

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Tony Lidlow RIP (Anniv)
PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR B) 19th May 2024	9.00 am	Frank & Dorothy Johnson RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	The People of our Parish
MONDAY	Mary, Mother of the Church	
	9.15 am	Albert Waters RIP (Anniv)
TUESDAY	10.15 am	Kevin Walsh RIP (Anniv)
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Philomena Robertson RIP (Hasson)
THURSDAY	<i>No Parish Mass today</i>	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Jean Coates RIP (Galligan)
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Mary Foley RIP (Anniv)
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR B) 26th May 2024	9.00 am	The People of our Parish
	11.00 am	Anne Armstrong RIP (Ladlow)

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

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (19th May): Because of the Confirmation Mass taking place at 5pm there is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (19th May). Exposition will resume on Sunday, 26th May at 5pm in the church.

Saturday Confessions: Confessions will resume on Saturday, 1st June from 11am to 12pm. Confessions are also available by request.

Parish Safeguarding Representative Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

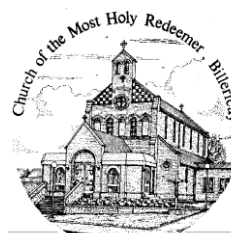
Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas: Email address: kristindefreitas@brcdt.org Mobile number is: 07492 910138

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

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR B

19th May 2024



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

From Fr Adrian Gaffy:

This gospel reading for the feast of Pentecost has already been read, in a more extended form, on the Second Sunday of Easter. It was read then to include Jesus' encounter with Thomas 'eight days later'. On the feast of Pentecost we have the opportunity to focus on the earlier verses, in which Jesus brings the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The account of the day of Pentecost is found in our first reading, from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Fifty days after the resurrection there was a spectacular manifestation of the power of the Spirit. Jews and proselytes, gathered from the nations for the Jewish feast of Pentecost, witness the power of the Spirit and hear the preaching of the apostles each in his own tongue. This event launches the mission to the whole world.

Our gospel teaches that the Holy Spirit was also given by the risen Christ before the events of Pentecost. This is a quieter and more intimate demonstration of the power of the Spirit. It is related to the preaching of forgiveness and the possibility of new life for those who ask for it. The disciples are empowered to bring the forgiveness of Christ, but it is possible for people to reject this forgiveness. This seems to be the sense of the final verse, that some have their sins retained.

This is the final day of the Easter period. The Lord who died on the cross has shown himself in His risen body. He has taken our humanity into the presence of the Father. He is no longer visibly present, but His Spirit is with us to remind us of Jesus and to lead us into all truth. That Spirit, as St Paul writes to the Corinthians, bestows gifts in abundance for the benefit of the whole Church.

Do I allow the Holy Spirit to transform my life?

Do I seek the peace and forgiveness offered to me through prayer and the sacraments?

Pray for the whole church, that Christians everywhere will be enlivened by the Holy Spirit.

Pray that the Easter gifts of Christ will always be with us.

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 18th May (Pentecost Sunday Year B):

https://youtube.com/live/JBMB_AW_HG4?feature=share

9am on Sunday 19th May (Pentecost Sunday Year B):

https://youtube.com/live/Ai_ns6WY4ww?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:

Eric Hollingworth RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eric Hollingworth, father of Ian. Eric will be received into the church at 4pm on Wednesday, 29th May and his Requiem Mass will take place at 10am on Thursday, 30th May. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Pat Hunter, Patricia Burke, Anthony Lidlow, Norman Hinson, Ann Hollis, Sarah Kemp, Maureen O'Grady, Patricia Rawlinson, Alexander Torrice, Anna Sapsford.

Clergy: Canon Michael Fitzpatrick, Fr Brendan Sheppard, Mgr Canon William O'Grady, Fr Henry Peace, Fr Charles Carless, Fr Austin Thorburn.

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

Pentecost Sunday (B)

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PENTECOST
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PREACH

GOSPEL
FIRE
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RECEIVE
REJOICE
FAITHFUL
CHURCH

TEACHINGS
HOLY SPIRIT
LANGUAGES
FORGIVE
MARVEL
KINDLE

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 – PLEASE COLLECT YOUR ENVELOPES FROM THE CHURCH PORCH – even if you have a standing order.

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

Mass of Thanksgiving for Parish Volunteers: On Friday, 5th 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.

Confirmation: Please pray for all of our young people who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday at 5pm in the church.

Pentecost Challenge: This Sunday (18th/19th 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, 14th 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, 1st 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/>

'REVIVE; DISCOVER; EMPOWER' a young adults retreat: Walsingham House are hosting a young adults retreat on the weekend of 22nd – 23rd June. The retreat is open to those who are 19+. It will be a weekend of prayer and friendship and a wonderful opportunity to take a break from work or university. The cost of the retreat is £45 and more information, including how to book, can be found at www.bcys.net/events

Aid to the Church in Need Appeal Next weekend we have an appeal from Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) which is a Pontifical foundation of the Catholic Church. One of its missions is to support Christians who are persecuted for their faith. ACN supports more than 5,000 projects helping the Church's mission internationally. At the moment ACN provides emergency aid for Christians who lost their livelihoods because of the war in Gaza. The newly announced aid package includes life-saving medicine, food coupons, help with tuition fees and housing costs. Your help will make a huge difference. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses. If you wish to get involved in the charity, or if you wish to be an ACN volunteer, please contact John Ravi on 07932973650, John.Ravi@acnuk.org or you can go to www.acnuk.org

MHR 9am Choir - Lourdes Tour - May 2024: The MHR 9am Choir has just returned from a six-day pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Fr Dan and Kathy Underhill. During the Tour they sang in various holy places including to a congregation of over 20,000 pilgrims at the Lourdes International Mass in the huge Basilica on 5th May. The Choir also lit candles at the Grotto where they prayed for our past and present MHR parishioners. More details can be found on the MHR Facebook page and also on our website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/seasonal.php>

Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage Meeting: Sunday, 9th 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, 9th 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 Thank you. Ali C and Ali G

Catholic Social Teaching in an Election Year On Saturday 15th June Raymond Friel OBE, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, will lead a Study Day, reflecting on Catholic Social Teaching and what the Church says about democracy and voting. Talks will be at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Coffee from 10.30am. Talks 11am- 2pm. This is an in-person event, also available online at www.whatgoodnews.org If you intend to be present please email gideapark@brcdt.org Please bring a packed lunch. No booking necessary for online participation. Simply go to the website. Talks will be available on the website after the event.

The Champion School Open Evening for parents/carers and year 5 boys on Wednesday 26th June from 4.30pm – 7pm. The Headteacher's talk at 5pm and 6pm. For more details visit: <https://www.thecampionschool.org.uk/>