

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Ints of JohnPaul Micallef

SEVENTH OF EASTER (YEAR C)

1st June 2025 9.00 am Jean & Terry Nuttall RIP

11.00 am Maurice Kirwan RIP

MONDAY 9.15 am Philomena & John Coe RIP

TUESDAY *St Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs*

10.15am Howard Watson RIP (Anniv.)

WEDNESDAY 9.15am Anna Busuttil RIP

THURSDAY *No Parish Mass*

FRIDAY 9.15am Kuhm Family RIP

SATURDAY 6.00 pm John Thomson RIP

PENTECOST (YEAR C)

8th June 2025 9.00 am Tom McCarthy RIP

11.00 am People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASSES this week will be at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at 10.15am on Tuesday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place 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/Fs8pASTj97Y?feature=share>

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

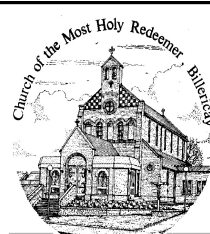
No Confessions on Saturday 7th June: Confessions will not be taking place for the following two Saturdays (7th and 14th June) because Fr Dan is away. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to arrange a time to celebrate the sacrament.

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

Diocesan Safeguarding Representative Simon Moules 01277 265234

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

1st June 2025



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

A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

On this Sunday before Pentecost we complete our readings from the words of Jesus in John's gospel set in the context of the Last Supper, on the night before Jesus died. This is the final section of a prayer Jesus directs to the Father. He raises his eyes to heaven and prays to the Father for unity.

Jesus prays not only for those who have followed Him up to this point. He prays too for the people to whom they will bring the gospel message. Our awareness of the history of the early Church confirms that from the very start there were divisions and differences in attitudes which could be very strongly held. Jesus prays for a pervasive unity among the disciples, that all may be one in a unity which reflects the relationship of Jesus with the Father, and the Trinitarian nature of God which is gradually being understood by the early Christians. Through this unity others will come to believe.

Jesus speaks of the glory given to Him by the Father which He in turn makes known to believers. Jesus has made the name of God, another word pointing to God's very essence, known to the disciples, so that they should be one in love. The ultimate gift of the Risen Jesus is love.

How can these final words of Christ's prayer inspire our daily lives? What can we do to protect the unity of those who believe and to avoid division and discord?

*We pray that we may be faithful to the truth we have come to know from Jesus.
We pray that generous love may always be a feature of Christian life.*

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.

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

6pm Seventh Sunday of Easter Year C – Saturday, 31st May

https://youtube.com/live/de_2_cSqu_U?feature=share

9am Seventh Sunday of Easter Year C -Sunday, 1st June

<https://youtube.com/live/PVabF7vC-DA?feature=share>

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:

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 Anne (Phil) Poley, Bill Emmings, Robert Beat, Jean Nuttall, Howard Watson, Robert Exley, Michael Mellon, Muriel Evans, Gina Barnes, Dorothy Mitchell, Denis Byrne, George Silverton, Bernard Butler and John Bazely.
Clergy: Fr Martin Nott, Bp John Petit, Canon Eric Goldingay, Fr Donald Clover and Canon Jerome Deady.

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

7th 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.

World Communications Day This Sunday is World Communications Day, a day when the Church prays for journalists and those in the media who have the responsibility of informing their readers and viewers about the world. The theme for this year is based on a passage from the Letter of St Peter in the New Testament where he writes: "Share with gentleness the hope that is in your heart" If you would like to read more about World Communications Day you can visit the Catholic Bishops' Conference website:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day/>

Presentation to Kathy Smith: Saturday, 21st June After more than 4 decades of faithful service to our Parish, we are finally allowing Kathy to retire! On Saturday, 21st June at the 6pm Parish Mass we will be having a special presentation for Kathy followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre afterwards.

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.

First Holy Communions A big thank you to all of the First Holy Communion catechists who have worked so hard to prepare our children for the Sacrament. The children who have made their First Holy Communion this year will be leading a Corpus Christi procession at the start of the 11am Mass on Sunday, 22nd June.

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 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/>.

Thy Kingdom Come Starting on the Feast of the Ascension and running to Pentecost, “Thy Kingdom Come” is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. The idea is that you select 5 people that you wish to come to know Jesus and to pray for them during the sequence. This year the focus will be on exploring the “Our Father”. For more information please visit the website: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>

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.

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’.

Commemorating the Council of Nicaea This year we celebrate 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea in 325, which gave the Church the Creed still used at Sunday Mass. Deacon Ken Carleton, dean in the formation programme for deacons, and accomplished church historian, will lead a study day to explore how the Creed was produced, and what role was played by the Emperor Constantine in this first world Council of the Church. The study day will take place on Saturday 7th June from 10.30 (Coffee) until 2 pm, with a break for lunch, at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Easy access on the Elizabeth Line, or from the M25. The programme will be live-streamed on www.whatgoodnews.org and available subsequently on the same website. You will be very welcome to attend in person as we celebrate that the Lord Jesus is ‘consubstantial with the Father’.