

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	The People of our Parish
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) Day for the Unemployed		
2nd March 2025	9.00 am	Kitty Keane RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	Cathy Woodham RIP
MONDAY	St Anne Line, Martyr	
	9.15 am	Brendan Raftery RIP (Begley)
TUESDAY	10.00 am	Clare McCarthy RIP (Anniv)
<i>Note time change</i>		
ASH WEDNESDAY - Day of Fasting & Abstinence		
	10.30 am	Holy Souls
	8.00 pm	The People of our Parish
THURSDAY	No Parish Mass Today	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Maureen Horne RIP (Spurling)
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Ian & May Glen RIP (Anniv)
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)		
9th March 2025	9.00 am	Peter Nowak RIP
	11.00 am	The People of our Parish

Weekday Masses this week are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday & Friday and at **10am** on Tuesday.

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Sunday, 2nd March & Sunday, 9th March Please note that there is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the next two Sundays (2nd and 9th March).
Exposition will resume at 5pm on Sunday, 16th March

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

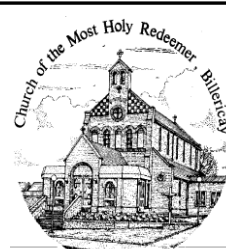
Diocesan Safeguarding Representative Simon Moules 01277 265234

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 Lent are in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 2nd March 2025



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

From Fr Adrian Graffy:

We continue reading from St Luke's collection of the teaching of Jesus known as the 'Sermon on the Plain'. Jesus speaks first about the teacher and the disciple. If the teacher does not see clearly he will not be able to guide the disciple. And the disciple must respect his teacher, and be willing to learn.

We need clear sight for ourselves too. We tend to prefer correcting others to recognizing our own faults. We can be blind to so much in ourselves and still insist on correcting others.

Once again, Jesus is stressing the need for the teacher to be a disciple first, to learn lessons, and then to give them. The following verses speak of good and bad fruit. The teacher, and every faithful disciple, must produce good fruit. A good heart is necessary. This will be obvious when someone speaks, and, as the first reading from Ecclesiasticus maintains, conversation and speech are the 'test of men'.

***Am I more willing to direct others than to learn for myself?
Do I fool myself with false judgements about myself?***

Let us pray for honesty and humility, and a readiness to learn especially from the poor and the inadequate.

Let us seek always to speak with integrity.

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.

Prayer for Pope Francis:

Almighty and Eternal God, you are the everlasting health of those who believe in you. Hear our prayers for your sick servant Francis for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy, through Christ our Lord. Amen.
Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick, pray for him.

The YouTube Links to this weekend's Masses are here:

6pm on Saturday, 1st March (Eighth Sunday of Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/Y3n2jlRIFN4?feature=share>

9am on Sunday, 2nd March (Eighth Sunday of Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/MZcYeFBLdTI?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.

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: Eamonn Young, Gordon Reardon, Maureen Boon, Olga Wison, Joyce Cannon, Ann Gilliam, Clare McCarthy, Mary Tang, Margaret Williams, Dick Wheeler, Christopher Murphy, Marjorie Martin, Liam Lawlor.

Clergy: Mgr Canon Patrick O'Donnell, Fr Brian Galvin, Fr Francis Hastings, Fr Malachy Kelly, Canon Joseph Whitfield.

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.

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

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

Online Petition opposing the Assisted Dying Bill: If you would like to sign an online petition opposing the proposed Assisted Dying Bill which is currently going through Parliament please follow this link: <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/yes-to-our-hospices/>

KIDS' CORNER

8th Sunday of Year C

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GOOD

HYPOCRITE

PARABLE

SPLINTER

BROTHER

EYE

GUIDE

JESUS

PLANK

TEACHER

DISCIPLES

FRUIT

HEART

MAN

ROTTEN

TREE

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 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

Headteacher – St Peter’s Catholic Primary School, Romford. Our current Head, Mrs Waterfield, is retiring after 20 years. The Governors are seeking to appoint a Headteacher to begin in September to continue the excellent work at this caring, friendly and diverse two form entry primary school. Visits from prospective applicants are warmly encouraged, and can be arranged at a time to suit you. Full details:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>. Salary Group 3 L18-24a (depending on experience). Closing date for applications: Monday 17th March

Caritas Development Officer. This new role within the Diocese will help develop and strengthen our charitable action and ministry. Working alongside the Director of Caritas, the successful applicant will have excellent digital media, organisation and presentation skills, and a heart for Catholic Social Teaching, helping to share this valuable work in schools and parishes, supporting existing volunteers. £24,000 - £27,000pa depending on experience. Full time, including some evenings and weekends. Closing date 31st March at noon. More information and application details: caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.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

Brentwood Ursuline - 125th Anniversary To mark out 125th anniversary, we invite past and present staff and students to attend an anniversary Mass at Brentwood Cathedral at 11.15am on Saturday 26th April 2025, followed by a community celebration at Brentwood Ursuline, from 1pm-5pm. For further details and to book a place at the event, please refer to the school's website: www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk

Lent 2025

The Season of Lent begins on **Wednesday, 5th March with Ash Wednesday**. On Ash Wednesday the parish Masses will be at 10.30am and at 8pm.

This weekend we will be distributing Lent leaflets listing all of the different events and activities that are taking place in our parish during the season of Lent.

Lent Reflections: Starting next week and throughout the whole of Lent there will be reflections published in this email and in the newsletter which have been written by parishioners. Thank you to all of you who have agreed to write a reflection for Lent.

Stations of the Cross:

Stations of the Cross will begin on **Friday, 14th March** at 7pm in the church and will then take place every Friday throughout the Lenten Season.

Confessions:

A reminder that Confessions take place every Saturday in the church from 11am to 12pm except on Saturday, 15th March when Fr Dan will be at the Flame Congress with the Confirmation candidates. All Catholics are encouraged to go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent.

A Lenten Reflection The Most Holy Redeemer Musicians warmly invite you to a short presentation of words and music on **Sunday 6th April at 5.30 pm**, in the Church. There will be music from Palestrina to Rizza, readings and organ pieces appropriate to the Season of Lent. Please join us as we prepare for Holy Week.

Connect Groups:

During Lent we're going to be launching some new Connect Groups. Connect Groups are small faith sharing groups made up of parishioners who meet together regularly to pray and to support each other. If you would like to find out more about joining a Connect Group please email the Parish Office at billericay@brcdt.org

Lent Lectures at Brentwood Cathedral: There will be a series of Lenten talks at **Brentwood Cathedral** on the power and significance of the Holy Eucharist in our lives of faith, entitled, "Those who believe, don't leave."

Brendan Thompson will be speaking on Wednesday 12th March.

Fr Philip Caldwell will be speaking on Wednesday 19th March.

Bishop Alan Williams will be speaking on Wednesday 26th March.

Fr Stephen Morrison (O Pream), will be speaking on Wednesday 2nd April.

Each talk starts at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

Mission Appeal this weekend: This weekend we welcome Br John Deeney from the Catholic Missionary Union – Lasallian Projects. Br John helps to organise aid for Church education in poorer parts of the world – sponsoring basic school buildings in several different countries to make education viable for deprived communities where there are still huge needs to meet. There will be a second collection after all of the Masses to support the work of the Catholic Missionary Union.

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY Friday 14th March. This is a day when we are asked to pray and make a Lenten sacrifice by eating simply and giving generously. Our parish's support is a way for us to be "Pilgrims of Hope" this Jubilee Year, by giving practical help to people affected by war, poverty and climate change, so they can build hope for their future. Please support the appeal by having a simple meal and donating to the retiring collection on the **weekend of 15/16th March**. Cheques are payable to **Catholic Church Billericay (not CAFOD)** and donations can be gift aided.

Join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk in the Jubilee Year You are invited to join CAFOD's Big Lent Walk and journey together with Catholics in England, Wales and Scotland as Pilgrims of Hope in this Jubilee Year - walking 200km over 40 days during Lent. Journey to one of the churches or shrines designated as places of pilgrimage in our diocese as part of your Big Lent Walk. Every £1 you raise will support communities like Lokho's in Kenya, experiencing the worst impact of the climate crisis, to rebuild their lives in hope. Sign up here: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/>

Pilgrimage to Clacton on Saturday, 7th June: If you have put your name down to go on our parish pilgrimage to Clacton and Frinton on Saturday, 7th June please can you pay your deposit. The cost of the pilgrimage is £10 for adults and £5 for children. Please put your name on an envelope and hand it into the Parish Office or give it to Fr Dan.

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.

Life in the Spirit Seminars: Please save the date for the upcoming Life in the Spirit Seminars, being held in Brentwood Cathedral Large Hall, over 6 Tuesday evenings (29th April - 3rd June). Come along to hear inspiring speakers, be filled with the Holy Spirit and travel through your own 'Holy Door' as we celebrate this Jubilee Year. More details will follow shortly.