

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Saturday 10th October - Sunday 18th October 2026

MASS TIMES

Saturday 10th October

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 11th October

(StD) 9.00am:

(MHR) 11.00am:

Monday 12th October

(MHR) 9.30am:

Tuesday 13th October

(StD) 9.30am:

Wednesday 14th October

Thursday 15th October

(StD) 9.30am:

Friday 16th October

(MHR) 9.30am:

(MHR) 10.00am:

Saturday 17th October

(MHR) 6.30pm:

Sunday 18th 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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

People of the Parish

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

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

Gavin Goulding - Theresa

Feria of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Brian Seaton (France)-12th Anni RIP- Tim & Janet O'Brien

Feria of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Oluwafemi Akingbotolu—thanksgiving.

Feria of the Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

No Mass

St Theresa of Avila. Rel. Doctor

Grandson Finley-Mr & Mrs. Paderes

St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Michael Cannon RIP- Josie & Theresa

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions

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Doris & Eliza Clark Anni RIP-Charlotte Hunt

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

People of the Parish

Intention for studies Luic Nguina- Genevive

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

Bridget Gildea, Margaret Varndell, Fr. John Dempsey, Ivy Burland, Anne McQueen, Mgr. Matthias Kearney, Mgr. Michael McKenna, Doris Clarke, Annetta Colverd, Frankie Nealis, Irene Rutler, Ellen Mary Kielius, Dennis Sparks, Canon Robert Grant, Timothy Mullane, Jenny Rolfe, Timothy Murphy, Father Christopher Creede, Kevin Charles Bottjer, John Brillus, Joe Costello, Bridgette Foley, Margaret Codd.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.

The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
and
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11th October 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a **Second Reading:** Phil. 4:12-14, 19-20 **Gospel:** Matthew 22:1-14

Isaiah uses the image of a banquet to describe the fullness of life that God wants to bestow, not just on Israel, but on all the people of the earth. Jesus uses the same image in his today's parable. In its original, simpler form, the parable made the point that those to whom the invitation was first sent ie the Jews rejected it, and their place has been taken by others ie the Gentiles.

In today's Gospels we have two parables from Matthew: the parable of the wedding feast and the parable of the wedding garments. Both are such symbolic stories- allegories- that they only make sense when we see what they stand for; as straightforward stories they make little sense by themselves. A king invites guests to the wedding feast of his son. The king is the figure of God; the great feast was a popular Jewish image for the joy of the life to come- as we heard from today's first reading: "On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wine." The image of God in the tradition and in the story speaks of a generous host who knows how to throw a good party. When the wedding feast is prepared, the king sends his servants to inform those already invited that the feast is now ready. The servants stand for the prophets of Israel; invited guests who refuse to come stand for the chosen people of Israel. The king sends out a second group of servants to plead with his guests to honour the invitation: these servants represent the first apostles and their mission to Israel. The original invitation speaks of God's gracious call to his chosen people: the second invitation underlines the patience of God-even when "everything is ready" he still hopes there will be a change of heart.

"You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience...Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts (Col 3: 12-15)

PARISH NEWS

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY – At the conclusion of Mass at Lourdes, the Holy Father made this appeal: “Dear brothers and sisters ... I would like to make an appeal that is particularly close to my heart, here in this place. It was here that the Immaculate Virgin appeared to Saint Bernadette with the rosary and, as it were, guided her in prayer. For this reason, today I invite all the faithful and all Christian communities to pray the holy rosary throughout the coming month of October, with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict. Let us accompany this prayer with concrete acts of penance and mercy, committing ourselves always to fostering dialogue & reconciliation. May our most holy Mother intercede for us!”

The Rosary Recited after morning Mass Monday - Friday at MHR and on Tuesday - Thursday after morning Mass at StD. All welcome

APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACES 2027.

Fr Joseph will be issuing Certificate of Catholic Practice for **Secondary Schools**. He will be available only at the following times at **Most Holy Redeemer's Church** to see parents who are known to him and who are **practicing their faith every Sunday. If you have chosen not to practice your faith, please apply directly to the Catholic school of your choice.** Please bring your child along and Mass attendance card to the interview unless you have already handed it in to catechist. There is no need to make an appointment, just turn up. **NB.** Only those applying for Campion School & Sacre Heart of Mary Girl's School need Certificate of Practice.

Thursday 15th October ~ 4.00 p.m. to 5.30pm p.m.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION FOR PRISONER'S SUNDAY There will be a second collection this weekend 11th October for the national Catholic day of prayer and action for prisoners and their families. It is a moment to reflect on the lives of those affected by imprisonment — those in prison, their children and families, and all who struggle with the lasting impact of justice system involvement. It is an invitation to respond with compassion, prayer and practical support. Pact is the national Catholic prison charity. We support prisoners, people with convictions, and their families. Rooted in Catholic Social Teaching, we believe in the dignity of every person and in the possibility of a fresh start. Thank you for your support.

PARISH PARTNERSHIP YOUTH EVENT AT CORPUS CHRISTI THIS THURSDAY- An hour of Adoration for young people from the five parishes on Thursday 15 October: 6 to 7 pm with singing led by Onosé, the Partnership Youth Co-ordinator.

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 support

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!

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

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

BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE - The BCYS offers retreats, events and pilgrimages for young people throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. If you'd like to get involved, you can find out more at www.bcys.net or follow @BrentwoodCYS on social media.

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.

CHRISTMAS WREATH- Making at The Campion School. We have 50 spaces for Christmas wreath making on Saturday 28th November, from 6pm to 8pm. A welcome drink will be provided and you can bring your own bottle too. The price is £45 per person. We also have a limited number of spaces left for our session on Friday 20th November. Please email Nuala Doherty at pa-chair@thecampionschool.org.uk for more information or to reserve a place.

THE CALL TO BE HUMAN – an introduction to Catholic Moral Thinking A series of talks given by Father Martin Boland at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Centre, 51 Cambridge Park, Wanstead E11 2PR. Nearest tube station: central line Wanstead. All welcome. Free admission. All talks: 7.00 to 8.00 pm.

Wednesday 14 October : What has religion to do with morality?

Wednesday 21 October : What does it mean to be a free moral agent?

Wednesday 28 October : Is Love all you need?

MARANTHA AT UPMINSTER 15TH OCTOBER 2026- Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! All are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, praise and worship, including Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, where we come together to encounter the Holy Spirit and share fellowship in a Catholic context. At St Joseph's Catholic Church, Upminster RM14 2SY on Thursday 16 October 2026 7:00pm to 9:00pm, with refreshments afterwards. Not been to Maranatha before - why not come and see?

LOTTERY BONUS BALL WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2026

Bonus Ball Round 1: No 39 Poppy Dent Jones £12.50

Bonus Ball Round 2: No 50 "Rollover" £12.50

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