MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	**6.00 pm**	John Thomson RIP *(Thomson)*
PENTECOST (YEAR C)		
8th June 2025	**9.00 am**	Tom McCarthy RIP
	11.00 am	People of the Parish
MONDAY	**Mary, Mother of the Church**	
	9.15 am	Canon Aloysius Roche RIP
TUESDAY	**10.15am**	Eamonn Flenagen RIP *(Walters)*
WEDNESDAY	**St Barnabas, Apostle**	
	9.15am	Tom McCarthy RIP *(Farrell)*
THURSDAY		*No Parish Mass*
FRIDAY	**St Anthony of Padua, Priest & Doctor**	
	9.15am	Michael Brock RIP
SATURDAY	**6.00 pm**	Private Intention of Donor
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR C)		
15th June 2025	**9.00 am**	In Thanksgiving
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASSES this week are at 10.15am on Tuesday and 9.15am on Wednesday and Friday.

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday: Please note that there is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (8th June) because of the Confirmation Mass. Exposition will resume on the following Sunday (15th June)

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

No Confessions for the next two Saturdays Because Fr Dan is away next Saturday (14th June) there will not be confessions in the church on this day. 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

PENTECOST (YEAR C) **8th 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:

This gospel reading for the feast of Pentecost has already been read, in a more extended form, on the Second Sunday of Easter. It was read then to include Jesus' encounter with Thomas 'eight days later'.

On the feast of Pentecost we have the opportunity to focus on the earlier verses, in which Jesus brings the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The account of the day of Pentecost is found in our first reading, from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles.

Fifty days after the resurrection there was a spectacular manifestation of the power of the Spirit. Jews and proselytes, gathered from the nations for the Jewish feast of Pentecost, witness the power of the Spirit and hear the preaching of the apostles each in his own tongue. This event launches the mission to the whole world.

Our gospel teaches that the Holy Spirit was also given by the risen Christ before the events of Pentecost. This is a quieter and more intimate demonstration of the power of the Spirit. It is related to the preaching of forgiveness and the possibility of new life for those who ask for it. The disciples are empowered to bring the forgiveness of Christ, but it is possible for people to reject this forgiveness. This seems to be the sense of the final verse, that some have their sins retained.

This is the final day of the Easter period. The Lord who died on the cross has shown himself in His risen body. He has taken our humanity into the presence of the Father. He is no longer visibly present, but His Spirit is with us to remind us of Jesus and to lead us into all truth. That Spirit, as St Paul writes to the Corinthians, bestows gifts in abundance for the benefit of the whole Church.

Do I allow the Holy Spirit to transform my life?

Pray that the Easter gifts of Christ will always be with us.

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 Pentecost Sunday of Easter Year C – Saturday, 7th June
https://youtube.com/live/XI3XOsdQ-6U?feature=share

9am Pentecost Sunday of Easter Year C -Sunday, 8th June
https://youtube.com/live/5LBrtV_zF2s?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 Marie Blay, Mary Shanahan, Marie Johnson, Lily Stannard, Phyllis De Smedt, Peggy Rourke and Mary Conlon.
Clergy: Fr Edmund Tyler, Fr Gerard Butcher, Fr Thomas Crowe, Fr John Gallagher, Fr Robert Mortimer-Anderson and Fr Gerard Hughes.

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

Pentecost Sunday Year C

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JESUS	RECEIVE	STOOD
FOUNTAINS	CRIED	MAN
PRAISE	COME	DRINKS
BELIEVES	FLOW	THIRSTY

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.

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.

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 parents about 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*

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.

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.

St Peter's Summer Fete will be held on Saturday 28th June in the field adjacent to the school. Come along and support our school, friends and family are all very welcome! We have a bbq, ice creams, live music & dance, a petting zoo, bouncy castles, fair games, hair braiding, K50 football shoot out, and much more! Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold its next meeting on Monday 16th June at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. Ring Claire Wallis for details on *01277 658783*

Summer Holiday Kids Club

You're invited!

We would love to invite your children aged 4 - 11 years old, to our Summer Holiday Kids Club. We had a great time last year as Secret Agents and we hope you can join us this year in exploring God's wonderful creation!
The club will run every morning from Monday the 18th – Wednesday 20st of August between 9:30 – 12:30 in the Pastoral Centre.
This year we are looking at the creation story. Teams will use their senses to explore smells and textures, they will undertake scientific experiments, solve puzzles and use their creativity. We have a variety of fun games and activities on offer, suitable for different age groups. If this is something that will be of interest to your child, **registration forms can be found in the church foyer. One form per child.** Due to health and safety regulations we're unable to accommodate pre-school children.
We need you! Without parental/guardian support the Kids Club will not be able to run. All parents/guardians are encouraged to help out on at least one of the sessions. We need volunteers for each morning as well as setting up on Sunday afternoon.
Youth helpers welcome too! Please contact me on *kristindefreitas@brcdt.org* if you would like to volunteer.

MISSIO RED BOX 2024. Thank you! In 2024 Most Holy Redeemer Parish, Billericay raised £3213.93 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our parish missionary community is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries in places like Nigeria, Pakistan and Myanmar where your prayers and financial support help transform the lives of those living in extremely challenging situations. To find out more about how and where your donations are making a difference, please take a copy of Mission Today Impact Report from the church porch.

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.

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. Tangney Tours 01732 886666
https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-brentwood/

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/* .

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'.

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*

Conference on Hopes and Prospects for the legacy for the papacy of Leo XIV to be held on Friday 20th June from 18.30 to 20.30 at the St Augustine Centre, 55 Fulham Palace Road, Hammersmith, London W6 8AU, close to Hammersmith tube station on the Piccadilly and Elizabeth lines. Guest of honour is HE the Papal Nuncio, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia. Other speakers invited are: HE the Ambassador of Peru, Sr.Ignacio Higueras Hare, Father Provincial of the Augustinian Order in the UK, Fr.Dominic Robinson,SJ Jesuit Church, Farm Street, Mayfair For the general public the Conference fee will be £40.

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.

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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*

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*

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service - Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 19th – 26th 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*. Funding and bursary opportunities are available.

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.

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.

Diocesan Safeguarding Representative Simon Moules 01277 265234