

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Mary Foley RIP (Anniv.)

SIXTH OF EASTER (YEAR C)

25th May 2025 **9.00 am** Tony Oldershaw RIP
 11.00 am People of the Parish

MONDAY *St Phili Neri, Priest*
 10.30 am Ints of Brigid Edwards

TUESDAY *St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop*
 10.15am Kevin Walsh RIP

WEDNESDAY *No Parish Mass*

THURSDAY **THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**
 9.15am People of the Parish
 11.00am Peter Kosky RIP **Funeral Service**
 8.00pm Danny Wollard RIP

FRIDAY *The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
 9.15am Lilian Wolahan RIP

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Ints of JohnPaul Micallef

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

1st June 2025 **9.00 am** Jean & Terry Nuttal RIP
 11.00 am Maurice Kirwan RIP

WEEKDAY MASSES this week will be at 10.30am on Monday, 10.15am on Tuesday, 9.15am and 8pm on Thursday and 9.15am on Friday. Please note that there is no 9.15am Mass on Wednesday because Fr Dan is away on a conference.

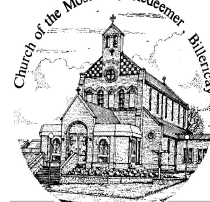
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resumes this Sunday at 5pm in the church. It's also available to watch via our parish website by following this link:
https://youtube.com/live/DUP5A5Ng_P0?feature=share

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

No Confessions on Saturday 24th May: Please note that due to the First Holy Communion Masses taking place on 24th May there will be no Confessions on these days. Confessions will resume on Saturday, 31st May.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

25th 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:

As in last week's gospel, we read this Sunday from the words of Jesus at the Last Supper in the Gospel of John, the so-called 'farewell discourse'. The theme of 'love' emerges again, not the love of one disciple for another, but the disciple's love for Jesus.

Love for Jesus brings down the love of the Father. This love is shown by 'keeping the word' of Jesus, and keeping the word of Jesus is keeping the word of the Father who sent Him. Jesus draws us into intimacy with the Father. What was stated in the very first chapter of the gospel is explained, that the only-begotten Son has made the unseen God known (1:18).

Fidelity to the word of Christ is not easy. Aware that the disciples will need assistance to recall and practise His word, Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit 'will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said'. To live as Christians requires this remembering of all that Jesus said and did, but also openness to the new insights provided by the Spirit, who is constantly active in the Church. The Spirit is given the name 'Advocate', in Greek parakletos, which means one who is 'called alongside', one who is called to assist. John alone uses this term for the action of the Spirit. The final verses speak of 'peace', the peace that the world cannot give. The departure of Jesus to the Father 'who is greater than I' should not undermine the peace of the disciples, for they already know the Father's closeness through Jesus.

*What does it mean to keep the word of Christ?
How do we know the closeness of the Father?*

*We pray for those who preach Christ's word.
We pray that we may be receptive to the work of the Spirit, called to assist us by Jesus.*

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 Leo XIV Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd Leo a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

WEEKEND MASSES this week take place at 6pm on Saturday and at 9am and 11am on Sunday.

6pm Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C – Saturday, 24th May

<https://youtube.com/live/GQsViydDBg0?feature=share>

9am Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C -Sunday, 25th May

<https://youtube.com/live/znf8oG7Me7M?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.

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:

Peter Kosky RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Kosky. Peter's Funeral Service will take place at 11am on Thursday, 29th May. May he rest in peace.

Kath Diffley RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kath Diffley, a longstanding parishioner who died in Sydney, Australia. Kath's funeral and burial will take place in the U.K. and we will publish the information once the arrangements have been confirmed. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES Anna Sapsford, Mary Mitchell, Eileen Seal, Mabel Christie, Hermine Crisp, Brenda Cannon and Vera Gilbertson.

Clergy: Fr John Timmins.

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.

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>

KIDS' CORNER

6th Sunday of Easter C

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Disciples	Anyone	Loves
Keeps	World	Father
Home	Own	Holy
Spirit	Name	Teach
Peace	Gift	Hearts
Afraid	Believe	Glad
Return	Word	Heard

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.

Feast of the Ascension: Thursday, 29th May This Thursday (29th May) we are celebrating the Feast of Jesus' Ascension into Heaven which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please note that on this day Masses will be at 9.15am and at 8pm. The 9.15am Mass will also be livestreamed and is available to watch via this link: <https://youtube.com/live/QObQnrphZNs?feature=share>

Online Safeguarding Training Thank you to all who attended our parish safeguarding training on Tuesday. We would ask that all volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults in our parish should complete the online safeguarding training which is provided by the diocese. You will need to register in order to access the resource. You can do so by following this link: <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/>.

Parish Pilgrimage to Clacton and Frinton: Saturday, 7th June It's not long to go before our parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Light in Clacton. Thank you to all of you who have signed up to go on the coach. On the day, please make sure that you have some spending money with you for fish and chips in Frinton (cash and card) or alternatively bring a packed lunch with you. If you would like to know more about the food options or order your meal in advance, please email the Parish office for more details. billericay@brcdt.org
The timings for the day are as follows:

9am: Coach departs from the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay.

Pilgrims are welcome to leave their cars in the church car park.

11am: Coach arrives at Clacton. Mass in the church and tour of the church followed by recitation of the Rosary.

12.45: Arrive in Frinton for fish and chips/packed lunch and a walk along the Esplanade.

3pm: Leave Frinton to return to Billericay.

Pentecost Challenge: 7th/8th June Following on from last year's Pentecost Challenge, Fr Dan will once again be inviting you to stand up during one of the parish Masses on the weekend of the 7th/8th June (Pentecost Sunday) if you feel that over the last year you have grown in your faith and in your relationship with Jesus.

Headteacher Vacancy: St Peter's Primary School, Billericay For more information please follow the link to the job description on the diocesan website under Vacancies on the 'Education' page.

[Headteacher – St Peter's Primary School, Billericay](#)

Deadline for applications: **3pm, Monday 6th June 2025**

Thanksgiving Mass for Parish Volunteers 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>

Billericay Foodbank Appeal for Help The trustees, volunteers and the families and individuals who receive our help each week, are hugely grateful for the support that the churches in Billericay have given to us over the years. This support has been given with time from those who volunteer and with food and finance from regular donations. However, we are currently facing new challenges, in recent months we have seen a decrease in donations from all sources and an increase in demand. If you can help with a donation of either money or foodstuffs, it would be much appreciated.

How to Donate: We are grateful to receive donations of tinned and packet foods, basic toiletries, and household items. These can be placed in the donations box in the church porch.

WeBELIEVE FESTIVAL Celebrate the Jubilee at WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ. From 25th-28th July, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, & many more. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webelievefestival.com

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!

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 or look at the Connect Groups noticeboard in the church porch.

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 Please go to 'Faith Talks' and scroll down to 'Acts of the Apostles' and 'Paul in Acts'.

Consubstantial with the Father – A Study Day This year we celebrate seventeen-hundred years since the Church Council held at Nicaea, which drew up a statement of faith which is the basis of the Nicene Creed we recite at Mass. Dr Ken Carleton, Deacon of the Brentwood diocese, who has a doctorate in Church History, will explore the issues debated at the Council. The study day will be held on Saturday 7th June 2025 from 11am until 2 pm at the parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Coffee available from 10.30. Please bring your own lunch. In-person attendance is encouraged but you can also watch on www.whatgoodnews.org No prior booking necessary for this free event. A recording will be available subsequently on the website.

BCCS Summer Luncheon Join us for an elegant afternoon on Friday, 13th June, at The Lawn – a stunning Grade II listed Georgian manor house in Rochford. Enjoy exclusive use of the venue as we serve a delicious two-course luncheon in the Orangery, overlooking beautifully landscaped gardens. Date: Friday, 13th June Venue: The Lawn, Rochford Time: 12.30 to 3.30pm Seating: Tables of 10 Price: £37.50 per person. Tickets are available now! Reserve your place by visiting our website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/ Or simply scan the QR code below to purchase your tickets directly.

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