

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Liam Lawlor RIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)		
16th March 2025	9.00 am	Ian Brand RIP (1 st Anniv)
	11.00 am	Intentions of Gill & David Awcock
MONDAY	St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	
	9.15 am	Intentions of The Padre Pio Prayer Group
TUESDAY	10.15 am	Catherine Hoskins RIP (Hill)
WEDNESDAY	St Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary	
	9.15 am	Maureen Willoughby RIP
THURSDAY	No Parish Mass Today	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Reverend John McGowan RIP (Lawlor)
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Michael Ruane RIP (1 st Anniv)
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)		
23rd March 2025	9.00 am	The People of our Parish
	11.00 am	Dorothy Wheeler RIP (Anniv)

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 March). It's also available to watch via our livestream by following this link: https://youtube.com/live/AQZ7hob7o_g?feature=share

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

Diocesan Safeguarding Representative Simon Moules 01277 265234

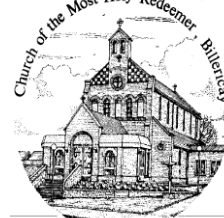
Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas: Email address: kristindefreitas@brcdt.org Mobile number is: 07492 910138

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR C)

16th March 2025



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

A message from Jack Riggs:

This week's reading comes from St Luke's Gospel where we follow Peter, John and James up a mountain to pray with Jesus. Once at the top they witness Jesus's transfiguration, as His clothes become dazzling white and His face is altered. We also see Jesus deep in conversation with Elijah and Moses as they talk about His departure.

I was thinking about this passage as I was driving back home from work, when a song came on called "Same God" which talks about how God is the same now as He was back then. This is obviously not something new to me, but something I had never really thought much about.

Often at work when I am talking with my non-Christian colleagues, they will often talk about "The God of the Old Testament", or "The God of the New Testament" as if they were completely separate, but of course they are not. The Same God who led Moses out of Egypt and spoke to Elijah in a cave is the same God who is present on the mountain, and the same God who will soon depart from them. I see this most clearly in reading this gospel passage. When Jesus speaks to them, Elijah and Moses don't seem shocked to see Jesus but that's because they already know Him.

It's sometimes odd to think that the same God who drove back the sea, healed lepers and raised the dead, is the same God who watches me as I race through London on an underground train, checking how many Teams meetings I will have to sit through that day. We often reflect on how strange it would be for someone from the past to wake up and witness this modern world with all our technology, but I guess for God He is as familiar with 14th BC Egypt as He is with 21st century Britain.

My favourite line from the song "Same God" is "I'm calling on the God of David, who made a shepherd boy courageous. I may not face Goliath, but I've got my own Giants". My problems are very different to David's, but I get great comfort from knowing that the same God who helps slay giants will help me navigate our modern world as well.

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.

Weekend Masses Father Dan is away at the Flame Youth Event at Wembley Arena on Saturday so this weekend only the 9am Sunday Mass will be livestreamed.

The YouTube Links to this weekend's Mass is:

9am on Sunday, 16th March (Second Sunday of Lent Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/eGBZO2QJN8?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:

Eileen Smith RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Smith who died on 11th February. Her family will be celebrating her life at St Teresa's of Lisieux, Clairmont Rd, Colchester on 28th March at 11am. All are welcome
The Mass will also be livestreamed: <https://stteresa.co.uk/mass-live-stream/> or via YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1EX9S7BXYBo>

ANNIVERSARIES: Molly Hosegood, Lillian Cox, Philip Parks, Patrick Fernando, Mary McGarr, Ernest Hales, Dorothy Wheeler, Greg Cairns, Paul Whitehouse, Walter Pease, Con O'Rourke.

Clergy: Fr Donal Donegan, Fr Sidney Williams.

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!



Contactless Machine in the church porch: We now have a contactless machine in the church porch. 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

KIDS' CORNER

2nd Sunday of Lent Year C

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PETER	JOHN	JAMES
MOUNTAIN	CLOTHING	BRILLIANT
LIGHTNING	MOSES	ELIJAH
GLORY	SLEEP	COMPANIONS
AWAKE	TENTS	CLOUD
DISCIPLES	AFRAID	VOICE
SILENCE	CHOSEN	LISTEN

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.

Head Teacher – St Peter’s Catholic Primary School, Romford.. Visits from prospective applicants are warmly encouraged, and can be arranged at a time to suit you. <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>. Closing date for applications: Monday 17th March

Head Teacher - St Mary’s Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch, Essex https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/2025-03-26_1600_St-Marys-Primary-School-Hornchurch_Headteacher_Job-Advert.pdf
Closing date: 12pm on Wednesday 26th March 2025.

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

Vacancy: The Canonesses of The Holy Sepulchre invite applications for the post of **Bookkeeper**. (Relevant skills and experience required). 20 hours a week, based in Colchester CO4 3XD. For further details please look at our website – www.canonesses.co.uk Closing date for a May 9th, and interviews on May 23rd.

Holy Week Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 13th April – £849 pps, includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights’ in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, B&B, lunch on three days, all entertainment, excursions and transport. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, outdoor Passion Play at Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Contact 01268 762278, 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

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

Lent Leaflets:

You can find all of the information about the events and activities that are taking place in our parish during the season of Lent by following this link:

<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/media/events/Lent-Leaflet-2025.pdf>

Stations of the Cross:

Stations of the Cross continue this Friday (21st March) at 7pm in the church and will then take place every Friday throughout the Lenten Season.

Confessions:

Confessions take place every Saturday in the church from 11am to 12pm. 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."

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.

Life in the Spirit: The *Life in the Spirit Seminars Registration* is now **OPEN**. Register by using the link below and receive more information on this special Diocesan event taking place from Easter to Pentecost in Brentwood Cathedral Large Hall. The Seminars are being held over 6 Tuesday evenings from **29th April - 3rd June** inclusive and are open to all. You are warmly invited to 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 as "*Pilgrims of Hope*". **Register here:** [Life in the Spirit Registration](#)

CAFOD LENT FAST DAY At all of the Masses this weekend (15/16th March) we will be having a second collection to support the work of CAFOD. If you have your CAFOD envelopes please place them in the basket. 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/>

Faith in Action Lenten Walk around Mill Meadows in aid of Little Havens Hospice. Faith in Action invites you to put on your walking boots/wellies and join us for a Lenten walk in aid of Little Havens Hospice, on Sat 29th March, 12pm. The walk starts at the church at 12pm and finishes at the Pastoral Centre where you will be served hot dogs and hot refreshments including hot chocolate. The walk will take approximately 1 hour and is suitable for both adults and children. All are welcome! Children will receive puzzles to solve and items to find along their walking adventure. A suggested donation of £5 per person or £10 per family will help support the work of Little Havens Children's Hospice. If you would like to take part in this please make sure that you email Kristin at kristindefreitas@brcdt.org Members of the Faith in Action group will be talking about this at all of the Masses this weekend.

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 Sat, 7th June **please can you pay your deposit**. The cost of the pilgrimage is £10 (adults) £5 (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.

Maranatha - Join us for Prayer and Praise and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday 20th March from 7pm-9pm. We also continue this month with The Rescue Project which seeks to proclaim the gospel in a compelling and attractive way. All are welcome and there is no need to book, just come along and we look forward to seeing you at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX