PARISH NEWS

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY – On Remembrance Sunday, we come together to remember and honour all those men and women who have given their lives in the service of our country, in the two world wars and in conflicts since. Our 11am Mass will begin with a moment of silence as we pay our respects to all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. We will remember them.

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.

BIG THANK YOU – A big thank you to all the families and children who attended our Light Party last week. It was a delight to see so many families come together and enjoy such a wonderful evening of fun, laughter and celebration. A special thank you to everyone who helped organise the event and make it such a great success. Your time, generosity and support were very much appreciated!

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**.**

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

HOMEMADE CAKES NEEDED!! – We are desperately in need of homemade cakes for our upcoming market, Mini Market **15th November**, Christmas Market **Sunday 29th November**. If you can bake or donate a cake for either event, we would be extremely grateful. Every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. Please speak to Theresa if you can help in any way. Thank you for your continued kindness and support.

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.

CHRISTMAS WREATH – MAKING & ARTS AND CRAFTS – Join us **on Sunday 15th November**, from 12 noon to 2pm in St. George's Hall at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill. Come along and enjoy some festive arts and crafts and make your own Christmas wreath! Children and families are very welcome. Please bring along a wreath and some greenery. The rest of the decorations will be provided. Refreshments will be available. Everyone is welcome.

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 **St. Dominic'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.

DIOCESAN & COMMUNITY EVENTS

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!

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.

NOVEMBER PARISH GRAND DRAW – Congratulations to our **November** Parish Monthly Grand Draw winner Madeleine O'Brien, (No 29) who wins £50. Thank you for your support.

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.

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.

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.

SACRED HEART OF MARY 6TH FORM OPEN EVENING - Join us at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School 6th Form Open Evening on **Thursday, 12 November 2026, from 6–8pm**. Discover the exciting opportunities available, explore our courses and facilities, and find out what makes our Sixth Form a fantastic place to learn, grow and plan for the future. We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families!

BCCS CHRISTMAS CRAFT & GIFT FAIR - Join us for Christmas crafts, stunning gifts & refreshments, in support of BCCS. **Sunday 15th November** - 10:30-15:30 - The Mill Arts & Events Centre, Rayleigh, SS6 7ED. £1.50 entry (free for under 14s) & free onsite Parking.

LOTTERY BONUS BALL WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2026

Bonus Ball Round 1: No 30 "**Liz Hill**" £25.00

Bonus Ball Round 2: No 19 "**Jean Rayner**" £12.50

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

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)
Saturday 7th November-Sunday 15th November 2026

MASS TIMES	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 7th November	Vigil Mass of the Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
(MHR) 6.30pm:	Repose of the Soul of Carmine Lasrado - Josephine
Sunday 8th November	**Thirty–Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) (Remembrance Sunday)**
(StD) 9.00am:	People of the Parish
(MHR) 11.00am:	Vocation to the Priesthood & Religious Life – K.S.C.
Monday 9th November	**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
(MHR) 9.30am:	Francesca & Jerome Uche 39th Wedding Anni
Tuesday 10th November	**St Leo the Great, P, D**
(StD) 9.30am:	Mimi Mroj R.I.P. – Hannah & Family
Wednesday 11th November	**St Martin of Tours, Bp**
	No Mass
Thursday 12th November	**St Josaphat, Bp, M**
(StD) 9.30am:	Birthday Jo Paul PA – Lima Rose
	St. Ursula's School Year 4 Remembrance Mass
Friday 13th November	**Feria of the Thirty-Second Week in Ordinary Time**
(MHR) 9.30am:	Michael Martin R.I.P. – C. Hunt
(MHR) 10.00am:	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions
Saturday 14th November	Vigil Mass of the Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
(MHR) 6.30pm:	Ann Clarke R.I.P. & Ann Barton R.I.P. – Charlotte Hunt
Sunday 15th November	**Thirty–Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**
(StD) 9.00am:	Rose Anah R.I.P. Birthday – Chidinma Anah
(MHR) 11.00am:	People of the Parish

***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.

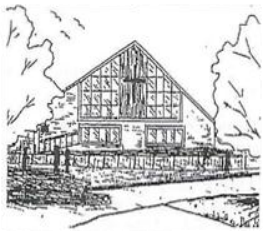
Brian Angel, Jason Angel, Rita Bracher, Christine, Deborah DiMoriaku, Stacey Doyle, Mary Eckett, Louise Flores, G. Golding, Tania Kavanagh, Daniel Kelleher, Karen Kennedy, Billy Koseda, Luke, Madeleine, Charlotte Massey, Susan Newman, Elsie Pridemore, Dee Skene, William Taylor, Tony Tyres, June Warrington, 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.

Cardinal John Carmel Heenan, Fr. William Philpot, Deacon Norman Wiseman, Ann Clark, Margaret Bray, Matthew Ryan, James Smullen. Edward Whelan, Eddie Bernard Leyden, Mr Alpress, Emily Willis, John Walsh, Aleksandra Teodorska, Frederick Waller, Agnes Mary Castles, Raymond Day, Stan Bundock, Mrs H Hennes, Canon Denis Petry, Mick Camelo, Anne Barton, Hannah Harding, Rhoda (Ronnie) Mitchell, Mary Anne (Maura) Slater, Janes Duffin, Tommy Todore, Maura Maloney, Maria Perotti. Dan Horan, Kit Bügg, William Marsh, George Brown, William Pertilla, Frankie Nealis, Josie Bush, Fr. Terry Howes, Danny Connolly, Lougie Pasquale Camelo, Vera King, Fr. James Allis, Doris Kenneally

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Thirty - Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
8th November 2026

First Reading: Wisdom 6:12-16 Second Reading: 1 Thess 4.13-18 Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

This Sunday's readings bring the usual warnings about preparation for the end of our own world, the end of our own time, and our passage to another world. They tell us that a searching, watching, and growing heart is essential for a lively, dynamic Faith in God. They ask us whether we are ready for these events and how we are preparing for them.

Today's parable has both a local and a universal meaning. The local meaning is that the foolish virgins represent the "Chosen People of God" who were waiting for the Messiah but were shut out from the Messianic banquet because they were unprepared. "The division between the wise and the foolish virgins becomes the division between those in Matthew's church who keep the commandments of Christ, the new lawgiver of the church, and those who hear his words but fail to do what he commands." (Fr. Reginald Fuller).

The universal meaning is that the five foolish virgins represent those who fail to prepare for the end of their lives. What matters is not the occasional or the last-minute burst of spiritual fervour but habitual attention to one's responsibilities before God. At the final judgment, there will be no depending upon the resources of others, no begging or borrowing of grace. Some are used to depending upon others' prayers, others' gifts, others' compassion and others' Faith. But there are certain things we must win or acquire for ourselves for we cannot borrow them from others. Having a close relationship with God is the most important thing. The parable implies that we should attend to duties of the present moment, preparing now rather than waiting until it is too late.

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