred Clements, Frank William Bearpark, Mrs M Crowley, Hannah Jane Sessions, Charles McCormack, George William, Mr A Blackmur, Michael Joe Dooley, John McCormack, James McHugh, Betty Hobbs, Sheila Verlander, Margaret Ince, Sophia McGuigan, Ada Jarman

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

**The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
and
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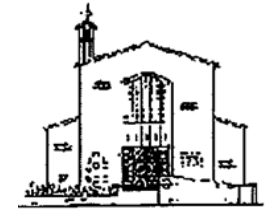
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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Sunday 4th October 2026

Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7 **Second Reading:** Philippians 4: 6-9 Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

We are all aware of instances where a person who is a key person in a team or on a project has been unfairly rejected and unjustly despised by other people. Sometimes rejection happens when those people simply do not understand how necessary and vital the person being rejected is for the success of the team or the completion of the project. However, more often and more sinfully, rejection is the result of jealousy and vindictiveness. We all know such instances from work but, even more so, from sport and politics — locally, nationally and internationally.

The parable advises us about the extent to which some people will go to further their own interests. They will do anything to have their own way. They will compromise their principles. They will blatantly disregard the reputations of friends and colleagues. They will intimidate and frighten them. In their ruthlessness, they will even shoot the messenger because they do not like the message.

Ironically, the messenger is often the only person who can help them or redeem the situation, if only they would have the good sense to recognise this. In the words of the parable: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone' (Mt 21:42). While this is true in our human relationships, it is particularly true in our relationships with God. Frequently, we may reject the challenging message of the gospel. We may despise those who live good and wholesome lives because their goodness is a rebuke to our conscience and we are jealous and resentful. We may fail to realise that when we reject other people and treat them harshly, we do the same to Christ who lives in them and who is their brother.

Likewise, when we reject Christ's teaching spoken to us by family and others, we also reject Christ speaking to us through them. In rejecting Christ, we reject the eternal life that he has won for us through his suffering, death and resurrection. Christ is the keystone, so often rejected, yet so necessary for our salvation and the salvation of all people. Without Christ we cannot have life with God.

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.

HEARTFELT THANK YOU - A heartfelt thank you to everyone who came into the Parish Hall to celebrate 73 years of Most Holy Redeemer Parish. It was wonderful to see so many people coming together to celebrate the history, life and community of our parish. A special thank you to Patrick Murray, Jean Rayner and Bert White for sharing their knowledge, memories and experiences with us. Your stories helped us to remember and appreciate the journey our Parish has taken over the years. It was particularly beautiful to see people from different nationalities, backgrounds and generations coming together as one Parish family. You are the future of our Parish, and it is wonderful to see the community grow, support one another and share in the life of Most Holy Redeemer. Thank you to everyone who helped make the celebration such a lovely and memorable occasion. Theresa Murray.

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.

NEXT SUNDAY COFFEE MORNING - Next **Sunday, 11th October**, we will be holding our Coffee Morning in celebration of the Harvest Festival. We would be grateful for donations of non-perishable food items, which will be donated to the Salvation Army Food Share to support those in need within our local community. Please bring along any donations next Sunday. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. Thank you, Theresa.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION - PRISONER'S SUNDAY - There will be a second collection on **Sunday 18th October** for Prisoner Sunday after all Masses.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION - EVANGELII GAUDIUM - The total amount collected for Evangelii Gaudium last Sunday was **£90.50**. MHR collected £90.50.

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.

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 super heroes, Disney characters or Saints. **PLEASE NOTE: no Halloween costumes**

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL - Stay up to date with parish news and events by receiving our weekly newsletter by email. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be added to our mailing list.

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**. 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

CHRISTMAS MARKET DONATIONS - **Do you have any unwanted gifts that you no longer need?** We are now collecting items for our Christmas Market. Any gifts that you would like to donate would be greatly appreciated and will help make our market a success. **PLEASE NOTE:** We can only accept new clothing with the original labels/tags attached. We are unable to accept any used clothing. 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.

VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD - The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on **Tuesday 6 October** at St Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch. The speaker will be Fr Francis Abara. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@brcdt.org

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

LOTTERY BONUS BALL WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2026

Bonus Ball Round 1: No 33 Fr. Joseph £12.50 Bonus Ball Round 2: No 26 Fr. Joseph £25.00
Congratulations to the winner! Thank you to everyone who supports our Parish Lottery!