

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Vic Robinson RIP &
Anne Feaney-McGarr RIP

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)
9th Feb 2025 **9.00 am** Matthew Nash RIP (Anniv)
 11.00 am Walterio Andrade RIP (Anniv)

MONDAY **St Scholastica, Virgin**
 9.15 am Millie Carlick RIP (Lawlor)

TUESDAY **Our Lady of Lourdes, Principal Patroness of the Diocese**
 10.15 am Heather Parish RIP (Parish Visiting Grp)

WEDNESDAY 9.15 am P J Caulfield RIP (Tansey)

THURSDAY *No Parish Mass Today*

FRIDAY **St Cyril, Martyr & St Methodius, Bishop**
 9.15 am John Ellul RIP (Anniv)

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Jan Pawlowski RIP (Anniv)

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) Racial Justice Sunday
16th Feb 2025 **9.00 am** Francis (Frank) Finnigan RIP (Anniv)
 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 takes place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (9th February). It's also available to watch via our livestream by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/oGoaKoanyEY?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 February 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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) **9th February 2025**



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

From Fr Adrian Graffy:

St Luke sometimes presents the gospel stories in a different order from Mark and Matthew. This is the case with this story of the call of the first disciples, which he places after the visits to Nazareth and Capernaum. The story is also fuller than the short accounts in Mark and Matthew.

Jesus is preaching “the word of God” when He gets into Simon’s boat to teach the crowds from there. The miracle of the enormous catch of fish gives further background to the call of Simon Peter.

Luke makes clear that the disciples had already heard the preaching of Jesus and witnessed His miracles when they left everything to follow Him. They respond “at the Lord’s word.” They “hear the word and put it into practice.”

Simon Peter is deeply aware of his unworthiness, an echo of the call of the prophet Isaiah in the first reading. Jesus responds, “Do not be afraid.” These words are heard repeatedly in the Scriptures when a person is called to take up a mission for God.

***Does hearing the word of God make a difference in my life?
Am I able to trust the words of Christ, “Do not be afraid”?***

***Let us pray for the courage to respond to our vocation.
We ask for the wisdom, courage and love to be “fishers of men”***

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, 8th February (Fifth Sunday of Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/ZRtgn6Enq8A?feature=share>

9am on Sunday, 9th February (Fifth Sunday of Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/-E19RmTyaPk?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: Bridget Allen, Thomas Delaney, Rose Walmsley, Eileen Morrow, Matthew Nash, Edna Etherington, Davey Foley, Gisela Trinnaman, Joseph Aldorino, Joan Duffett, Fred Porter, Geoff Topple, Siobhan Phillips, Patrick Jordan.

Clergy: Canon Bernard Manning, Pope Pius XI, Fr Donald Mills, Fr John Garrett, Fr Charles Snell.

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

5th Sunday of Year C

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Standing
Listening
Nets
Worked
Sinking
Sinful
Catch

Lake
Boats
Fishermen
Fish
Fell
Afraid
Land

Crowd
Simon
Night
Tear
Knees
Men
Zebedee

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: Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School, Upminster are looking to appoint a Deputy Headteacher from September 2025. Please see the TES or the School website - www.sacredheartofmary.net for details. Closing date: 25/2/25 at 10am.

St Helen's Catholic Infant School Vacancy: Learning Support

Assistant: 8.45am - 3.15pm (term-time only)

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-motivated person to join our staff in either April or September 2025. Please contact the school office for further information and an application pack: office@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk
Deadline: Tuesday 25th February 2025

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.

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

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

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.

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) We're excited to announce that we're starting a new family faith formation programme called GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) in September. Monthly sessions will be available for families with primary school children in school years 3-6. The sessions will focus on growing in faith and community. We are meeting on Monday, 24th of February at 7pm in the Pastoral Centre to start planning the sessions. We invite you to come along to the meeting in February if you are interested in helping with this. We would love to have you on our team! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kristindefreitas@brcdt.org

Parish Pilgrimage to Clacton: Saturday, 14th June On Saturday, 14th June we are planning to organise a parish pilgrimage to visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of Light in Clacton. Clacton, along with the Cathedral in Brentwood, is one of the churches in our diocese which have been identified as places of pilgrimage during the Holy Year. After celebrating Mass and having a tour of the church we will then be going to Frinton in order to visit the town and have some fish and chips! If you are interested in taking part in this please write your name and contact number on the sheet at the back of the church. Once we have confirmed numbers we will then be able to give you an estimate of the cost of the coach.

What is a Jubilee Year? This year the Church is celebrating a Jubilee of Hope which began with Pope Francis opening the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome and will end on the Feast of the Epiphany in January 2026. The concept of Jubilee or "Holy Year" has its roots in the Old Testament where a shofar, or ram's horn, would be blown to mark the beginning of a sacred year. This year would be marked by forgiveness of debts, land redistribution and the proclamation of justice. In the Catholic Church, the first Jubilee was declared by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 AD. Since the 1500's, these have occurred every 25 years. In 2025 the theme of this Year is "Pilgrims of Hope" and is a year of hope and trust for a world that is still suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and the increased threats to the climate. The aim of this year is to encourage a time of conversion and the forgiveness of sins.

Maranatha - Our next evening of prayer and praise will be held on Thursday 20th February at 7pm at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX.

Rome and Assisi Reunion in the small hall from 7pm to 10pm February 19th. A very informal occasion come for the evening or just pop in to renew friendships. We will be sharing photos, stories and maybe a glass or two!

The Padre Pio Prayer Group next meeting is on Monday 10th February at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783

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!

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18 to Friday 25 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours](#)

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.

Inter Faith Dialogue This year marks sixty years since Nostra Aetate, the document on relations with other Faiths of the Second Vatican Council. Cardinal Michael, who worked in this area, will be speaking on 'Inter Faith Dialogue' at 11am on Saturday 22nd February at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. You are invited to attend free of charge. Refreshments will be available from 10.30. Please bring a packed lunch. The event is also available live stream free of charge at www.whatgoodnews.org/ A recording of the talk will be available subsequently on the same website.

WORD ON FIRE UK Bible Conference Join Bishop Robert Barron for Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible. At the Excel Centre in East London, you can gain a deeper appreciation of the Sacred Scriptures and their relevance to the Church's mission today. 21st-22nd February For more information and to register, please visit: <https://events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event>