

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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

MONDAY **9.15 am** Lillian Wolahan RIP

TUESDAY **10.15am** Ints Patricia Quirk (*Tensey*)

WEDNESDAY **9.15am** Terry Bushell RIP (*Donovan*)

THURSDAY *No Parish Mass*

FRIDAY **9.15am** Frieda Barter RIP

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Terry Lewis RIP (Anniv.)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

6th July 2025 **9.00 am** People of the Parish
 11.00 am Desiré & Phillys DeSmedt RIP and
 Arthur & Nicky Awcock RIP

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 Exposition takes place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (29th June). It's also available to watch via our parish livestream by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/Y1svHQwMMxI?feature=share>

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

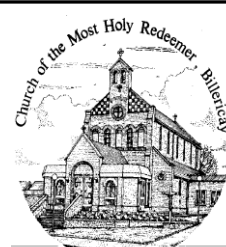
The Most Holy Redeemer Safeguarding Officer is Angela Sparke, if you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Angela at:
safeguarding-billericay@brcdt.org

Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas: Email address:
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Hall Bookings The booking officer is Anna Sloper who can be contacted by e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

SS PETER & PAUL (C)

29th 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 day we celebrate the feast of the two great apostles, Peter and Paul. One was with Jesus from the beginning of His ministry and accompanied Him until the end. His faith was sorely tested by seeing his Messiah suffer. The life of the other was dramatically changed by an encounter with the Risen Jesus. From persecuting Christians he became a preacher of the faith.

The gospels provide many stories about St Peter, which might have been chosen for today's feast. The reading from the Gospel of Matthew tells of Peter's faith in Jesus as the Messiah. His declaration of faith leads to his commissioning by Jesus. Despite the trials he will face, Peter's faith endures.

Our second reading reminds us that St Paul spent his life travelling and proclaiming the gospel beyond the confines of Judaism. He 'fought the good fight' to the end. While Peter is commonly recalled as the one who preached to the people of Israel, Paul is revered as the 'apostle of the gentiles'. In fact both of them preached to both Jew and Gentile.

The heart of Paul's message, the heart of his gospel, is that we are saved by our faith in Christ. This faith was already expressed by Peter as he accompanied Jesus in his ministry. The same faith is what Paul came to know by a 'revelation' of the Risen Jesus. Christ's disciples today have come to know the good news because people like Peter and Paul were brave enough to give their lives for it and to proclaim it to the whole world.

What does the faith of Peter in the gospel reading teach me?

How does the faithful witness of Paul inspire me to spread the good news?

We thank God for all the martyrs who gave, and still give, their lives for the gospel.

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 Feast of St Peter & Paul-Saturday, 28th June

<https://youtube.com/live/zsSI6LW2GUg?feature=share>

9am Feast of St Peter & Paul-Sunday, 29th June

<https://youtube.com/live/bCieAkCN5IY?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. Kath will be received into the church at 4pm the night before (Tuesday, 15th July). May she rest in peace.

Jim Burrows RIP The Requiem Mass for Jim Burrows will take place on Tuesday, 15th July at 11.30am in the church. Jim will be received into the church at 4pm the night before (Monday, 14th July). May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES Les Crisp, Delia Miller, George Bradshaw, Marcelle Hollingworth, Gwen Willis, Ronald Morgan, Tony Papa and Giselda Yarrow.

Clergy: Fr James Hawes, Fr James Edward Littleton, Fr Patrick Curran and Fr Patrick Carthy.

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

SS Peter and Paul, Apostles C

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Peter	Rock	Church
Kingdom	Blood	Keys
Spoke	Happy	Christ
Heaven	Question	Flesh
Build	Gates	Jonah
Underworld	Loose	Earth
People	Disciples	Living

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.

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.

Thank you from Kathy Smith Just a few words to try to express how very touched and humbled I have been by the many cards, gifts and messages on my retirement. Thank you to all those who attended the Mass and reception on Saturday, it was a truly memorable occasion for me and for my family. Thank you to Fr Nix and Fr John for their messages and kind words. A very special thank you to Father Dan for masterminding the event (without my help!!) and for the very generous gifts from the parish. We have a great parish and I have been privileged to work alongside 5 wonderful parish priests, as well as many assistant priests and deacons. Thank you again to all parishioners past and present, God bless you all. *Kathy.*

Altar Servers Training for new altar servers will take place on the following Saturdays: 13th, 20th & 27th September, 4th, 11th & 18th October. If anyone in Year 4 and above, who has made their First Holy Communion, is interested in becoming a server, please contact Sarah Dean s.c.dean@hotmail.com by 4th August.

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.

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 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.

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.

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/>

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 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

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.

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

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

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