

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY**                      **6.00 pm**    John Kavanagh RIP

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

**4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**9.00 am** People of the Parish

**11.00 am** Peter Mills RIP

& Mary Josephine Mills RIP

**MONDAY**                      **10.30 am** Eddie Palmer RIP

**TUESDAY**      *St John Payne, Priest & Martyr*

**10.15 am** Hans Strub RIP

**WEDNESDAY**      **9.15 am** Annette Kennedy RIP

**THURSDAY**      *No Parish Mass today*

**FRIDAY**                **9.15 am** Wilfred & Iset Harper RIP

**SATURDAY**               **6.00 pm**   Tony Lidlow RIP (Anniv.)

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**4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**9.00 am** Ints of Cathy Lore

**11.00 am** For Vocations

**WEEKDAY MASSES** this week are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday & Friday and at 10.15am on Tuesday.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resumes this Sunday (4th May) at 5pm in the church. It is also available to watch via our parish livestream by following this link: [https://youtube.com/live/qpf\\_L72KbAc?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/qpf_L72KbAc?feature=share).

**Diocesan Safeguarding Representative** Simon Moules 01277 265234

**Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas:** Email address: [kristindefreitas@brcdt.org](mailto: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](mailto:canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com)

**Spiritual Reading: My Day by Day (£1.15) and Bible Alive (£3) for May** are in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

**4<sup>th</sup> May 2025**



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

### A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

This is the account of the final appearance of Jesus to the disciples in the Gospel of John. The longer version in the lectionary also includes the words of Jesus to Simon Peter: 'Feed my lambs! Feed my sheep!'

The scene is simple. The disciples seem disorientated, engaging in their previous occupation of fishing. Have they abandoned any idea of going out to preach the good news? The risen Jesus comes to them as a friend and provides for their needs: their need to make a living, their need for breakfast. The risen Christ retains his full humanity, including his concern for people in their day to-day situations, however menial. The offering of bread and fish is a reminder of the miracle of the loaves and fishes worked in chapter 6 of the gospel, which pointed to the Eucharist, the memorial of his cross and resurrection to new life.

*Do I realise that in his resurrection Christ retains our humanity in all its ordinairiness? What does this appearance of Jesus teach us? We pray for an appreciation of God's involvement in each present moment. We pray for the courage to let the gospel live through our daily lives.*

## 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:** O God, who in your wondrous providence chose your servant Francis to preside over your Church, grant, we pray, that, having served as the Vicar of your Son on earth, he may be welcomed by Him into eternal glory. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

**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 Third Sunday of Easter Year C** – Saturday, 3rd May

<https://youtube.com/live/-2ZI-bBSEU8?feature=share>

**9am Third Sunday of Easter Year C** -Sunday, 4th May

[https://youtube.com/live/KFsMnHN\\_AIM?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/KFsMnHN_AIM?feature=share)

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

### Change of email address:

Please note that our email address is changing to [billericay@brcdt.org](mailto: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:**

**David Hill R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Hill. David will be received into the church at 4.30pm on Monday, 12th May and his Requiem Mass will take place at 11am on Tuesday, 13th May. Please note that this Mass will replace the usual 10.15am Parish Mass. May he rest in peace.

**John Sheridan RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Sheridan who died recently. John's funeral arrangements are still to be confirmed. May he rest in peace.

**Peter Kosky RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Kosky who died recently. Peter's funeral will take place on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May at 11am. May he rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Henry Wilks, Elizabeth Paolillo, Peter Mills, David Mahony, Aileen Fleetwood, Alfred Bunker, Desmond Lowry, Peter Clegg, Frank Kavanagh, Paddy Readon, Elizabeth Fee, Dr Vincent Murphy, Charles Tall, June Durand, Wilfred Harper & Wilfred Stevens.

**Clergy:** Canon Thomas Norris, Fr Feargus Saurin, Fr Andrew Dorricott, Canon Patrick Palmer, Canon Basil Booker, Fr John O'Callaghan, Canon Brian Grady and Canon John Duckett.

**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.

# KIDS' CORNER

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter C

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**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.

**Clare Dempsey:** We welcome Clare Dempsey, our new Parish Secretary. Clare will be in the Parish Office from 9am to 2pm on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

**Thank you from Father Dan:** A very big thank you to all of you who helped prepare the church to celebrate the Holy Week Liturgies and who ensured that they all ran smoothly. Thank you also for your Easter cards, gifts and well wishes.

**Please pray for all of our new Catholics who were received at the Easter Vigil.** If you are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith and would like to take part in our new ABC course which will be beginning in October, please speak to Father Dan or email the Parish Office.

**A Musical Date for your Diary:** A concert of varied pieces of differing musical styles by 'Birdsong' a small musical ensemble, directed by Stephen Rumsey and featuring several members of our own MHR Choirs, plus guest Stevie Wishart on hurdy-gurdy and violin. Sunday 18th May at 5pm in the church.

**The Padre Pio Prayer Group** will hold its next meeting on Monday 12th May at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783

**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.

**Eastertide Preaching Series on "God's Gifts"** Our new preaching series on "God's Gifts" will be beginning on Saturday, 3rd May.

**Thanksgiving Mass for Parish Volunteers:** Friday, 27th June On Friday, 27th June at 7.30pm we will be having a Mass of Thanksgiving for all of our parish volunteers followed by a gathering in the hall afterwards. If you assist in the parish in any way and would like to come to the Mass please contact the Parish Office for catering purposes.

**GIFT Launch Event:** 7.30pm on Wednesday, 11th June On Wednesday, 11th June at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre we will be holding a launch event for GIFT (Growing in Faith Together), our new faith formation programme for families with children between the ages of 7-11 (school years 3-6) which will be beginning in September.

This pathway will enable families to work together with the GIFT team, at their own pace, to decide the best time for your children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. This pathway will also focus on building faith and relationships through engaging activities and offer a way for families to connect beyond First Holy Communion preparations.

For more information about GIFT please go to the GIFT section on our parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/seasonal.php?page=gift>

**Online Condolence Book for Pope Francis:** The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have set up a condolence book for the late Pope Francis, please follow the link if you wish to contribute. <https://popefrancistributes.com/>

**THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES** Throughout the Easter period we read each day in the Liturgy from the Acts of the Apostles. Talks by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park, are available on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Please go to 'Faith Talks' and scroll down to 'Acts of the Apostles' and 'Paul in Acts'.

**THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**, led by Bishop Alan, will be from Friday 18 July – Friday 25 July 2025. The flights will be Southend to Lourdes. Details, including how to book, will follow.

**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. The experience will run 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. For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)

**Brentwood Catholic Youth Service - Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bcys.net/events). Funding and bursary opportunities are available.

**Walsingham Pilgrimage SVP1833** are inviting you to journey with the wider Society (SVP) to the Shrine of Our Lady in Walsingham in the year of Jubilee! Key Information:

When?- 5th-6th July 2025

Who?- 18-35 year olds- Only 25 places available!

Where?-Elmham House, Walsingham, Norfolk, NR22 6EG

Cost? £30- This covers all your meals (Sat night, Sunday morning and lunch) and accommodation (Sat night).

Sign up before 10th May. For any queries, please contact [KeziaH@svp.org.uk](mailto:KeziaH@svp.org.uk)

**Cathedral Young Adults Group.** Are you aged between 18 – 35 and interested in meeting like minded individuals in a relaxed and social environment? The Group meets on the first Sunday of each month after the 6.30 Sunday Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. We walk to a nearby Pub after Mass for some food or drink and to meet and support each other spiritually and socially, wherever you are on your Faith journey. Details email [cathedral@brcdt.org](mailto:cathedral@brcdt.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](http://www.canonesses.co.uk) Closing date for a May 9th, and interviews on May 23rd.

**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!

**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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)