

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Kathleen Casey RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)	
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)</b>			
<b>28<sup>th</sup> April 2024</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Ian Johnson RIP (Nash)	
	<b>11.00 am</b>	The People of Our Parish	
<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>11.30 am</b>	Anne Lewis RIP	<b>Requiem Mass</b>
<b>Please note there will be no weekday Masses from Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May inclusive</b>			
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Peter Mills RIP and	
<b>(4<sup>th</sup> May)</b>		Mary Josephine Mills RIP	
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)</b>			
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Ellen & Harold Peniston RIP (Anniv)	
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Intentions of The Brosnan Family	
<b>Please note there will be no weekday Masses from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May inclusive</b>			
<b>THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Ascension of the Lord</b>		<b>Holyday of Obligation</b>
	<b>10.30 am</b>	Patricia Walsh RIP	
	<b>8.00 pm</b>	Denzil & Louise Reeves RIP	
<b>FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Intentions of Jo Harris & Family	
<b>SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Robert Sims RIP	
<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A) World Communications Day</b>			
<b>12<sup>th</sup> May 2024</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Jill McCarthy RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)	
	<b>11.00 am</b>	The People of our Parish	

**Weekday Masses:** There are no Parish masses this week. Weekday Parish masses resume from Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May (Ascension Thursday).

**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday:** Exposition will continue on **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> May** at 5pm in the church.

**No Saturday Morning Confessions:** Due to Fr Dan being away in Lourdes (4<sup>th</sup> May) and the First Holy Communion Masses taking place on Saturdays, 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, 18<sup>th</sup> May there won't be Saturday morning Confessions on these dates. **Confessions will resume on Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> May.**

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

28<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 Gaffy:**

As the Easter season progresses our Sunday gospel readings are taken from the Gospel of John, which provides us with rich material for reflection on what Christ has done for us through His death and resurrection.

We encounter this Sunday another image which Jesus uses to describe Himself and His relationship with His disciples. Jesus is the true vine. The symbol of the vine is found frequently in the Old Testament. The people of Israel are compared to a vine, which is supposed to bear abundant fruit. Jesus adopts the image to speak of the way in which He provides life for those who believe and follow Him.

He himself is the vine, and His followers are the branches. The process of growth and of bearing fruit is watched over by the Father, to whom the vine belongs. The image of the vine is particularly effective because the branches cannot live without their attachment to the vine, neither can they be fruitful without the goodness provided by the vine. To live with Christ is to bear fruit. It is in drawing strength from Jesus that Christians can bear fruit in faith and good works. The image also has its negative side. Branches which do not bear fruit are removed by the vinedresser and they are burnt. This development of the image invites us to consider the consequences of a refusal to be nourished by the kindness of God.

In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles we hear of Paul's attempts to join the Christian community after his conversion. It is only in connection with the people of Christ that we can truly be part of the vine. Through His resurrection Christ gives life to a new people.

*How can you derive more strength from the vine which is Christ?  
How important do you consider it is to belong to the vine of Christ?*

*We pray for those who see faith as an individual pursuit.  
We pray for a deeper sense of belonging in Christ.*

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> April (Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B):**

[https://youtube.com/live/H\\_10FOd6mbM?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/H_10FOd6mbM?feature=share)

**9am on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April (Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B):**

<https://youtube.com/live/VtiSSM-axxo?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 is now open every day from 8am 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 Anne Lewis who died during the week. Anne's Requiem Mass will take place on Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April at 11.30am in the church. 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 going to be celebrated by Bishop Alan at the Most Holy Redeemer on Tuesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. Please note that there will be priests and people coming from all over the diocese and so it is likely that the car park will be full on the day. May he rest in peace.

**Seán Maguire RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Seán Maguire, brother of Hugh and brother-in-law to Mary, who has died after a long illness with Alzheimer's. May he rest in peace.

**Eric Hollingworth RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eric Hollingworth, father of Ian, who passed away recently. May he rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** George Zarb, Edward Hughes, Margaret Parks, Alison Parks, Maria Carmen Cano-Suckling, Peggy Bunker, Mary Lockhart, Ellen Christie, Patricia, M'Clintock, Henry Wilks, Elizabeth Paolillo, Peter Mills, David Mahony, Aileen Fleetwood, Alfred Bunker, Desmond Lowry, Peter Clegg, Frank Kavanagh, Paddy Reardon, Elizabeth Fee, Dr Vincent Murphy, Charles Tall, June Durand, Wilfred Harper, Wilfred Stevens, Marie Dickinson, Henry Allen.

**Clergy:** Fr Brian O'Higgins, Fr John Kennedy, Canon Thomas Norris, Fr Feargus Saurin, Fr Andrew Dorricott, Canon Patrick Palmer, Canon Basil Booker, Fr John O'Callaghan, Canon Brian Grady, Canon John Duckett, Fr Augustine Davidson, Mgr Canon John Howell, Fr John Boyles, Fr Stanley Joynes.

**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!



# KIDS' CORNER

## Fifth Sunday of Easter (B)

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**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

**11am Family Mass:** This Sunday (28<sup>th</sup> April) the 11am Mass is our monthly Family Mass with instruments available for the children to play during the Mass.

**Father Dan away:** Please note that Father Dan will be away from the parish for a 3-day Clergy retreat from Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> May. He will then be going to Lourdes on pilgrimage with choir members from Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> May. If any of you have prayer intentions that you would like to be left at the Grotto please write them down and hand them into the Parish Office in an envelope marked "Lourdes Prayer Intentions". There won't be any weekday Masses while Father Dan is away. We are delighted to be welcoming back Canon John McGrath who will be coming to celebrate the parish Masses on the weekend of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> May. Please note that on this weekend the 6pm and 9am Masses won't be livestreamed.

**Soap Box Derby on Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> May** will be held in London Road from 10am onwards. While there will be access to the church on this day please allow extra time for your journey if you are planning to attend the 11am Parish Mass.

**Feast of the Ascension: On Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> May** we celebrate the Feast of the Ascension which is a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day Masses will be at 10.30am and at 8pm with the 10.30am Mass being livestreamed.

<https://youtube.com/live/CCGVu0pnidI?feature=share>

**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).

**First Holy Communion Masses:** Please pray for all of our children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion on the weekends of the 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May. Some children will be celebrating their Communion in the 6pm and 11am Parish Masses so please be aware that these Masses may be busier than usual.

**Repository:** The Repository will be open at all Masses next weekend (first Sunday of the month). We have lots of First Holy Communion gifts and cards, so why not come and have a look.

**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

**Called and Gifted Teaching Day: On Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September** from 9am to 4.15pm in the Pastoral Centre we are going to be running a Called and Gifted teaching day which we would love for you to take part in. "Called and Gifted" is a discernment process developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute which enables everyone to understand the gifts and the charisms that God has given to them so that they are able to share these gifts with others. Those who have taken part in the Called and Gifted process have found that their faith has deepened and that they have been able to discover new ways of serving God in their parish and the wider community. As well as the teaching day, participants are invited to complete an online "Gifts Inventory" prior to the day, as well as having a 1-1 Zoom session with a member of the Called and Gifted team. The total cost of the process including the Teaching Day is **£50** (for MHR parishioners only) which includes online access to the Gifts Inventory as well as a Resource book which will be given out during the Teaching Day. In order to secure your booking please register your interest before Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> August either by emailing the Parish Office or speaking to Father Dan. If you would like more information about Called & Gifted please visit their website: <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>

**Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage Meeting: Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> June** The next meeting for those who are going on our November 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.

**Sponsorship:** Two of our parishioners, Alison Connolly and Alison Golder are walking the Camino de Santiago at the end of May for The Brain Tumour Charity to raise awareness and support for the charity and their dear friend and parishioner Natalia Iriso. If anyone would like to contribute please donate through [www.justgiving.com/team/alicaligcamino2024](http://www.justgiving.com/team/alicaligcamino2024) Thank you. Ali C and Ali G

**Parent and Baby Group Planning Meeting.** Thank you to everyone who has offered help and support with the new Parish Parent and Baby Group. There will be a planning meeting for everyone who is interested in helping on **Thursday 2nd May at 10am in the Pastoral Centre Lounge**. This will be an opportunity to share our vision for the group and discuss plans. Please come along if you can with your thoughts and suggestions. If you know anyone else who might like to get involved, please invite them to join us. Contact Karen on [karenlawrence40@gmail.com](mailto:karenlawrence40@gmail.com) if you would like to help but can't get to the meeting. Cake will be provided!

**Missio Red Box Donations Collection** Envelopes for your donations will be available in the Church porch at all masses over the weekend of 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> May. Please collect your envelope and return it with your donation to the presbytery during the following week. Most Holy Redeemer parish Red Box and Direct Debit donations to Missio totalled £2,582.44 for 2023! Thank you for your continued support of Missionaries and their communities throughout the world!