

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Roger Barnes RIP (*Donovan*)

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

20th July 2025 **9.00 am** People of the Parish
11.00 am Cathy Woodham RIP (Anniv.)

MONDAY **9.15 am** Maria Walsh RIP *(Johnson)*

TUESDAY **10.15am** *St Mary Magdalene*
Joan Murphy RIP

WEDNESDAY **9.15am** *St Bridget of Sweden, Religious*
David Hogg RIP (Anniv.)

THURSDAY *No Parish Mass*

FRIDAY **9.15am** *St James, Apostle*
Tom & Phyllis McLay RIP

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Francis Price RIP (Anniv.)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

27th July 2025 **9.00 am** Ellul Family RIP
11.00 am People of the Parish

MONDAY **9.15 am** Fr George Towler RIP

TUESDAY **10.15am** *Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus*
Peter Kosky RIP

WEDNESDAY **9.15am** Michael Bowes RIP

THURSDAY *No Parish Mass*

FRIDAY **9.15am** *St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*
Padre Pio Prayer Group's Intentions

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Bob Cook RIP *(Donovan)*

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

3rd August 2025	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Felix Isichei RIP

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

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

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

16th & 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

20th & 27th July 2025



A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

Once more in this Sunday's gospel we have material only found in the Gospel according to Luke. Jesus began His journey to Jerusalem to face His death in the previous chapter. He now reaches a village where He will receive generous hospitality.

Luke has placed this story at an early stage of the journey. This raises a question for we know from the Gospel of John that Martha and Mary lived in the village of Bethany quite close to Jerusalem. This does not of course undermine the accuracy and the validity of the story itself. Luke underlines the presence of women in the ministry of Jesus. In chapter 8 he listed some of the women disciples who accompanied Jesus together with the Twelve. In chapter 7 Jesus was the recipient of the tender attention of the woman who had been a sinner. In our passage Jesus comes to the house of two women.

The heart of the story lies in the contrast between the attitudes and actions of Mary and Martha. Mary somehow understands how precious the words of Jesus are. Everything else is of little importance. She has fathomed one of the most important teachings of this gospel, the need to hear the word of the Lord. They are blessed who hear the word of God and practise it (11:28).

Martha on the other hand is intent on the practical concerns of providing hospitality for her guest. In the very first verse the evangelist tells us that it is Martha who welcomes Jesus into the house. Martha takes charge, but she prefers action to quiet listening. Jesus is a guest to be served, rather than a teacher whose every word is to be learned and treasured. The mild rebuke of Jesus is for those who do not make the time for what is of the utmost importance, listening to His words. From the very start of his gospel, with the Annunciation to Mary, Luke has stressed that our primary concern should be to hear the words of the Lord.

Do I treasure the word of God and take steps to hear and practise it? Do I have the priorities of a genuine disciple of Jesus?

We pray for those whose vocation is to listen.

We pray that our service may always be inspired by love.

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.

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 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:

https://youtube.com/live/E7YkJrB_Djw?feature=share

9am 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:

<https://youtube.com/live/EaXlw-Aq6Fg?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.

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

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:

Mavis Enright RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mavis Enright. Mavis's Funeral Service will take place at Bentley Crematorium at 10.30am on Wednesday, 23rd July. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES David Quill, Lily Rainbird, Cathy Woodham, Jim Monaghan, Kenneth Bulpitt, James Hoare, Rodney Cleaver, Ida Burke, Paul Giorgi, Frank Price, Joseph 'Ted' Goodspeed, Monica Fehily, John James, Jim Bowen, Iris Sage, Des Harte, May-Ann Vallis, Francis McCafferty and Bridget Heath.

Clergy: Fr Patrick Taylor, Deacon David Balmer, Fr John Boardman Jones, Fr Michael Hannan, Fr Dermot Moore, Fr James Cooney, Fr John Harding, Fr Bernard (Brian) McGilloway and Fr Michael O'Sullivan.

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

16th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME 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.

No Weekday Masses from Monday, 4th to Friday, 8th August Please note that there will be no weekday Masses from the 4th to the 8th August. Weekend Masses will be as usual.

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Sunday, 7th September: Please note that there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament over the summer until Sunday, September 7th.

Parish Office Closed: Monday, 21st July to Friday, 25th July Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Monday, 21st July to Friday, 25th July. Please note that the Parish Office is closed every Tuesday during a normal working week.

Alpha 2025 Thank you to all of those who gave their personal testimonies last weekend about being part of the Alpha Course.

Our new Alpha Course is going to be beginning at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 3rd September in the Pastoral Centre. If you would like to take part please visit the Alpha section of the parish website and click on the button to register:
<https://mostholyredeemer.org.uk/courses.php?page=alpha>:

ABC Course 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 on Monday, 6th October at 8pm 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.

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.

Fun Fundraiser Hello, my name is Matthew and I am an altar server at the church and I go to St Peter's. I am doing a fundraiser to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. It is on *Sunday 31st August at 10 am - 4 pm*. There will be refreshments and fun games such as hook a duck, hoop toss, basketball etc. It would be great if you could come along to *10 Longtail, Billericay, CM11 1EJ*, to join in the fun and help raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold its next meeting on Monday 21st July at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre.
Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783

Blessing of Backpacks for Reception Children: Sunday, 7th September

For those children who are going into Reception in September we will have a special blessing of school backpacks at the 11am Mass on Sunday, 7th September (Education Sunday).

Please make sure that you bring your child's backpack with you to this Mass so that Father Dan can bless it at the end of Mass

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. All families need to come *at 9am to the September session* and then subsequent sessions will take place from 9am to 11am or 1pm to 3pm depending on which slot you have indicated on the registration forms. 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.

DBS Update Service has changed its renewal process. Individuals must now log into their DBS Update Service account and actively renew their subscription *annually*, thereby ensuring subscribers actively confirm their continued participation a service. Subscribers will receive an email reminder 30 days before their renewal date, prompting them to renew their subscription. *If a subscription is not renewed before the expiry date, it will lapse, and the individual will need to apply for a new DBS.* Please could anyone on the update service look out for the reminder email around your renewal, to avoid having to replicate the entire DBS application. safeguarding-billericay@brcdt.org

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

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!

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

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.

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.

Knights of Saint Columba Holy Relic Tour The Knights of Saint Columba are delighted to announce that between Friday 1st August and Sunday 10th August we will be touring the First Class Holy Relics of St Columba, St Margaret of Scotland and St Andrew throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. Visiting Clacton, Kelvedon, Chelmsford (Blessed Sacrament), Eastwood, Basildon, Brentwood Cathedral, Hornchurch, West Ham, Elm Park and Chingford. The Holy Relics will be available during periods of each day for private prayer and veneration. Next week we will announce the exact timings and venues as we build up to this remarkable opportunity to be close both physically and spiritually to these remarkable saints. For further information please email Liam Rand prov10.ippgk.liamrand@gmail.com