

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Mary Bowditch RIP (Anniv)
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (YEAR C)		
13th April 2025	9.00 am	Arthur Sparke RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	The People of our Parish
MONDAY	9.15 am	Mary Lynch RIP (Byrne)
TUESDAY	10.15 am	Grace Gilpin RIP
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Margaret & Wilfred Stevens RIP
MAUNDY THURSDAY	7.30 pm	Mass of The Lord's Supper
GOOD FRIDAY	3.00 pm	Solemn Liturgy of The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ with Veneration of the Cross
Day of fast & abstinence		
HOLY SATURDAY	Easter Vigil 8.00 pm	The People of our Parish
EASTER SUNDAY THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (YEAR C)		
20th April 2025	9.00 am	Alana & Colyn Boyce RIP
	11.00 am	George & Philomena Roberston RIP
MONDAY	10.30 am	Breda Shaw RIP (Tansey)
Please note there will be no weekday Masses from Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th April inclusive		
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Intentions of The Padre Pio Prayer Group
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Kathleen Casey RIP (Anniv)
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C) Divine Mercy Sunday		
27th April 2025	9.00 am	Zosia Swietochowska RIP (Lachocki)
	11.00 am	Kathleen Wojcik RIP

Weekday Masses Please see this page for all weekday Masses

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Sunday 4th May. Please note Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will resume after Easter at 5pm on 5th May.

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

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

PALM SUNDAY AND EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR C) 13th / 20th April 2025



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

A message from Kathy Underhill:

Excitement was mounting as the crowds surged towards Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover. Not only that but Jesus, son of David, King of Israel, was riding in with promise of salvation. Their jubilation knew no bounds as they saw Jesus as their Saviour from the tyranny of the Roman Occupation. Hosanna, they shouted, again and again as they waved their palm leaves to greet him.

However, the Roman Governor of Jerusalem, Pontius Pilate, was aware of the impact that Jesus was having and, wary of civil unrest, marched on Jerusalem with a show of military strength.

Little did the crowds know that, days later, they would turn on Jesus, and ultimately shout for His crucifixion, as they realised that the promised kingdom was not of this earth.

How often in this world do we see how opinions can turn so quickly and not necessarily for the best. History shows us how wrong decisions can so easily be made with disastrous consequences.

Palm or Passion Sunday celebrates Christ's triumphant arrival in Jerusalem, but we are soon faced in the Gospel of St Luke with the cruel events of the week to come.

The opening Chorus of the St Matthew Passion by Bach, a movement of such grand, yet simple eloquence, for two choirs and a semi-Chorus, (usually of young voices), expresses so many emotions of grief, guilt at the condemnation of Jesus and yet with ongoing awareness of His divinity.

Come, share my mourning.... see Him, the Bridegroom Christ, a spotless Lamb. The sins of man thou bearest....

How do we respond to the savagery of the Crucifixion, with knowledge that Jesus conquered death to save us all – the ultimate sacrifice? Although He prayed for deliverance from the ensuing fate, His ultimate resolve to undertake the ordeal shows the depth of His love for us – He will always be with us, will always walk by our side in times of difficulty, and will always love us, no matter what.

Today marks the 25th Anniversary of Arthur William Sparke. He was an outstanding musician who led music at our Church for over 50 years. We celebrate the legacy that he gave us, and his steadfast support for the role of music in the Liturgy.

WEEKEND MASSES

Weekend Masses this week take place at 6pm on Saturday and at 9am and 11am on Sunday.

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

6pm Palm Sunday Mass Year C – Saturday, 12th April

<https://youtube.com/live/6KVdqcOQjq0?feature=share>

9am Palm Sunday Mass Year C -Sunday, 13th April

<https://youtube.com/live/0-rS2HuiAlQ?feature=share>

Confessions this Saturday take place in the church from 11-12 noon.

Deanery Lenten Reconciliation Services:

The following parishes are holding Lenten Reconciliation Services:

Basildon:

St Therese of Lisieux, Laindon: Thursday 10th April 7 pm

St Basil the Great: Friday 11th April 2 pm

Holy Trinity: Tuesday 15th April 6.45 pm

Brentwood Cathedral Monday 14th April 7.30pm

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford: Thursday 10th April 7 pm

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.

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.

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:

Nora Grabenweger RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nora, sister of Elizabeth Strub, who died on 29th March in Austria. **May she rest in peace.**

ANNIVERSARIES: Doreen Brittain, Arthur Sparke, Rosalita Selby, Lily May Jones, Frances Bundock, Jack Sage, Edward Hawkes, Bob Candler, Ann Perry, Hans Strub, Patricia Murphy, Evelyn Wynn, Ethel Dynan, Myles Parker, Norman Pearce, Mary Jasper, Anne Anderson, Ellen Wehrmann, Michael Egan, Gwen Carrigan, Kathleen Casey, Eric Hollingworth, John Spink, Jessie Routledge, Dick Howell.

Clergy: Fr Owen Fitzgerald, Fr John O'Mahoney, Fr William Donelan, Fr George Duckett, Fr Arthur Ryan, Fr Michael Enright, Canon Thomas Smith, Fr Derek Powney, Fr Simon Sullivan, Fr Myles O'Reilly.

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

Easter Sunday

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Tomb	Stone	Moved
Lord	Peter	Ran
Linen	Cloths	Head
Teaching	Rise	Dead
Scriptures	Dark	Week
First	Early	Loved
Rolled	Saw	Believed

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.

Easter Offerings: As is the custom your Easter offerings are your gift to the priest. There will be an offertory collection at the Masses on Easter Sunday or you can use the contactless donation machine in the church porch and select "Easter." If you prefer you can also put an envelope through the door at the Priest's House marked "Easter" with Gift Aid number if appropriate. Cheques are payable to Catholic Church Billericay and will be dealt with by the office staff. Alternatively a bank transfer can be made – please contact the Parish Office for our Bank details and quote "Easter" as the reference. Please note that due to finance regulations any Standing Order contributions cannot be part of this collection unless specifically stated "Easter". *Many thanks, the Parish Finance Committee.*

Easter Crafts Activity for Families on Wednesday, 16th April from 11am to 1pm, Kristin, our Family Coordinator, will be holding an Easter crafts session for families in the Large Hall of the Pastoral Centre. Families will be invited to create Easter baskets filled with crafts & goodies including decorative eggs, easter biscuits, chocolate nests and rosary keyrings. These baskets will then be blessed by Fr Dan at 2pm on Holy Saturday (19th April) If you would like to take part in this please make sure that you email Kristin at kristindefreitas@brcdt.org There will be a charge of £5 per family to cover the cost of the craft items.

Parish Easter Cards: Thank you to all of the Messengers who have delivered Easter cards to those who are on our parish database. We do have a number of Easter cards left over. If you know anyone who you think would like to receive an Easter card or anyone who might be interested in coming to one of the Holy Week services please take a card from the church porch

Thank you! Faith in Action would like to say a huge thank you to all those who supported our Lenten Walk in aid of Little Havens. We raised an amazing £821. More than 150 people joined our walk in the gorgeous sunshine and we felt immensely proud as parishioners of all ages journeyed together through Mill Meadows. Thank you so much for making this event so special and for answering the call of Pope Francis to be Pilgrims of Hope, supporting the amazing work Little Havens do to help families in the most difficult circumstances.

Love Faith in Action

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.

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 continue this Friday at 7pm in the church.

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.

Holy Week Services:

During Holy Week the Services are at the following times:

Maundy Thursday, 17th April: Mass is at 7.30pm followed by a vigil in front of the Blessed Sacrament at the altar of repose until Midnight.

This Mass will also be livestreamed and the link is here:

https://youtube.com/live/To5PO_GoLgM?feature=share

Good Friday, 18th April: Children's Stations of the Cross will take place at 10.15am in the church If you would like your child to read one of the Stations please email Kristin De Freitas at kristindefreitas@brcdt.org

The Veneration of the Cross will take place at 3pm.

This Service will be livestreamed and the link is here:

https://youtube.com/live/5USDe_6eQOI?feature=share

Stations of the Cross will take place at 7pm.

Holy Saturday, 19th April: Confessions from 11am to 12pm in the Church
Blessing of Easter Food: 2pm in the Church. This is a tradition in many Eastern European countries where families bring to the church the food that they will eat on Easter Sunday.

Easter Vigil, Saturday 19th April: The most important service in the Church's year will take place at 8pm.

This Mass will also be livestreamed and the link is here:

<https://youtube.com/live/Kz8PKPQ39hs?feature=share>

Easter Sunday, 20th April: Masses will be at 9am and 11am.

After Easter: Please note that after Easter Sunday there will be no parish Masses from Tuesday, 22nd - Thursday, 24th April and from Tuesday, 29th April - Friday, 2nd May. **Mass on Easter Monday will be at 10.30am.**

Flat Roof Repairs: After Easter, the flat roof which links the Presbytery to the Sacristy is going to have to be completely replaced. While this work is taking place access to the Parish Office and the Sacristy may be limited. We will continue to update you about the situation once the work has begun.

Parish office: We have appointed Claire Dempsey as our new secretary and she will start work on Wednesday 23rd April. During the handover period please be aware it may take longer for enquiries to be responded to.

Parish Safeguarding Workshop: Tuesday 6th May 7.30pm All parish volunteers and new volunteers are invited to attend a parish safeguarding workshop led by Simon Moules, our Diocesan Safeguarding Co-ordinator which will take place in the Pastoral Centre. This will also be an opportunity to hear from Angela Sparke, our new Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator and to renew your DBS certificate if it is more than 3 years old

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](#)

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold its next meeting on Monday 14th April at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783

The St Vincent De Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales, from 22nd – 27th June in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on the 20th April. Please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

Billericay Catenian Golf. The Billericay Catenian 'Spring Cup' Golf Day is being held on Friday 25th April at Stock Brook Manor Golf Club. These golf days are great fun and open to Catenians and non-Catenians alike. We would love to welcome you back or to welcome new friends for a full day of golf and dinner in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. Please contact Rob Hayes rob.bdcs@gmail.com or 01277630393 to book your place or for further information.

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

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](#)