

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Jan Pawlowski RIP (Anniv)
SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) Racial Justice Sunday		
16 th Feb 2025	9.00 am	Francis (Frank) Finnigan RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	The People of our Parish
MONDAY	9.15 am	Mary Kavanagh RIP (Anniv)
TUESDAY	10.15 am	Patrick Dempsey & Family RIP
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Theresa King RIP
THURSDAY	No Parish Mass Today	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Heather Parish RIP (Waters)
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Ida & George Zarb RIP (Anniv)
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)		
23 rd Feb 2025	9.00 am	John Hasson 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 (16th February). It's also available to watch via our livestream by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/UnqJdkH6gDM?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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 16th February 2025



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

From Fr Adrian Graffy:

Luke's 'Sermon on the Plain' is much shorter than the more famous 'Sermon on the Mount' in Matthew's gospel. Both these collections of Jesus' teaching begin with beatitudes, introduced by 'blessed'

In Luke there are four, and they are followed by four 'woes', speeches. It is quite clear from the beatitudes that Jesus challenges the opinions of His own day, and indeed of ours.

We encounter here the mystery which lies at the heart of the gospel and at the heart of life: that suffering and loss are an extraordinary channel of blessing. How difficult it is for Christians to fathom this truth! The loving self-sacrifice of Jesus on the cross is the best aid to reflecting on this mystery.

Jesus was sent to bring 'good news to the poor'. He will show repeatedly in Luke's gospel that lack of attachment to the good things of the world leaves a person free to discover the values of God. At the same time, to bring assistance to those in material poverty is a gospel imperative. When He speaks of the persecution of the prophets, and foresees the sufferings of Christians, Jesus points to His own fate.

***In what sense is poverty a channel of blessing in my life?
How do I view the abuse people suffer for being Christian?***

***Let us pray for a profound detachment from material things.
Let us ask for courage and love in our dealings with those who deride 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, 15th February (Sixth Sunday of Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/cLfRQqU6qAU?feature=share>

9am on Sunday, 16th February (Sixth Sunday of Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/-rvzGlech5w?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:

Eileen Smith RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Smith who died in Colchester on Tuesday. Eileen, Derek and family were members of our parish for many years. Funeral arrangements pending. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Johanna Lidlow, John Nolan, Walter Pinnington, Frank Finnigan, Tommy Mains, Ida Zarb, Charles Hand, Iset Harper, Bernard Yarrow, Joseph Morley, Paul Moyne, Margaret Hunter.

Clergy: Fr John Joyce, Fr Thomas O'Connor, Fr Archibald O'Brien, Fr Fohn Taylor, Deacon Sidney Lewis.

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

Used Postage Stamps: Thank you to all who place their used stamps in the box in the Church porch. They are added to some from other parishes and sorted by a team of people then sold. Last year the sum raised was **£1,560** The proceeds are given to the Kent Association for the Blind.

KIDS' CORNER

6th Sunday of Year C

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FOLIAGE	DROUGHT	TREE
FRUIT	DELIGHT	PONDER
PROSPER	TYRE	GATHERING
SIDON	HAPPY	DISEASES
POOR	KINGDOM	HUNGRY
WEEP	LAUGH	SATISFIED
REJOICE	PROPHETS	CONSOLATION

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: Parish Secretary – Billericay Due to upcoming retirements within our Parish office staff, a vacancy has arisen for the position of a part-time Parish Secretary. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills. The post will be part-time working 20 hours per week with hours planned to suit the requirements of the parish. The salary is £12.46 per hour. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV and cover letter by email to billericay@brcdt.org **Closing date: 25th February 2025**
[JOB DESCRIPTION PARISH SECRETARY.doc](#)

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
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

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

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](#)

Racial Justice Sunday This Sunday is Racial Justice Sunday. If you would like more information about the theme chosen for this Sunday please follow this link <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday/> and download some of the resources that have been prepared.

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. Kristinde Freitas@brcdt.org

Parish Pilgrimage to Clacton: Change of date to Saturday, 7th June

Thank you to everyone who has indicated that they are interested in coming on pilgrimage with the parish to visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of Light in Clacton in June. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control it is no longer possible for us to visit on Saturday, 14th June. Instead the pilgrimage will now take place on **Saturday, 7th June**. Apologies to anyone who signed up for the original date and is now unable to come on the 7th. If this applies to you then please speak to Father Dan or contact the Parish Office so that we can take your name off the list. The plan is for us to leave Billericay by coach at 9am and to return by 5pm. There will be a charge of £10 for adults and £5 for children to help cover the cost of hiring the coach. You will also need additional money for the fish and chips!

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!

Coffee Morning for Baptism families: Monday 17th March Parents of children being Baptised in our parish or have recently been Baptised are warmly invited to join the Baptism Welcome Team for a coffee morning. Refreshments will be in the Lounge of the Pastoral Centre after the 9.15am Mass on Monday 17th March. Some toys will be available for babies/toddlers.

ADoRE SPIRITUAL MINI-RETREAT Saturday 22nd February from 10am – 1pm on Zoom. "Pilgrims Of Hope – The Holy Spirit Is our Guide." Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prophecy, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Gerry Penfold. Please see <https://www.altonrenewal.com/> for further information. Please register for the free Zoom meeting in advance at <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/BSKc2GbkQyyZO5SVhAChcQ#/registration>

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 Children's Society (BCCS) is delighted to host a Shrove Tuesday Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 4th March. All are welcome. Tickets £35 per person and are available to purchase via the BCCS webpage <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> If you have any dietary requirements, please contact Julie once you have purchased your tickets, at jabbott@bccs.org.uk Guests will be seated at tables of 12, please email Julie to let us know your preferred seating arrangements.

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 At the Excel Centre in East London, 21st-22nd February for Evangelisation & Culture: The Bible. For more information and to register, please visit: <https://events.wordonfire.org/the-bible-event>