MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	**6.00 pm**	Brendan Raftery RIP (Quinn)
THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)		
26th Jan 2025	**9.00 am**	The People of our Parish
	11.00 am	David Clarke RIP (Anniv)
MONDAY	9.15 am	Intentions of Sheila McNally
TUESDAY	**St Thomas Aquinas, Priest & Doctor**	
	10.15 am	David Quill RIP (Parish Visiting Group)
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Brendan Raftery RIP (Casey)
THURSDAY	***No Parish Mass Today***	
FRIDAY	**St John Bosco, Priest**	
	9.15 am	Gerry Lawlor RIP
SATURDAY	**6.00 pm**	Kathlen, Francis, Theresa & Andrew Skinner RIP
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (YEAR C)		
2nd Feb 2025	**9.00 am**	The People of our Parish
	11.00 am	Philomena Carr RIP (Hall)

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (26th January). It's also available to watch via our livestream by following this link: https://youtube.com/live/sv-iuoIbZ50?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

THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR C **26th January 2025**

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

From Fr Adrian Graffy:

This Sunday we finally begin our reading of the Gospel of Luke, the gospel laid down to be read in Year C.

There are two separate passages in today's gospel reading. We begin with the opening four verses of Chapter 1, in which the evangelist sets down his method of working and his intention. Luke tells us that other evangelists have already written gospels. His sources are eye-witnesses of Jesus, and those who have preached the gospel. Luke assures Theophilus, to whom the gospel is addressed, and all who hear or read it, that the gospel is trustworthy.

Luke begins the story of Jesus' ministry with His visit to the synagogue in Nazareth. Jesus reads from the book of Isaiah at the sabbath service and declares that the text He reads is being fulfilled. Luke wants us to recognise that Jesus is the long-awaited one of God (the Messiah, the Christ). He brings "good news to the poor", not those who have little in a worldly sense, but those who recognise their poverty in the sight of God, their need of God. Luke is already answering the question, "Who is Jesus?" The Nazareth story will continue next week.

What can we deduce from this gospel about how the gospels came to be written?
What do we understand by the word "fulfilment"?

Let us pray that our hearts will be open to new insights as we begin reading Luke.
Let us pray that we ourselves may be "good news to the poor".

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, 25th January (Third Sunday of Year C)
https://youtube.com/live/XuYLdKR-jtQ?feature=share
9am on Sunday, 26th January (Third Sunday of Year C)
https://youtube.com/live/ExddDpdl4Wo?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: Mary Murphy, David O'Nion, James Evett, David Clarke, James Phelan Hopkins, Angel Amelia Cronin, Anthony Hubbard, Ron Robinson, Thomas Bradbury, Albert Chiappe, Scott Thurlow, Norma Hardy, Peggy Popplewell, Padraic Kirrane, John Daniels, Gerard Lawlor, Diana Hopes.
Clergy: Fr Alfred Field, Bishop Patrick Casey, Fr Jack Clifford, Fr Joseph Burns.
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.

KIDS' CORNER

THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR C

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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

Parish Health & Safety Co-ordinator - Volunteer: We are looking for somebody who could take on the role of Parish Health and Safety Co-ordinator. If you have some experience of Health and Safety in your workplace or as a volunteer please speak to Father Dan or contact the Parish Office at billericay@brcdt.org

Vacancy: Secondary School Link Adviser Opportunity. The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Secondary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however, consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time opportunity. The Secondary Link Adviser will report to the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director. Further details and an application form can be obtained by emailing: victoriabarnes@brcdt.org
Closing date for applications is 25th February.

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.

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

Mass of Healing: 3pm on Saturday, 15th February This Mass is open to everyone and marks the World Day of the Sick and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Mass will include the Sacrament of Anointing and is timed so that our ill and housebound parishioners are able to attend. If you would like to go to this Mass and require a lift please get in touch with the Parish Office on 01277 624891. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre.

Vespers for Ukraine at Brentwood Cathedral There will be a special Vespers in Brentwood Cathedral on **Wednesday 26th February at 6pm** to pray for peace in Ukraine on the eve of the third anniversary of the Russian invasion. The service will feature a mixture of Ukrainian music and familiar English church music, including a contribution by Ukrainians who are now part of our local community. We will be privileged to be joined by the Ukrainian Eparch (Bishop) for Great Britain, Rt Rev Kenneth Nowakowski, who will preach at the service. Refreshments available in the Parish Hall after the service. All welcome

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.

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

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.

Parish Parent and Baby Group: Babies and toddlers up to age two with their parents or carers are very welcome at our **Parish Parent and Baby Group.** We meet every Thursday morning during term time in the Small Hall. Drop in any time between 9.30 and 11.30am for a cuppa, a chat, and playtime for your little ones. Free of charge. We would love to see you!

Thank-you: We want to give a heartfelt thank you to the **Catenians** who have very generously contributed **£400** towards refreshments held after monthly family Masses. Coming together as a community is an important part of fostering a sense of belonging for all ages and we are very grateful for all their support. The money will be spent on buying a new waffle maker for the parish as well as drinks and cakes.

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 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.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service - Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 19th – 26th July 2025 Open to anyone in school year 10 and above. Join the BCYS for our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, supporting the adult pilgrimage in a week of prayer, service and fun! All details can be found at www.bcys.net/events. Funding and bursary opportunities are available.

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrimage to Italy The parish of **Our Lady and All Saints, Basildon** is arranging a pilgrimage to Italy. 30th August–4th September 2025 Superior 4* Hotel Accommodation. Adults and children over 9 years: £775; Children (2-9 years): £730. Single room supplement £220. For more details and to book your place, email: frsabupariyadan@brcdt.org.