

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Sr Hannah Comber RIP (Anniv.)

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR C)

22nd June 2025 **9.00 am** David Thomas RIP (1st Anniv.)

11.00 am People of the Parish

MONDAY **9.15 am** James Mills RIP

TUESDAY **Nativity of St John the Baptist**

10.15am Ints of Iain & Sandy Allen on their
 Golden Wedding Anniversary

WEDNESDAY **9.15am** Lowdermilk Family RIP

THURSDAY *No Parish Mass*

FRIDAY **The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus**

9.15am Tom McCarthy RIP (Keane)

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** People of the Parish

SS PETER & PAUL, Apostles (YEAR C)

29th June 2025 **9.00 am** Patricia Harris RIP (Anniv.)

11.00 am Jack & Nonie Quirke RIP

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition takes place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (22nd June). It's also available to watch via our parish livestream by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/AnJQ1B2k2Sc?feature=share>

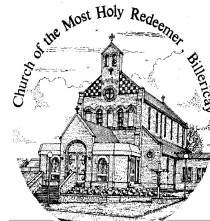
Confessions take place in the church as usual from 11am to 12pm on Saturday.

The Most Holy Redeemer Safeguarding Officer is Angela Sparke, if you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Angela at: safeguarding-billericay@brcdt.org

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

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (C) **22nd 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:

The Solemnity of the Body and Blood of the Lord, which we know also as Corpus Christi, gives us an opportunity to revisit the events of Holy Thursday. That day was full of material to ponder, and now that Lent and Easter are complete, this feast provides an opportunity for deeper reflection on the mystery of the Eucharist instituted by Christ on the night before he died.

Jesus acknowledges the need of the crowd and shows compassion for them. He 'makes them welcome', speaks to them about the Kingdom of God, and heals the sick. This attitude of Jesus contrasts with that of the Twelve, who are insistent that the crowds be sent away. Jesus' reply to this is: 'Give them something to eat yourselves.'

The Christian, like Jesus, must recognise the needs, both material and spiritual, of those who are searching for the Kingdom. The narrative of the miracle itself, especially in the detail of the actions of Jesus in verse 16, clearly prepares for the Last Supper. The miracle of the loaves, then, does not only look back to God's past provision for the people, such as the provision of manna in the desert, but also points to the Eucharist and to the self-giving of Christ on the cross. St Paul reminds us explicitly of what Jesus did 'on the night that he was betrayed'. He gives us not an earthly bread, but the bread which is the gift of himself that we might live.

How can we conform our lives to the self-giving of Christ in the Eucharist?

What might Jesus' words to 'give them something to eat yourselves' suggest to us today?

Pray for true reverence for the gift of Christ's Body and Blood in the Eucharist.

Pray for a deeper understanding that it is the Eucharist which makes the Church.

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 Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ Year C - Saturday, 21st June

<https://youtube.com/live/rvVDUM3UMNs?feature=share>

9am Feast of the Body & Blood of Christ Year C - Sunday, 22nd June

<https://youtube.com/live/h0lOK6L-TCc?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 The Requiem Mass for Kath Diffley will take place on Wednesday, 16th July at 11am in the church. May she rest in peace.

Jim Burrows RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jim Burrows who died recently. We pray for Eileen and for all of Jim's family at this difficult time. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES Elizabeth McSweeney, Christine Barham, Edward Jewell, Mary Foley, Elsie Bourne, Elizabeth Eve, Mary Flynn, Joseph McCreanor, Kieran Mallen and Patricia Harris.

Clergy: Fr Edward Thomas and Canon James Dacey.

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

THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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WHEAT	HONEY	SACRAMENT
MEMORIAL	BREAD	BODY
SUPPER	BLOOD	PROCLAIM
KINGDOM	VILLAGES	FARMS
LODGING	FOOD	LOAVES
FISH	HEAVEN	BLESSING
DISTRIBUTE	CROWD	BASKETS

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.

11am Mass this Sunday (22nd June) Please note that at the 11am Mass this Sunday we will begin with a Corpus Christi procession led by the children who have recently celebrated their First Holy Communion. The children will then have a celebration in the Pastoral Centre after Mass. This Mass is likely to be busier than usual.

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.

Sick and Retired Clergy Fund This weekend there will be the annual collection for the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund of the Diocese. The fund helps Clergy who require assistance in their retirement after years of service, it also helps those who are in ill health at any age. This is also an opportunity to thank Parishioners who have bequeathed legacies in their wills and we would welcome any who are about to make, or review existing arrangements, to consider this worthy cause. The Administrators of the Fund would also like to express their gratitude to the families of deceased Parishioners who have gifted legacies in the past.

Connect Group Leaders' Meetings On Sunday, 6th July at 7pm in the Pastoral Centre we are having a meeting of Connect Group Leaders. This will also be an opportunity for leaders to meet Jack Riggs, our new Connect Groups Co-ordinator. Thank you to all of our leaders who through their generosity enable our Connect groups to meet on a regular basis. If you are interested in becoming a Connect Group leader please come along to this meeting or speak to Fr Dan.

ABC Course for adults who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith: If you are an adult who isn't a Catholic, or if you are an adult Catholic who has not made their First Holy Communion or Confirmation, you are warmly invited to consider joining our ABC (About Becoming Catholic) course which will be beginning in October every Monday evening in the upstairs part of the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre (the building behind the church) For more information please email the Parish Office or speak to Fr Dan.

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.

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 Registration Registration forms are now available for GIFT, our new faith formation pathway for children in school years 3-6 which will be beginning in September. GIFT is a new initiative intended to provide encouragement to families both before a child has celebrated the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion and afterwards. The focus in the GIFT sessions is on building faith and relationships through engaging activities and offering ways for families to become more involved in our parish community. Our first session will take place on Saturday, 6th September from 9am to 11am in the Pastoral Centre. Please speak to Fr Dan after Mass if you would like a registration form. Please note that in order to attend the GIFT sessions you do need to have completed and returned the registration form to Fr Dan or to the Parish Office. For more information about GIFT please go to the GIFT section on our parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/seasonal.php?page=gift> or pick up the GIFT leaflets which are available at the back of the church.

Coffee Morning for Baptism Families: Monday 14th July Parents of children being Baptised in our parish or have recently been Baptised are warmly invited to join the Baptism Welcome Team for a coffee morning. Refreshments will be in the Lounge of the Pastoral Centre after the 9.15am Mass on Monday 14th July. Some toys will be available for babies/toddlers.

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/>

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/>

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 20th 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.

Youth Meeting about Summer Lourdes: 7pm Sunday, 14th September If you are going to be in Year 10 or above in September and you are interested in going to Lourdes with the BCYS next summer you are warmly invited to come to a gathering in the Pastoral Centre at 7pm on Sunday, 14th September. Over pizza and drinks we will talk about fundraising events and how we can help each other to be able to make the pilgrimage to Lourdes next summer. For more information please contact Kristin, our Family Co-ordinator, at kristindefreitas@brcdt.org

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.

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!