

MASS TIMES AND 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

MONDAY - FRIDAY

No Parish Mass

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Vera Dunne RIP

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

10th August 2025 **9.00 am** People of the Parish
 11.00 am Ellen Riordan RIP

MONDAY *St Clare, Virgin*

9.15 am Sr Teresa Lenehan RIP (*Barber*)

TUESDAY **10.15am** Nnamdi Felix Ojimba RIP

WEDNESDAY **9.15am** Ints of The Padre Pio Prayer Group

THURSDAY *No Parish Mass*

FRIDAY *THE ASSUMPTION OF
THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY*

10.30am Alan McHugh & Jennifer Ryan RIP
 8pm People of the Parish

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** John Flennerly RIP (1st Anniv.)

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

17th August 2025 **9.00 am** George & Philomena Robertson RIP
 11.00 am People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASSES No Weekday Masses from ***Monday, 4th to Friday, 8th August.*** Weekend Masses will be as usual.
Weekday Masses will resume on 11th August and 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.

18th & 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

3rd & 10th August 2025



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

A message from Fr Adrian Gaffy:

One of St Luke's major interests is the teaching of Jesus about riches and poverty. The parable of the rich fool, which illustrates the corrupting influence and foolishness of wealth, is found only in the Gospel of Luke. It is provoked by the question of a man who is anxious to get his hands on his inheritance.

The warning of Jesus is against 'avarice'. The Greek word pleonexia means literally the craving for more. Possessions do not guarantee life. In the parable the rich man has no consideration for the needs of others, despite the fact that he has more than he could ever need.

This parable recalls Jesus' words earlier in the gospel, when he declared the poor blessed, and the rich cursed (Luke 6). God calls the rich man 'Fool!' reminding us that the gospel is the ultimate answer to the human search for wisdom. Rejection of it is rejection of the true path to God and to life. Fulness of life comes not from possessions, which are, in the words of Ecclesiastes, 'vanity of vanities', but from the discovery of the trustworthy God of the poor.

The lesson in each of today's Scripture readings is of enormous relevance to the world of today, both developed and developing, in which desperate poverty is so often found alongside extraordinary wastefulness and extravagance. In the reading from the Letter to the Colossians St Paul describes greed as 'worshipping a false god'.

Do I allow the craving for more to control my life or my decisions?

In what sense do those who ask always receive?

We pray for those who are trapped by their own addictions and desires.

We pray for the gift of true freedom.

WEEKEND MASSES for the next two weeks will take place at 6pm on Saturday and at 9am and 11am on Sunday.

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

6pm 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:

<https://youtube.com/live/9vD0wV6KXo0?feature=share>

9am 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:

https://youtube.com/live/4IsHsp6_qPA?feature=share

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

6pm 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:

<https://youtube.com/live/1m8Fb2WQJy8?feature=share>

9am 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:

https://youtube.com/live/kz9s1_2qx_M?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.

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:

Eileen Finnigan RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Finnigan.

Eileen's Requiem Mass will take place at 11am on Thursday, 28th August. She will be received into the church at 4pm on Wednesday, 27th August. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES Mary Whittlesey, Ron Dowden, Vera Dunne, Edward McBride, Julian Field, Angela Davies, Noreen Candler, Margaret Goldstone, Jack Healey, Frederick Slaten, Michael Gamon, Diane Pearce, Allan McHugh, Maureen Savage, Jean Adshead and John Flannery.

Clergy: Fr Thomas Jordan, Fr Richard Rowe, Deacon Frederick Wall, Fr Henry Tilley, Fr David Coghlan, Fr Hugh Verity, Fr David Papworth and Fr Stephen Keane.

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

18th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME C

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Treasure	Judge	Inheritance
Barn	Soul	Grain
Fool	Rich	Parable
Brother	Prepared	Crops

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: Friday, 1st to Tuesday, 5th August Please be aware that the Parish Office will be closed from Friday, 1st to Tuesday, 5th August. Please also note that the Parish Office is closed every Tuesday during a normal working week.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Friday, 15th August On Friday, 15th August we will be celebrating the Feast of the Assumption which is a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day parish Masses will be at 10.30am and at 8pm. The 10.30am Mass will also be livestreamed via our parish YouTube channel and the link is here: <https://youtube.com/live/jOkO4L5gyHY?feature=share>

Alpha 2025 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.

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.

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 is our new faith formation pathway for children in school years 3-6 which is 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.

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.

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

The Chaplain at Mountnessing Court Hospital in Billericay is looking to recruit a “*Pastoral Visitor*” (Chaplaincy Volunteer) who could offer 2 hours per week to visit patients as a befriender/listening ear. You would receive initial training and ongoing support and supervision. This might suit a retired person but, is open to anyone who might be suitable.

Mountnessing Court Hospital is run by North East London NHS Foundation Trust and is a Community Rehab Unit offering physiotherapy to patients who have largely come on from one of our main hospitals. The role requires an initial interview with the chaplain followed by 4 training sessions. Part of the process would include ID checks, references and a DBS, in accordance with NHS safeguarding governance.

If interested, please contact Paul McNamara on 07713 709428.

The Most Holy Redeemer Safeguarding Officer is Angela Sparke. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Angela at:

safeguarding-billericay@brcdt.org

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

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.

Knights of Saint Columba - Holy Relics Tour 2025 St Margaret of Scotland St Columba St Andrew

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. The Holy Relics will be available to view at the following locations:

Monday, 4th August Holy Trinity, Basildon 12pm-6pm

Tuesday, 5th August Holy Trinity, Basildon 8am-10am

Brentwood Cathedral 12pm-8pm

Wednesday, 6th August Brentwood Cathedral 8am-10am

Celebrating Vatican II As the sixtieth anniversary of the conclusion of Vatican II approaches Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day entitled ‘Vatican II and its Popes’. The event will take place at the Catholic parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) on Saturday 20th September from 10.30. Entrance is free, and a recording of the talk will be available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org

Spiritual Reading: My Day by Day (£1.15) and Bible Alive (£3) for August are in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.

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

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.

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.

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

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday: Exposition takes place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (13th July). It's also available to watch via our parish YouTube channel by following this link:

https://youtube.com/live/sbii_W1GjWE?feature=share:

Please note that this is the last period of Exposition until the start of September.

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