

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Doreen Brittain RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)</b>		
<b>14<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Intentions of Parishioners (Gaut Family)
	<b>11.00 am</b>	The People of our Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	9.15 am	Patrick Goldstone RIP (Herbert)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10.15 am	Intentions of The Padre Pio Prayer Group
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9.15 am	Edgar Pereira RIP (Ladies Group)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>No Parish Mass today</i>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9.15am	Grace Gilpin RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Intentions of Sick and Housebound Parishioners
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) Day of Prayer for Vocations</b>		
<b>21<sup>st</sup> April 2024</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Intentions of Fr Adrian Graffy
	<b>11.00 am</b>	For Vocations (Billericay Catenians)

**Weekday Masses:** This week parish Masses are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at 10.15am on Tuesday.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place as usual **this Sunday (14<sup>th</sup> April)** at 5pm in the church. It's also available to watch online by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/n7RnsiW9-Jo?feature=share>

**Confessions** will take place on Saturdays in the church from 11am to 12pm

**Spiritual Reading: My Day by Day (£1.15) and Bible Alive (£3) for April** 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](mailto: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](mailto:canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

14<sup>th</sup> April 2024



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

### **From Fr Adrian Graffy:**

Before it concludes, the Gospel of Luke gives us an account of the appearance of Jesus to the eleven in Jerusalem and His departure from them.

The two disciples who had met Jesus on the road to Emmaus have given their report. Nevertheless, when Jesus appears, the disciples are still slow to believe. They were not gullible individuals, easily deceived. They struggle to comprehend what they are seeing.

Jesus demonstrates the reality of His risen body. Though transformed, He appears to them in bodily form. Jesus teaches them, as He taught the two disciples on the road, that the Scriptures can help them to grasp what has happened. The writings of the Law, Prophets and Psalms have been fulfilled. Israel's hopes and dreams of salvation have been realised. The challenge of faith invites all people to embrace a new life.

The disciples are sent out as witnesses to the world. The story of the spread of the gospel begins, and still continues today. The good news of Christ Risen must be told to all, beginning from Jerusalem and extending to the ends of the earth.

*Do I realise that faith is seeking to come to know the Risen Lord more fully day by day?*

*Do I strive for a love and deeper understanding of the Holy Scriptures?*

*Let us pray that the whole Church may be renewed in this Easter season.  
Let us pray for the mission of the Church to the world of today.*

## 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 13<sup>th</sup> April (Third Sunday of Easter Year B):

[https://youtube.com/live/3YGpd29y\\_w0?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/3YGpd29y_w0?feature=share)

9am on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April (Third Sunday of Easter Year B):

<https://youtube.com/live/arcYzL7LScM?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 from until mid-afternoon.

### 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

**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:**

**Anne Lewis RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Ann Lewis who died recently. May she rest in peace.

**Father George Towler RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father George Towler, a priest of our diocese who lived in Billericay for many years. Father George's Requiem Mass is due to be held at the Most Holy Redeemer once the funeral arrangements have been finalised. May he rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Arthur Sparke, Rosalita Selby, Lily May Jones, Frances Bundock, Jack Sage, Edward Hawkes, Bob Candler, Ann Perry, Hans Strub, Patricia Murphy.

**Clergy:** Fr Owen Fitzgerald, Fr John O'Mahoney, Fr William Donelan, Fr George Duckett.

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

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### 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!



**Thank You from Father Dan:** Father Dan would like to say thank you to all of you for your cards and Easter gifts. Thank you also to all of those who have worked so hard to prepare for the Holy Week liturgies and the Easter celebrations.

# KIDS' CORNER

## Third Sunday of Easter (B)

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Story	Road	Bread
Alarm	Fright	Ghost
Hearts	Touch	Flesh
Bones	Eat	Fish
Moses	Fulfilled	Suffer
Preached	Jerusalem	Eyes
Written	Talking	Psalms

**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](mailto: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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

### CAFOD's ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://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

**Mass for all Parish Volunteers:** On Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm we will be having a Mass of Thanksgiving for all of those who volunteer in our parish in whatever capacity. Please put this date in your diary and if you are interested in getting involved with any of the groups or ministries that we have within our parish please email The Parish Office: [office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk](mailto:office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk).

**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, 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. If you are interested in taking part in this please contact the Parish Office.

**Pentecost Challenge:** On Pentecost Sunday (18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May) at all of the parish Masses we will be inviting parishioners who feel that they have grown in their faith over the last year to stand up. If you have attended Alpha or Life in the Spirit, or if you are a member of a Connect Group or you have celebrated a sacrament within the parish and feel that this has enabled you to grow in your relationship with the Lord, we would love for you to consider taking part in the Challenge at Pentecost

**“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/>

**YOUTH 2000 London Retreat Day: Come and See.** Youth 2000 are running a retreat day for young adults (16-35) on 11<sup>th</sup> May at Sacred Heart Parish in Wimbledon. It is jam-packed one day event, where people come together as a community of young adults in prayer and friendship. The retreat is an invitation to come as you are, and to come and see who Jesus is and what He can do in your life. The cost £25 and more information can be found at: <https://www.youth2000.org/events/london2024>

**Apprenticeships at Walsingham House** Walsingham House are offering a two-year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary’s University, Twickenham. For more information, please email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or visit <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/>

**40 Years of Walsingham House Teams 2024** marks 40 years of retreat teams at Walsingham House. There will be a celebration Mass with Bishop Alan on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Please save the date as it would be wonderful to see Walsingham House and BCYS alumni and friends gather together to mark this milestone.

**Gift Aid Envelopes:** If you are a member of the parish Gift Aid scheme please collect your envelopes for the new financial year which are available in the church porch. The envelopes are listed in alphabetical order by surname. *For Gift Aiders who have set up a Standing Order you will have envelopes for the Second Collections only which are also listed in alphabetical order.* A big thank you to all of you who are members of the Gift Aid scheme. If you are a taxpayer and you would like to join the scheme you can do so by picking up a form from the church or following this link on the parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php>

**Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage Meeting: Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June** The next meeting for those who are going on our October parish pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi will take place at 7pm on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre. At this meeting we will be finalising the details of the trip and giving you more information about some of the places we will be visiting.

**Parish Donation to the Community Hub:** After the devastating fire at the Community Hub in the High Street during Easter week, our parish has given a donation to support the work of the “Street Pastors” and “Baby Basics Billericay”, two local charities which were based in the Community Hub.

**Parent and Baby Group Appeal:** Karen Lawrence will be speaking at the end of all of the Masses this weekend about a Parish Parent and Baby Group which she would like to start up on Thursday mornings in the Pastoral Centre. Karen is looking for 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](mailto:karenlawrence40@gmail.com)

**Brentwood Ursuline Alumnae Reunion** All former pupils and staff are invited to the annual reunion on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at 2pm (arrival and registration from 1pm) For catering purposes please reply by 9<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to [brentwoodursulinealumnae@gmail.com](mailto:brentwoodursulinealumnae@gmail.com) to let us know if you will be attending. £7 payable on arrival

**Billericay Catenian Golf.** The Billericay Catenian Spring Cup Golf Day is being held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April at Stock Brook Manor Golf Club. These golf days are great fun and open to Catenians and non-Catenians alike. We would love to welcome you back or to welcome new friends for a full day of golf and dinner in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Please contact Rob Hayes on [rob.bdcs@gmail.com](mailto:rob.bdcs@gmail.com) or 01277630393 to book your place or for further information.