## PARISH NEWS

**ADVANCE NOTICE – DEANERY MEETING –** Please note there will be **no 9.30am Mass** at St. Dominic's Church on **Thursday 19th November** due to the Deanery meeting taking place at Most Holy Redeemer Church. Everyone is warmly welcome to join us at **11am at Most Holy Redeemer Church** for the celebration of Mass for our deceased Priests in the Deanery.

**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.

**MINI CHRISTMAS MARKET** – Join us **this Sunday 15th November** after the 11am Mass at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill, for our mini market! Come along and get ready for Christmas. Browse our variety of stalls, with Christmas outfits, clothes, shoes, bric-a-brac, religious books, bags and much more. Refreshments will also be available. All proceeds will go towards our main Christmas Market on 28th and 29th November. Everyone is welcome, so please come along, have a browse and support both our parishes.

**CHRISTMAS WREATH - MAKING & ARTS AND CRAFTS THIS SUNDAY! –** Join us this **Sunday, 15th Novembe**r, from 12 noon to 2pm in St George's Hall at Most Holy Redeemer, Harold Hill. Come along and enjoy some festive arts and crafts while making your own Christmas Wreath! Children and families are very welcome. Please bring along a wreath and some greenery. All other decorations will be provided, and 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.

**HOMEMADE CAKES NEEDED!!** – We are desperately in need of homemade cakes for our upcoming market, 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.

**ADVANCE NOTICE** – There will be no Mass at 9.30am **at St. Dominic's Church, Harold Hill** on **Tuesday 24th November**. This is because the Requiem Mass for Ken Page will be celebrated at 11am at Most Holy Redeemer Church, Harold Hill.

**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 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

**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.

**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.

**INVITATION TO A MASS OF THANKSGIVING - BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL -** 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. Join us as we gather in prayer and thanksgiving to welcome our new Bishop and seek God's blessing upon his ministry. All are welcome. Tuesday 8th Dec: 11:00 a.m. – Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT

**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.

**CHRISTMAS BAZZAR - ST MARY MOTHER OF GOD, HORNCHURCH -** CHRISTMAS BAZAAR **SATURDAY 5TH DECEMBER 12noon - 4pm.** There will be stalls, games and raffle prizes.

**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

**BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE: 17th-24th July 2027 -** Join BCYS in Lourdes for an unforgettable week of faith, friendship and service, supporting elderly and infirm pilgrims while experiencing prayer, processions, excursions and plenty of opportunities to grow in faith! Applications are open NOW for all those in school year 10 and above. For all information and to applications at www.bcys.net/events

**LOTTERY BONUS BALL WEDNESDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2026**

**Bonus Ball Round 1**: No 16 "**George**" £12.50

**Bonus Ball Round 2**: No 21 "**Rollover**" £12.50

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

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)**
**Saturday 14th November - Sunday 22nd November 2026**

| MASS TIMES | MASS INTENTIONS |
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| **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)** **(World Day of the Poor)** |
| (StD) 9.00am: | Rose Anah R.I.P. Birthday – Chidinma Anah |
| (MHR) 11.00am: | People of the Parish |
| **Monday 16th November** | **St Edmund of Canterbury (or of Abingdon), Bp** |
| (MHR) 9.30am: | Cynthia Birthday - Francesca & Jerome Uche |
| **Tuesday 17th November** | Feria of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time |
| (StD) 9.30am: | Blessed Frederic Ojanan – S.V.P. |
| **Wednesday 18th November** | Feria of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time **No Mass** |
| **Thursday 19th November** | Feria of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time |
| (StD) 9.30am: | **No Mass** |
| (MHR) 11.00 am: | Deanery Mass for Deceased Priests |
| **Friday 20th November** | Feria of the Thirty-Third Week in Ordinary Time |
| (MHR) 9.30am: | Bert & Brenda White – S.V.P. |
| (MHR) 10.00am: | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions |
| **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 |

***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.

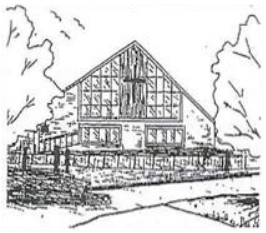
Brian Angel, Jason Angel, Rita Bracher, Christine, Deborah DiMoriaku, Stacey Doyle, Mary Eckett, Louise Flores, G. Golding, Tania Kavanagh, Daniel Kelleher, Karen Kennedy, Billy Koseda, Luke, Madeleine, Charlotte Massey, Susan Newman, Elsie Pridemore, Dee Skene, William Taylor, Tony Tyres, June Warrington,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

George Brown, William Pertilla, Frankie Nealis, Josie Bush, Fr. Terry Howes, Danny Connolly, Lougie Pasquale Camelo, Vera King, Fr. James Allis, Doris Kenneally, Norah Donovan, George Savage, Ellen Soper, Bill Piper, Ralph Constable, Margaret Manley, Florence Hayes, John Harden, Eugene Carey, Ellen McGuigan. Gerda Mephan, Mary Prank, Agnes King. James Frederick Gostling, Danny Connolly, Breda Lillis, Mary Stredwick.

***MAY THEY REST IN PEACE.***

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




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## Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
**15th November 2026**

**First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 Second Reading: 1 Thess 5:1-6 Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

The main theme of today's three readings is the invitation to live in such a way that we make the best use of the talents God has given us, so that at the hour of our death Our Lord will say: "Well done, my good and faithful servant! … Come and share the joy of your master" Mt 25:21).
The first reading suggests that we should be as diligent and industrious as a loyal and faithful wife, in the use of our God-given gifts and talents with "the fear of the Lord." Unlike the one-talent man, she takes her gifts and "brings forth good, not evil"; she "reaches her hands to the poor and extends her arms to the needy."
In the second reading, Paul advises us to keep awake and be sober, encouraging and building each other up as we wait for the *"Day of the Lord."* He challenges the Thessalonians to turn fear of the Lord into positive, constructive and life-affirming action.
Today's Gospel challenges us to ask the questions: Are we using our talents and gifts primarily to serve God? Are we doing everything we can to carry out God's will? The parable of the talents challenges us to do something positive, constructive and life-affirming with our talents here and now.
We need to trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given. We need to make use of our talents in our parish**.** In addition to our homes and families, the best place to do this is in our parish. This means that we should be always willing to share our abilities in creative worship in the Church and in various ministries of our Parish, such as Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, lector, usher, Sunday-school teacher, singer in the choir, volunteer, and member of one or more parish organizations and community outreach programs .
We need to "trade" with our talent of Christian Faith: All of us in the Church today have received at least one talent namely, the gift of Faith. Our responsibility is not just to preserve and "keep" the Faith, but to work with it. We need to promote and add value to Faith by living it out. The way to preserve the Faith, or any other talent that God has given us, is to put it to work and make it bear fruit.


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