PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS DONATION- The Parish Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer's church will be open for your donation on Friday 27th November from 12pm-8pm and on Saturday 28th 11am – 4pm.
We urgently need home made cakes, bottles and soft toys and for Teddy for Tombola. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS HAS ARRIVED IN OUR REPOSITORIES - Get ready for Christmas! Both parish repositories have a lovely selection of seasonal items available, including Christmas cards, Christmas calendars, Christmas gifts and gift ideas. Why not pop in and have a look? There is something for everyone, and your purchases help support our parish communities. Please visit the repositories at Most Holy Redeemer and St. Dominic's**.**

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

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.

GRAND DRAW – PLEASE CHECK YOUR PAYMENTS – A reminder to all Grand Draw members to please ensure that their payments are fully up to date. Thank you for your continued support.

FESTIVE COFFEE/TEA MORNING – A lovely way to start the festive season! Join us for a festive coffee/tea morning after the 11am Mass on **Sunday 6th December** in St. George's Hall, Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. Come along, enjoy a cup of tea or coffee, tuck into some delicious mince pies, enjoy a glass of mulled wine and have a lovely catch-up with fellow parishioners. Everyone is welcome, and we have a special festive treat in store for the children too!

ENVELOPES FOR THE HOLY SOULS - 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.

DIOCESAN SECOND COLLECTION - WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY – There will be a second collection today **Sunday 22nd November** for World Youth Sunday after all Masses. Thank you for your continued support.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! – We are looking for volunteers to help decorate St George's Hall for our Christmas Market on **Wednesday 25th November at 11am**. We would particularly welcome a few men to help with putting up decorations and heavier items. However, all offers of help are very much appreciated. If you can spare time, please speak to Theresa.

RECENT BEREAVEMENT – **Ken Page** aged **93** of Charlbury Crescent, Harold Hill, who passed away peacefully on Wednesday 28th October. His Requiem Mass will be held at Most Holy Redeemer**'s Church, Harold Hill** on **Tuesday 24th November at 11am** followed by burial at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Langthorne Road, Leytonstone, E11 4HL. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

RECENT BEREAVEMENT – **Brian Capps,** aged **89,** of Waterson Vale, Chelmsford, passed away peacefully on Sunday 8th November. His Requiem Mass will be held at **Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill** on **Thursday 3rd December at 11am** followed by cremation at South Essex Crematorium at 12.30pm. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. May he rest in peace.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY EVENTS

INSTALLATION OF NEW BISHOP OF BRENTWOOD- The Installation of Bishop Timothy Menezes as our new bishop will take place on the Feast of St Francis Xavier, Thursday 3rd December.

BISHOP TIMOTHY MENEZES INVITES YOU TO A MASS OF THANKSGIVING.
All parishioners from across the diocese are warmly invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes following his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Brentwood. Masses will be celebrated in three locations:
Tuesday 8th Dec: 11:00 am – Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT
Tuesday 8th Dec: 7:30 pm – St Antony of Padua Church, St Antony's Road, Forest Gate, London E7 9QB
Wednesday 9th Dec: 7:00 pm - St James the Less and St Helen Church, Priory Street, Colchester CO1 2QB

BEREAVEMENT GROUP- Come along to find comfort, support and understanding at our welcoming and informal bereavement support group; Sheila Delander and Liz Hill will lead the group. We invite you to join us as we navigate through grief together. Our meetings are held at 2 pm on the Wednesday 2nd of December in St. Anthony's Hall at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. All are welcome; tea/coffee and cake provided.

READING THE BIBLE THROUGH ADVENT & 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. Full information about the book can be found on the homepage of the website www.whatgoodnews.org.

BCYS ADVENT RETREAT at Walsingham House: 12th-13th December A weekend of festive fun, friendship, prayer and reflection exploring the meaning of Advent. Open to anyone in school years 10-13. All information and applications at www.bcys.net/events

ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD-HORNCHURCH- The Christmas Bazaar is on Saturday 5th December, 10am – 2pm. It is a week later than before, to be closer to Christmas. Please give it every possible support that you can. Look out for great Bazaar items and bring them to church in advance. On the day, support the Bazaar – invite friends and family too. Perhaps you can volunteer for part or all of the day? Let Annette know, via the parish office – there is always plenty to be done!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL - You are invited to the **St Vincent de Paul Carol Service** at Farm Street Church, Mayfair on Tuesday 1st December 7.30pm to 8.30pm for an uplifting evening of carols, reflection and fellowship. Archbishop Moth, Georgina Duchess of Norfolk and Alex Macqueen will be participating.
The event is free to attend, though donations are most welcome, and the service will be followed by light refreshments. To book your place, please go to the homepage of the SVP website; **svp.org.uk**

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.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2026
Bonus Ball Round 1: No 53 "Rollover" £12.50
Bonus Ball Round 2: No 52 "Rollover" £25.00
Congratulations to the winners! Thank you to everyone who supports our Parish Lottery!

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Saturday 21st November-Sunday 29th November 2026

MASS TIMES	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 21st November	Vigil Mass Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A)
(MHR) 6.30pm:	People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd November	**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (A) (Youth Sunday)**
(StD) 9.00am:	Oluwafemi Akingbotolu Thanksgiving
(MHR) 11.00am:	Grandson Baby Finley– Mr & Mrs Paderes.
Monday 23rd November	**St Clement I Pope. Martyr**
(MHR) 9.30am:	Hilda-Margaret
Tuesday 24th November	**St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions. Martyrs**
(StD) 9.30am:	No morning Mass
(MHR) 11.00am:	Funeral of Ken Page
Wednesday 25th November	**St Catherine of Alexandria. Virgin. Martyr** **No Mass**
Thursday 26th November	**Feria of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**
(StD) 9.30am:	K. George RIP - Michael Lenihan
Friday 27th November	**Feria of the Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time**
(MHR) 9.30am:	Holy Souls for Ong Family - Susie
(MHR) 10.00am:	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Saturday 28th November	Vigil Mass of the First Sunday of Advent (B)
(MHR) 6.30pm:	Margie Martin & Ray Smith-C. Hunt
Sunday 29th November	First Sunday of Advent (B)
(StD) 9.00am:	People of the Parish
(MHR) 11.00am:	Linus Ezugwu RIP- Tina Family

***Morning Prayer*: Before Mass at 9.15am, Mondays and Fridays.**
***Rosary*: Recited *after* morning Mass Mondays and Fridays at Most Holy Redeemer and on Tuesdays and Thursdays at St Dominic's.**
***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 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.

James & Mary Browne, Harry Mason, Canon Martin Hancock, Mgr. Edward Watson, Terence Francis Joseph Burland, Mary Langdale, Thomas Jordan, Anna Gabriel, Rt Rev Thomas McMahon, Bishop Emeritus, Michael Campbell. Ernest Kelly, Fr. Anthony Robson,Giovanni Perotti, Bill Greensmith, Fr. John Aydon, Maura Maloney. Michael Patrick Sullivan. Fr. Patrick Bennett, Raymond Smith,George Smith, Marilynn Forster, Fr. Francis Branney, Sr. Lucy, Zygmunt Siedlaczek (Funeral) **MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.**

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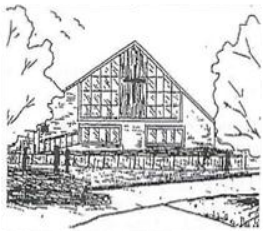

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (A)
22nd November 2026

First Reading: Ezel 34:11-12,15-17 Second Reading: 1 Cor 15: 20-26,28 Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Today with the whole Catholic Church we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. This is the end of the Church's liturgical year. Next week is New Year's Day in the Church, the first Sunday of Advent, in which we begin our preparations to celebrate the birth of Christ and his second coming.

Today, we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. In a world kings are often associated with power, wealth, and domination. Christ the king stands in stark contrast. While earthly kings reign with an Ironfist, Christ reigns with a gentle touch. While they seek to expend their kingdoms through conquest, Christ expands His Kingdom through love and sacrifice. Earthly kings are often surrounded by opulence and grandeur, while Christ was born in a humble manger and died on a cross. They seek to elevate themselves above their subjects, while Christ humbled Himself to become one of us.

And yet, despite these apparent weaknesses, Christ is the King of kings, the Lord of lords. In the first reading, we see God's desire to gather and care for His flock, but also to hold accountable those who have neglected them.

In the Gospel, we see the sobering reality of judgement, where those who have ignored the least among us will be held accountable. What is striking in the final judgement is that Jesus does not judge us based on our theology or church attendance. Instead, Jesus judges us by how we treated the least of those-the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the imprisoned. There are simple acts of mercy we can carry out each day. Such love for others is love for God: as the Gospel tell us, what will matter is whether we showed love, compassion, and kindness to those in need. 'In so far as you did this to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.'

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