

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Graham & Anne Lewis RIP

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

31st August 2025

9.00 am	Teresa Ellerby RIP
11.00 am	People of the Parish

MONDAY *St Sebbi, King*
9.15 am Fr Dan's Intentions

TUESDAY **10.15am** Hans Strub RIP (Anniv.)

WEDNESDAY *St Gregory the Great, Priest & Doctor*
9.15am **Conor Chine RIP**

THURSDAY *No Parish Mass*

FRIDAY **9.15am** Teddy Corcoran RIP

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Ints of Kathy Smith (*Waters*)

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

7th September 2025

9.00 am	Ints of Sandy & Iain Allen on their 50 th Wedding Anniversary
11.00 am	People of the Parish

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.

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

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.

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

31st August 2025



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As a parish community we are committed to

Growing Together in Faith & Love.

A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

Today's gospel illustrates how Jesus, as an astute teacher, used the situations in which He found himself to challenge people. In this case His teaching is about the right attitude to have as a guest, and as a host.

It is not surprising that the Old Testament reading chosen to reflect the gospel is from the Book of Ecclesiasticus, one of the so-called Wisdom books. These books do not hesitate to give direct advice about the way to behave properly. The reading from Ecclesiasticus today is about humility.

Jesus takes up the traditions of the Jewish teachers of wisdom. So what is new about His teaching here? He brings with Him the traditional teaching and confirms it, but He also lives it, not simply by His own everyday behaviour, but by going to the lowest place in accepting His martyrdom on the cross.

These apparently mundane teachings, which are set during His journey to Jerusalem to face death, remind us of His willingness to be the servant of all and to give up His life. As He makes His way to Jerusalem the servant Jesus teaches us how to be truly servants, and the humble Jesus teaches us how to be truly humble. For the Christian there is nothing too mundane, no activity which cannot benefit from the light of faith. For the Christian there is no person who does not deserve the gift of our hospitality, the gift of our love.

Do I endeavour to shed the light of faith on all my actions and decisions?

Do I strive for true humility in my attitudes and behaviour?

Let us pray for a heart that is welcoming towards those who are rejected and ill-treated.

Let us pray that despite our weakness we may one day take our place at the wedding feast of God.

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 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 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:

<https://youtube.com/live/AHCsJn45frk?feature=share>

9am 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:

<https://youtube.com/live/1OObXdN-03g?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.

Please Pray for Fred Daly who is currently unwell and in hospital. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Vincent Bunce, Eileen Wilks, James Patterson, Eileen Donovan, John Stevens, Kenneth McGann, James Gibbons and Jimmy Perkins.
Clergy: Canon John Walsh, Canon Cyril Shepherd and Fr Patrick Cavanagh.

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

22ND SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME C

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Wedding	Dinner	Banquet
Feast	Friend	Exalted
Humble	Lowest	Blind
Crippled	Poor	Highest

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 on Sunday, 7th September Please note that the 11am Mass on Sunday, 7th September will be busier than usual because we will be having the blessing of backpacks for Reception children as well as the participation of our GIFT children. If you are going to be attending this Mass please walk if possible or consider leaving extra time in order to find a parking space.

GIFT Update 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. ***Families should make sure that they bring with them an empty glass jar, a pen to write with and something to lean on (magazine or book).***

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resuming on Sunday, 7th September Please note that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be resuming at 5pm on Sunday, September 7th in the church and via the livestream. We will be marking the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis during the Holy Hour.

Alpha 2025: Starting Wednesday, 3rd September 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.

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 Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold its next meeting on Monday 8th September 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

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.

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.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Youth Gather, 25th – 26th October

Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, meeting friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. There will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost, as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply now at www.bcys.net/events

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

Foundation Governor Vacancy at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School:

Upminster Have you ever thought about becoming a Foundation Governor in a Catholic School? It is very rewarding and a great way to live out your faith and serve your local community. You do not need to be an education expert, we welcome applications from practicing Catholics with a variety of skills and backgrounds. The commitment to the role, includes attending 6 full Governing body meetings a year, normally held in the evening, plus serving on at least 1 committee that meets termly. In addition you will be expected to commit to training & termly visits to the school. We currently have a vacancy on our Governing Body. We would welcome in particular Governors with a background in Finance/Legal. If you are interested and would like more information on this role, please contact Mrs Tracey Knight, Chair of Governors on: tknight@mary.haverling.sch.uk

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.

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.

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Diocesan Safeguarding Representative Simon Moules 01277 265234

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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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Last Chance to Apply: 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 at *s.c.dean@hotmail.com* as soon as possible to secure a place.