

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	The People of our Parish
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR C)		
12th Jan 2025	9.00 am	Mary McWilliams RIP (McCrone)
	11.00 am	Janusz Stranc RIP (Anniv)
MONDAY	9.15 am	Edmund J. Cole RIP
TUESDAY	10.15 am	Massa Family RIP
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Intentions of the Padre Pio Prayer Group
THURSDAY	No Parish Mass Today	
FRIDAY	St Antony, Abbot	
	9.15 am	Anne Armstrong RIP (Ladlow)
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Denis Daly RIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) Peace Day		
19th Jan 2025	9.00 am	Brigitte Cronin RIP
	11.00 am	The People of our Parish

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday: 12th January

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (12th January). It is also available to watch via our parish livestream by following this link:

<https://youtube.com/live/GjvxXc7Mbc8?feature=share>

Saturday Confessions: from 11am to 12pm - also available by request.

Diocesan Safeguarding Representative Simon Moules 01277 265234

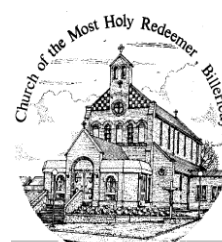
Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas: Email address: kristindefreitas@brcdt.org Mobile number is: 07492 910138

Spiritual Reading: My Day by Day (£1.15) and Bible Alive (£3) for January 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

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12th January 2025



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

From Fr Adrian Graffy:

The final feast of the Christmas season is the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Having celebrated His birth and His manifestation as the Messiah for all nations, it is appropriate to conclude the season with the event which begins His public ministry.

Our gospel reading contains two verses about the work of John the Baptist. John was a major figure during Advent, for it was he who prepared the way for the coming of Christ. Now we see him as the one who offered baptism to Christ in the Jordan. John clarifies that he himself is not the Christ. He knew he was a servant, one who would point the way to someone 'more powerful'.

John was a strong and effective preacher of forgiveness and new life. Jesus will show His power above all by His mighty works of healing. John alludes to the Spirit who will accompany the work of Jesus and to his new kind of baptism.

The evangelist Luke presents the baptism of Jesus in a unique way. Jesus, who is in no need of conversion Himself, shows solidarity with all those coming to John for baptism. Luke hardly mentions the baptism itself but concentrates on the manifestation of the Spirit and on the voice heard. As so often in the Gospel of Luke, Jesus is presented as praying after His baptism. It is as if He is at prayer as He awaits the coming of the Holy Spirit. Most remarkable is Luke's description of the Spirit 'in bodily form', whereby the evangelist insists on the reality of the Spirit's presence. The vision is seen by all, and the voice similarly to be heard by all. The words are inspired by the Servant Song which is our first reading from the Book of Isaiah: 'Here is my servant, in whom my soul delights.'

Why did Jesus seek baptism from John?

How similar is John's baptism to that of Jesus?

Let us seek a renewal of the grace of our own baptism.

Let us prepare to accompany Jesus in Luke's story of His ministry throughout the coming weeks.

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, 11th January (The Baptism of The Lord Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/mm9UIF4GHes?feature=share>

9am on Sunday, 12th December (The Baptism of The Lord Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/BNBnAHR-MwM?feature=share>

Change of email address:

Please note that our email address is changing to billericay@brcdt.org. This is to bring us in line with other parishes across the diocese. While this change is taking place the old office email address is still active.

Gift Aid: 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>

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.

Mass Bags for Children. We have Mass bags available at all of the weekend parish Masses for children aged 1-3 and children aged 3 and older. The bags contain colouring books, pencils and soft toys. Please speak to the Welcomers before Mass if you would like to have one of the bags, specifying which bag you would like, and please make sure that at the end of Mass they are returned to the church porch so that other families are able to use them.

Parish Grotto Opening: The Parish Grotto is now open every day from 8am until mid-afternoon.

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: Margaret McCreanor, Katie Knight, William Allison, Charles Sproul, Denise Fallon, Catherine Carroll, Janusz Stranc, Tom Bewick, Alice Glavin, Frank Britt, Bill Walker, Jack Morrow, Michael Johnson, Marie Haywood, Irene Young, Rose Speller.

Clergy: Canon Francis Dobson, Fr John King, Fr Gilbert Basil Pearson, Fr Neville Banks, Fr Kenneth Green, Fr John McKeon, Canon Charles Kuypers.

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

PARISH REGISTRATION:

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!



New Contactless Machine in the church porch: We now have a new contactless machine in the church porch which should be quicker and more reliable than the previous one. If you normally gift aid your donations you will need to submit your details the first time you use the machine and then it will remember your information every time you use it subsequently provided that you use the same debit or credit card. Thank you to all of you who have donated to the parish using this method. To date this has raised over £11,000.

Billericay Foodbank The green box remains in the church porch. Please donate any **NON-PERISHABLE** food ONLY, and food that is **'in date'**. Thank you

Missalettes: If you attend the Saturday evening or 9am Sunday Masses please can you make sure that you return the Missalettes at the end of Mass so that they can be used by parishioners at the later Masses.

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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

Vacancy: Halls Booking Officer Jane Maddocks, our current Halls Booking Officer, is preparing to step down from this position at the end of March 2025. We are looking for somebody who would be prepared to be a point of contact for those groups and individuals who are interested in booking the Hall as well as liaising with regular Hall users. Bookings are recorded on an online calendar, so access to the Internet is required. Training will be provided.

If you are interested in finding out more about this please speak to Father Dan or contact the Parish Office.

Vacancy: St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking to appoint a professional and highly motivated Administration Assistant for our friendly, busy school office. For more information about the position and to apply, please visit <https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=107058>. Closing date is noon on Monday 13th January 2025. Visits are welcome and to arrange, or for further information, please contact the Office Manager, Mrs Foster by phone 01277 653770 or email on admin@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk

Vacancy: St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Hutton are looking to appoint a deputy headteacher for April 2025. For more information and a full advert, visit our school website: <https://st-joseph-the-worker-catholic-primary-school.secureprimarysite.net/recruitment-1/> Closing date for applications: Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 12 Noon. Visits welcome. Please contact Mrs Lesley Willats on 01277 227282 or admin@stjosephworker.essex.sch.uk for an application pack or to arrange a visit.

Vacancy: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is looking to recruit a Communications and Fundraising Administrator to provide effective administrative and communications support to the Marketing and Fundraising Team. The post requires someone who can manage a high degree of responsibility and who is confident working independently and creatively. Candidates must have excellent organisational skills and be proficient at managing their time and priorities effectively. The role is based at their head office in Billericay High Street and ideally would be a full time position (37 hours per week) although some flexibility may be available for the right candidate. Full details can be found in the Job Description on the BCCS website: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/> If you think you have the skills needed for the role and would welcome an informal chat, please contact BCCS Head of Voluntary Income Julie Abbott by email jabbott@bccs.org.uk or phone 07912 277413. Otherwise, please apply directly to her with your CV and covering letter before 31st January 2025.

Connect Group New Leaders Training: Wednesday, 8th January at 7pm

We now have a number of Connect Groups running within our parish but we would love to be able to give more parishioners the opportunity to join a group. In order to do this we need more leaders and so on Wednesday, 8th January at 7pm in the Pastoral Centre we will be offering training for anyone who is interested in becoming a Connect Group leader. If you would like to know more about this please speak to Father Dan or email the Parish Office.

Toddler's and Children's Liturgies resume during the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday (12th January). A big thank you to all of our catechists who make this possible.

Our next Maranatha will be on Thursday 16th January at the **Sion Community**, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX at 7pm for Mass, Praise and Worship and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome, so do join us for what has come to be a very blessed evening.

TALK: Why do people no longer come to Church? The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are hosting a talk by Rev Dr Liam Hayes at New Hall School. The talk, followed by discussion, starts at 7pm on Wed Jan 22nd. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm. No cost to attend. All are welcome but need to register via the following link <https://canonesses.co.uk/event/why-do-people-no-longer-go-to-church-wed-22-jan-2025/>

Parish Outreach Group: Joining a new parish can sometimes be a little bit daunting. To help welcome new parishioners to our church, we have a small group of volunteers who 'reach out' to new members of our community. The volunteers will arrange to come and visit you (usually in pairs) in your home at a time that is mutually convenient and chat to you about our parish and share some helpful information leaflets. Hopefully, they can also answer any questions that you might have and point you in the right direction if you have a particular interest in a specific area of parish life. If you would like a member of the Outreach Group to visit, please contact the Parish Office.

Churches together in Billericay Prayer and Praise evening at Billericay Baptist Church on Sunday 19th January at 7pm. This is part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which takes place from 18th -25th January.

Cathedral Young Adults Group. Are you aged between 18 – 35 and interested in meeting like minded individuals in a relaxed and social environment? The Group meets on the first Sunday of each month after the 6.30 Sunday Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. We walk to a nearby Pub after Mass for some food or drink and to meet and support each other spiritually and socially, wherever you are on your Faith journey. Details email cathedral@brcdt.org

Walsingham House Team 25/26: applications are now open for the volunteer retreat team at Walsingham House. If you are in Yr13 or finishing university and enjoy working with young people then a year on the retreat team could be the perfect next step. Live and work as part of a young Catholic Christian community, sharing your faith and helping to run retreats for the young people of Brentwood diocese. For more information then please see the website:

www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

Caritas Brentwood Networking Day: You are warmly invited to the 2025 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, taking place on Sunday, 9th February, from 2–6 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford RM1 4AT. This event is an opportunity to explore the Catholic response to pressing issues such as homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, supporting those affected by the Cost of Living Crisis, and addressing climate change. Join us to find inspiration during this Jubilee year, exchange ideas and best practices with parishioners across Essex and East London, and learn about the charities and resources available to support your efforts. Free registration - Details: www.caritasbrentwood.org/network.

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER at the St John Bosco Children's Camp next summer? Applications are now open for anyone aged 17+ to volunteer for a week at the end of July 2025. From helping in the kitchen to running sports and other activities, your skills will mean that 100 children have a wonderful holiday. For most of the children, it is their only summer holiday. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Brentwood. More information – including training date and DBS requirements, along with volunteering FAQs - can all be found at www.boscocamp.co.uk. Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the Spring

Foundation Governor Vacancies have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email your expression of interest to governanceappointments@brcdt.org.

New Diocesan Directories: The new Diocesan Directories are now available for purchase at a price of £3.20 each.