

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Madge Caulfield RIP (D. Keane)
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B		
24th March 2024	9.00 am	The People of our Parish
	11.00 am	Charlie Conlon RIP (Mills)
MONDAY	9.15 am	Dorothy Hales RIP (Anniv)
TUESDAY	10.15 am	Philomena Robertson RIP (Parish Visiting Group)
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Margaret & Wilfred Stevens RIP
MAUNDY	7.30 pm	Mass of The Lord's Supper
THURSDAY		
GOOD FRIDAY	3.00 pm	Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of Our
Day of fast & abstinence		Lord Jesus Christ with Veneration of
		the Cross
	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
HOLY	Easter Vigil	The People of our Parish
SATURDAY	8.00 pm	
EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (YEAR B)		
31st March 2024	9.00 am	Dorothy & Frank Johnson RIP
	11.00 am	Margaret Andrews RIP (Dean Family)

Weekday Masses: This week Masses are at 9.15am on Monday & Wednesday & at 10.15am on Tuesday. All Holy Week services are listed in this newsletter.

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (24th March):
Exposition will resume again on Sunday, 14th April at 5pm in the church.

Confessions on Holy Saturday, 30th March: in the Church, 11am-12pm

Spiritual Reading: My Day by Day (£1.15) and Bible Alive (£3) for Easter
are in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.

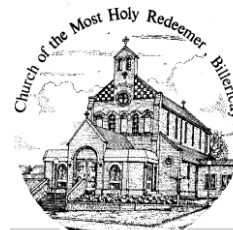
Parish Safeguarding Representative Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas: Email address:
kristindefreitas@brcdt.org Mobile number is: 07492 910138

Hall Bookings The booking officer is Jane Maddocks who can be contacted by
e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

PALM SUNDAY of THE LORD'S PASSION

24th March 2024



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*As a parish community we are committed to **Growing Together in Faith & Love.***

From Fr Adrian Gaffy:

The story of the Passion of Jesus according to Mark which immediately precedes His death is punctuated by the evangelist's references to the time of day. Jesus is crucified 'at the third hour'. Roman reckoning of day-time hours began with 6 a.m. so this is 9 a.m. The darkness over the earth begins at noon. Jesus 'breathes his last' at 3 o'clock, the traditional time for recalling the death of Christ.

Three groups mock Jesus. Anonymous passers-by taunt Jesus by referring to His words about the temple. The chief-priests and scribes mock Jesus, who 'saved others, but cannot save Himself'. They also ridicule Him with His supposed claims to be the Messiah. Finally, Mark tells us that 'even those who were crucified with Him taunted Him'.

This evangelist appears to know nothing about the 'good thief'. Jesus' final words are words of abandonment. The Son of God, who comes to share our life and give His life for us, drinks the cup of suffering to the depth out of love for His brothers and sisters. And thus He dies.

What are the memorable features of Mark's story of the death of Jesus? Take time this week to read the complete story of the death of Jesus as told by Mark.

Let us enter fully into the events of Holy Week so that we may be renewed in Christ's resurrection.

We pray that the self-giving love of Christ for all will change minds and hearts.

OUR PARISH VISION PRAYER

Loving Father, we ask you to bring this vision to life within us. Embolden us with a desire to grow and mature as missionary disciples of Jesus. Give us the courage and grace to reach out to others within and beyond our parish with compassion and perseverance, so that they too may encounter Jesus and become His disciples. Lead our parish forward in the power of Your Spirit, help us to respond to Your call to evangelise by using our gifts and talents and proclaim Jesus in faith and love to all people. Amen.

The YouTube links to this weekend's Masses are here:

6pm on Saturday 23rd March (Palm Sunday):

<https://youtube.com/live/OIbff28Rd7o?feature=share>

9am on Sunday 24th March (Palm Sunday):

https://youtube.com/live/B8SfC_SSiAc?feature=share

Baptisms at the Most Holy Redeemer: If you are enquiring about having your child baptised at the Most Holy Redeemer then please contact the Parish Office so that we can put you in touch with a member of the Baptism Welcome Team.

MHR Flower arrangers If you would like to know more about this friendly group, please contact Esther Wilkins on 07702 139120.

Laminated Mass Cards with prayers of the Mass are available at the entrance to the church as an alternative to the Mass Books. They are also very helpful for visitors and for those who have just started coming to Mass.

Parish Grotto Opening: The Parish Grotto will be open every day until mid-afternoon.

Catholic Parish Summit: 12th-14th June: The Catholic Parish Summit is taking place in **Harrogate** from the 12th to the 14th of June with over 1,000 parish leaders from across the country. Our diocese has booked some places for the Summit which are available to anyone who is interested in attending. These places are free but they are limited and you will need to make arrangements for accommodation while you are in Harrogate. For more information about the Summit please visit their website: <https://catholicparishsummit.com/> If you would like to go to the Summit please contact the Parish Office.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (**Friday 19th to Friday 26th July 2024**). To book please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (Tangney-tours.com). If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage please e-mail Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves on lourdes@brcdt.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES: Maureen Guppy, Michael Glavin, Gertrude Davies, Julia Maltby, Justin White, Linda O'Boyle, Terence Crow, Frank Giorgi, Frank Markey, Joy Coates, Ann Paloyannidis, James Sullivan, Wesley Lockhart.

Clergy: Fr John Sherlock. Mgr Canon Alfred Gilbey, Fr Denis Hall.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

PARISH REGISTRATION:

A big thank you to all of you who have already completed the online parish registration form. We have already had Over 430 entries! If you are new to our parish, or you are an existing parishioner, please could you take a few moments to complete the electronic registration form which is on our parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/register2.php> *Adults who are living in the same household will need to complete separate registration forms in order for the database to recognise you as separate individuals.*

You can scan the QR code below and it will take you straight to the link!



Prayer for the Israel-Gaza Conflict:

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

KIDS' CORNER

Passion or Palm Sunday

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Arrest

Ointment

Twelve

Passover

Bread

Blood

Disowned

Swords

Clubs

King

Jews

Tears

Barabbas

Cross

Crucify

Vinegar

Darkness

Ninth

Died

Shroud

Tomb

Most Holy Redeemer Children's Choir (MHRCC) Our Children's Choir rehearsals take place in the Most Holy Redeemer Church on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm to 5.15pm, during term time. We sing at the 6pm Saturday evening Mass twice each term and give a musical presentation for parents and friends at the end of each term. If you have a child in Years 3 – 6 and they are interested in joining our enthusiastic choristers, please email Bernadette via the Parish Office: office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk and we will pass your details on.

Gift Aid and Standing Orders

By Gift Aiding your donations it means that for every £1 that you give to the parish we are able to claim an extra 25p. If you are a tax payer you are able to join our Gift Aid scheme by downloading the Gift Aid form from the Parish website (<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php>) or by collecting a Gift Aid form from the Church Porch. This then needs to be returned to the Parish Office and you will be issued with a Gift Aid number which you will use whenever you make a donation to the church.

We would also encourage you to consider setting up a **Standing Order** to the parish if you haven't already done so. Standing Orders enable us to budget more effectively and they mean that you don't need to bring money with you when you come to Mass. You can set up a Standing Order electronically through your banking app. If you email the Parish Office we will be able to provide you with the Sort Code and Account Name for the parish or alternatively you can download a Standing Order form from the parish website

(<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php>) and take it to your bank.

Contactless Payments: As fewer and fewer people are carrying cash we have introduced a new way for people to donate to the parish. In the entrance to the church we now have installed a contactless donation system which enables you to donate directly to the parish using your credit or debit card. If you are a taxpayer you also have the option of gift aiding your donation. You will only need to fill in your contact details once and then the machine will automatically gift aid any subsequent donations provided you use the same payment method.

Foreign Currency for 'Mary's Meals': Please donate any unwanted currency or any UK notes and coins that are no longer legal tender to the **Parish Office**. 'Mary's Meals', is a charity which helps to provide nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. www.marysmeals.org.uk

CAFOD's ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

Billericay Foodbank The green box remains in the church porch, all donations continue to be gratefully received. Thank you

“Thresholds of Hope” website: Father Dan has recently been appointed the Episcopal Vicar for Parish Renewal. If you would like to know more about parish renewal in our diocese please visit the Vicariate website at:
<https://thresholdsofhope.co.uk/>

THE SEASON OF LENT:

Holy Week Services: Please find below the details of all of the Holy Week services that will be taking place in our parish this year:

Maundy Thursday, 28th March:

Mass is at 7.30pm followed by a vigil in front of the Blessed Sacrament at the altar of repose until Midnight.

This Mass will also be livestreamed and can be watched by following this link:
<https://youtube.com/live/R10n1gwOg6E?feature=share>

Good Friday, 29th March:

Children’s Stations of the Cross will take place at 10.15am in the church. *If you would like your child to read one of the Stations please email Kristin De Freitas at kristindefreitas@brcdt.org*

This is followed by a Walk of Witness with Emmanuel Church which will begin at 11am at Emmanuel and ends with tea and hot cross buns in the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre.

The Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord and the Veneration of the Cross will take place at 3pm in the church.

This Service will also be livestreamed and can be watched by following this link:
<https://youtube.com/live/1zim9Eg39ro?feature=share>

Stations of the Cross will take place at 7pm in the church. This devotion is an opportunity for us to be reminded of the love that Jesus showed when He made the journey towards the cross of Calvary.

Holy Saturday, 30th March:

Confessions from 11am to 12pm in the Church

Blessing of Easter Food: 2pm in the Church. This is a tradition in many Eastern European countries where families bring to the church the food that they will eat on Easter Sunday. The children who have made Easter baskets on Palm Sunday are also invited to come with their families for the blessing.

Easter Vigil, Saturday 30th March:

The most important service in the Church’s year will take place at 8pm as we gather outside of the church for the blessing of the Easter candle.

Easter Sunday, 31st March:

Please note that the clocks go forward an hour on this date.

Masses will be at 9am and 11am.

The 11am Mass will be livestreamed and can be watched by following this link:
<https://youtube.com/live/hLTY5Rh5OxQ?feature=share>

No Weekday Masses during Easter Week: Please note that there won’t be any weekday Masses during Easter week. The parish Masses will resume as usual at 6pm on Saturday, 6th April.

Easter Offerings: As is the custom your Easter offerings are your gift to the priest. There will be an offertory collection at the Masses on Easter Sunday or you can use the contactless donation machine in the church porch and select “Easter”. If you prefer you can also put an envelope through the door of the Priest’s House marked “Easter” with Gift Aid number if appropriate. Cheques are payable to Catholic Church Billericay and will be dealt with by the office staff. Alternatively a bank transfer can be made – please contact the Parish Office for our Bank details and quote “Easter” as the reference. Please note that due to finance regulations any Standing Order contributions cannot be part of this collection unless specifically stated “Easter”. *Many thanks, the Parish Finance Committee.*

Easter Cards: Thank you to all of the Messengers who have delivered Easter cards to those who are on our parish database. We do have a number of Easter cards left over. If you know anyone who you think would like to receive an Easter card or anyone who might be interested in coming to one of the Holy Week services please take a card from the church porch.

Life in the Spirit Seminars: The “Life in the Spirit Seminars” for those who are interested in learning more about the gifts of the Holy Spirit will begin on Wednesday, 17th April at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. If you are interested in taking part in this please contact the Parish Office.

Easter baskets on Palm Sunday, 24th of March at 2pm. You and your children are invited to the Pastoral Centre at The Most Holy Redeemer, to fill an Easter basket with crafts and goodies. This will include decorating eggs, Easter biscuits, chocolate nests, key rings and more. There will be an opportunity for the children to bring their baskets to church the following Saturday (Holy Saturday, 30th of March) at 2pm for a blessing. If you’re interested in this event please contact Kristin at kristindefreitas@brcdt.org so that she can ensure there are enough baskets for all who want to take part. There will be a charge of £5 per basket to cover the cost of the craft items

Parent and Baby Group: We are hoping to start a Parish Parent and Baby Group, to run on Thursday mornings in the Pastoral Centre. We need some warm and welcoming volunteers who could help with setting up and clearing up, making teas and coffees, chatting with parents, and making everyone feel welcome. You don’t need to be available every week, as helpers will take part on a rota basis. We would also love to hear from anyone who can’t get to the group in person but would like to offer support as a prayer partner. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact the parish office, or Karen Lawrence at karenlawrence40@gmail.com