

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 6.00 pm People of the Parish

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (YEAR A)

30th November 2025 9.00 am Ros Kelk RIP
11.00 am David Thomas RIP

MONDAY 9.15 am John Codling RIP

TUESDAY 10.15 am Eileen Finnigan RIP

WEDNESDAY *St Francis Xavier, Priest*
9.15 am Mary Ann Ellul RIP (Anniv.)

THURSDAY 11.00am Christopher Harris *Requiem Mass*

FRIDAY 9.15 am Tim & Alan Griffiths RIP

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Bernard Regan RIP

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (YEAR A)

7th December 2025 9.00 am People of the Parish
11.00 am Ints of the Alpha Team

WEEKDAY MASSES: This week Parish Masses are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 10.15am on Tuesday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions (30th November)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (30th November). It is also available to watch via our parish livestream by following this link:

<https://youtube.com/live/7J1Fr1GpwNk?feature=share> Father Dan will be available to hear Confessions during the Holy Hour.

Please note that because of the GIFT sessions next Saturday (6th December) there will be no Saturday morning Confessions from 11am to 12pm.

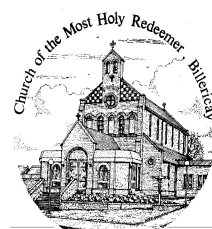
The Most Holy Redeemer Safeguarding Officer is Angela Sparke. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Angela at: safeguarding-billericay@brcdt.org

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (A)

30th November 2025



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

A message from Pauline McEvoy-Williams on multiplication:

The idea to make the Life in the Spirit Seminars as a Diocesan event for this Jubilee Year of Hope was inspired by the Holy Spirit. After running the Seminars for 3 years in our Parish, I had a sense of being called to intentionally offer these beyond our parish to enable many others across our diocese to encounter the Holy Spirit and be empowered for mission.

Spurred on by St Paul in 2 Timothy 2:2, who makes it abundantly clear that multiplication is our mission as disciple-makers and that God's grace empowers us for this task, I discussed this idea with Fr Dan and our small team, who generously welcomed it and committed to making this happen, so the Seminars were successfully made available to all the people of our diocese.

While taking action on this idea initially took me out of my comfort zone, I knew from the Gospels that multiplication is the way Jesus intended God's kingdom to grow because He modelled this, and that He gave us the Holy Spirit to help us multiply disciples and expand God's kingdom exponentially.

I felt the Holy Spirit was presenting me with an opportunity to help expand God's kingdom in our diocese which would equip many more parishioners to go and make disciples by taking the Good News back to their own families, friends, neighbours, workplaces, the groups they belong to and their local communities.

By expanding outwards beyond our Parish, our Diocese is now reaping small green shoots of multiplication as the disciple-makers who were released for service from the Seminars to go out, multiply and "bear much fruit" by which our heavenly Father is glorified (John 15:8) have now taken up the principle of multiplication, and are applying this in their own local contexts.

Multiplication is our calling as Catholic Christians and all of us, in our own way, time and place, can help make disciples and expand God's kingdom here on earth.

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 First Sunday of Advent Year A:

https://youtube.com/live/v_ynC8iSw7Y?feature=share

9am First Sunday of Advent Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/hdVAm3avU0o?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.

Christopher Harris RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher Harris. Christopher's funeral will take place this Thursday 4th December at 11am. May he rest in peace.

Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of our Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon who died earlier this week. May he rest in peace.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Debbie Williams, Maureen Keating, Maisie Shotton, George Deverill, Tim Griffiths, Jim Kennedy, Sheila Hill, Betty Delaney and Anne Rowe.

Clergy: Fr Bartholomew Lynch, Fr James (Pat) Hannon and Fr Brian Drea.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

PARISH OFFERTORY

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>

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 and it will take you straight to the link!



KIDS' CORNER

First Sunday of Advent Year A

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Husbands
Flood
Awake
Fields
Coming
Swept
Grinding

Disciples
Millstone
Drinking
Burglar
House
Man
Break

Noah
Master
Eating
Ark
Stand
Day
Women

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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve

6pm Family Mass: All children are welcome to come dressed as angels and shepherds.

10pm Carols

10.30pm Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9am Christmas Day Mass

11am Christmas Day Mass

For more information about events that are taking place in our parish during Advent and Christmas, please follow this link:

<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/seasonal.php?page=Christmas>

Advent Preaching During the Season of Advent, we will be running a preaching series entitled: "Ready, Steady, Go – what it means to be a multiplying parish" starting this weekend.

Missional Prayer Team We are looking to start up a Missional Prayer Group, meeting once a month to align our prayers with the Holy Spirit's work, to pray for the fulfilment of our Parish Vision and to ask God to continue to renew and transform lives within our parish community and beyond. Missional Prayer is about relying on the power of the Holy Spirit. It is intentional and focused, as we pray for those in our parish by allowing the Holy Spirit to do His work. In prayer we allow our desires to come into closer communion with that of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to be part of our Missional Prayer Group, please email the Parish Office at billericay@brcdt.org or speak to Fr Dan at the end of Mass.



Gingerbread Bethlehem It's this time of year and Christmas is nearly here. We would love to invite you and your children to come to the Parish Hall on the 13th of December, between 11am and 1pm, to decorate gingerbread houses, one house per family. We need lots of families to take part as we are

recreating Bethlehem. The houses will be collated after the decorating is done and displayed in the parish hall for all to come and see on Sunday the 14th of December after 11am Mass. After the display you can take your house home. If you're interested, please contact me; kristindefreitas@brcdt.org so that I can ensure there are enough houses for everyone. A donation of £5 will cover the cost of sweets and the gingerbread house.

Day by Day for Advent are now available at the back of the church for £1.15.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) will be selling their annual draw tickets after each Mass this Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November to help their work supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people in schools and with families across the Diocese. The draw takes place next month on Wednesday 17th December and winners will be contacted before Christmas. Thank you and good luck.

Prayer Ministry Training We are planning to introduce Prayer Ministry once a month for any parishioner who would like to be prayed for. This will be beginning from February 2026 onwards. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Ministry team there will be training offered on Saturday, 10th January in the Pastoral Centre from 10am to 12pm. For more information please contact the Parish Office or speak to Fr Dan at the end of Mass.

Parish Leadership Summit: Saturday, 24th January All leaders of groups and ministries within our parish are warmly invited to come to a Parish Leadership Summit which will be taking place from 9.30am-12pm in the Pastoral Centre on Saturday, 24th January. During the Summit we will be exploring the theme of multiplication and seeing how our groups and ministries can be more outward facing in order to live out our parish vision of making disciples, working together and growing in love and fellowship.

Brentwood Diocesan Directories 2026 The new Brentwood Diocesan Directories are now on sale in the church porch for £2 each.

Confirmation Registration Forms and Retreat Forms If you attended the Information Evening on Sunday, please make sure that your forms and the money for the retreat (£60) are returned to the Parish Office by Sunday, 7th December at the latest. After that date it will no longer be possible to join the Confirmation course.

Lourdes with our Diocese Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes next summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Booking details will be available in the new year.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Billericay warmly invites parents who are applying for a Reception place for September 2026 intake, to an Open Morning Thursday 8th January at 9.15am. Please contact the school office to book your place 01277 653770.

SUNDAY MISSALS now available in the repository together with Christmas cards and Advent Calendars etc.

Vacancy St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking an enthusiastic and motivated Midday Assistant to join our team. MDA's create a very positive, happy and secure environment in our playgrounds, dining hall and the school building at lunchtime. Your primary role will be to maintain the safety, welfare and good conduct of pupils during the lunchtime break. For more information about the position and to apply, please visit <https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=114935> Closing date is Midday on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 Visits to the school are welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the school office by phone 01277 653770 or email on admin@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk

Walsingham House Team 26/27 Applications are now open for the Walsingham House Team 26/27. Being on the team is a wonderful opportunity to work with young people from across the diocese, live in community and to share and deepen our faith. Applications are open to those aged 18-23 (current Yr13 and above). For more information including the application form please see the website <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email michaelkearns@brcdt.org. Applications close on Friday 16th January 2026.

Advent Talk on the Prophets Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will be giving a short talk at 7 pm on Wednesday 3rd December at the Catholic parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest, in Gidea Park. The topic is the Prophets. You may attend in person free of charge, or watch livestream at www.whatgoodnews.org The talk will be available subsequently on the same website.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! You are warmly welcomed to an evening of praise and worship, including mass and adoration. Save the dates: Friday 16th of January and Friday 13th of February 2026. Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm, including refreshments after. Venue: The Blessed Sacrament Church, 116 Melbourne Avenue, CM12DU, Chelmsford. Bring your friends! Organised by the CDSC (Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion).

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!