

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY** 6.00 pm Denis Daly RIP

### **THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2026** 9.00 am Ints of Eileen Finnigan's Family  
11.00 am People of the Parish

**MONDAY** St Timothy & Titus, Bpp  
9.15 am Ints of Donald and Family

**TUESDAY** 10.15am Eileen Finnigan (*Watters*)

**WEDNESDAY** St Thomas Aquinas, Pr D  
9.15am Ronald David Lea RIP

**THURSDAY** *No Parish Mass*

**FRIDAY** 9.15 am John Patrick Fowley RIP  
1.30pm Catherine Brand *Requiem Mass*

**SATURDAY** 6.00 pm Gerry Lawlor RIP

### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**1<sup>st</sup> February 2026** 9.00 am People of the Parish  
11.00 am Kathleen, Francis, Theresa  
& Andrew Skinner RIP

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

**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Please note that there is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday. Exposition will resume on the following Sunday (1st February)

**Confessions:** Will take place this Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January in the church from 11am to 12pm.

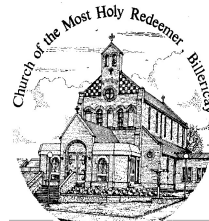
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**Hall Bookings** The booking officer is Anna Sloper who can be contacted by e-mail [canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com)

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

## **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)**

**25<sup>th</sup> January 2026**



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

### **A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:**

Today we begin our reading of the story of the ministry of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, which will take us until the end of the liturgical year. We hear the evangelist's summary of Jesus' message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

Matthew precedes this with a quotation from the Hebrew Scriptures, which he declares to be fulfilled. Jesus brings light not only to Israel but to the nations too, to all those who 'live in darkness'. From the very start he calls disciples. They leave everything at once to follow Jesus.

The message of Jesus and His very personality invite them to take this risk. They accompanied Him as He 'went round the whole of Galilee'. This is the first location for the preaching of the good news and for the healings of Jesus, the place where the gospel is warmly welcomed.

We will hear more about these activities in the weeks to come.

*Have I allowed Jesus to transform the darkness of my life?*

*Am I willing to leave everything and follow him?*

*We pray for a renewed openness to hearing the gospel.*

*We pray for all disciples of the Lord.*

## 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 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year:**

<https://youtube.com/live/5-9lgxnLARG?feature=share>

**9am 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year:**

<https://youtube.com/live/9FvGvufGzRo?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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME.**

**Catherine Brand RIP** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Brand. Cathy's Requiem Mass will be at 1.30pm on Friday, 30th January. May she rest in peace.

**Sheila McNally RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila McNally. Sheila's Requiem Mass is going to be at 1.15pm on Friday, 13th February. May she rest in peace.

**WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES** Jill Foote, Vic Robinson, Mary Murphy, David O'Nion, James Evett, David Clarke, James Phelan Hopkins, Angel Amelia Cronin, Anthony Hubbard, Ron Robinson, Thomas Bradbury, Albert Chiappe, Scott Thurlow, Norma Hardy, Peggy Popplewell, Padraic Kirrane, John Daniels and Gerard Lawler.

**Clergy:** Fr John Hibbert, Fr Alfred Field, Bp Patrick Casey and Fr John (Jack) Clifford.

**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 above and it will take you straight to the link!



# KIDS' CORNER

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

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HOME  
BOAT  
SEA  
LIGHT  
DEATH

SIMON  
GALILEE  
FISH  
ROAD  
NEWS  
HOLY  
BROTHERS

PETER  
NET  
LAKE  
GOOD  
PEOPLE  
SHADOW  
WALKED

**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.

### Prayer Ministry

We are delighted to announce the launch of Prayer Ministry in our parish after all masses on the weekend of the **31st January/ 1st February** and monthly thereafter.

Prayer Ministry is an offering where two trained Prayer Ministers pray with and for a person to facilitate healing, bring comfort and guidance. Prayer ministry will take place in a corner of the church after mass. Music will be playing to ensure privacy. Two prayer ministers will ask what you would like prayer for. They will then pray with you for 3-5 minutes and invite the Holy Spirit to minister over you and your situation. Sometimes the minister will have a bible verse or a picture to share with you. It can be a moving and uplifting experience and most people leave feeling touched by the presence of God. We encourage you to give it a try!

Please note that in most situations what is said in prayer ministry remains confidential unless there is anything shared that indicates that the person who is being prayed for or someone else is at risk of harm. In this instance there will be a duty to follow diocesan safeguarding procedures and inform the relevant authorities.

**Ladies Group** We are a group of friendly lovely ladies who meet once a month for coffee and a chat. Our meetings are held on a Wednesday of the third week in the month, except August, in the Lounge of the Pastoral Centre 9.45am to 12.00. You can pop in at anytime within this time. We also visit Walsingham House for a Retreat Day, have a garden party, a Christmas lunch and raise money for Charities. The January meeting date is *Wednesday 28th January*, the February meeting is on Wednesday 25th (as the 18th is Ash Wednesday). You would be made very welcome at all our meetings. Linda

**Mass of Healing: Saturday, 21st February** At 3pm on Saturday, 21st February we will be celebrating a Healing Mass in the church. This Mass is for those who are experiencing illness and those who desire to experience God's healing love through the sacrament of anointing.

**The Rearranged MacMillan World's Largest Coffee Morning** will take place on Friday 30th January from 9.30am-12pm in the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre behind the church. Please come and show your support towards a very worthy cause. There will be a large selection of cakes, a raffle and most importantly tea and coffee. We would be grateful for any donations to the raffle and most importantly **HOMEMADE** (or shop bought) **CAKES**. (Please bring to the hall in the morning).

**Youth Hub** is the Parish project to transform Meeting Room 1 in the Pastoral Centre into a Youth Hub. If you would like to donate to the Youth Hub fund you can do so by bank transfer using the following details:

Name of Payee: *Catholic Church Billericay*

Bank: *HSBC High Street, Brentwood Essex*

Sort Code: *40-13-22*

Account Number: *91019902*

Reference: *YOUTH HUB*

Please remember to **add the reference** so that we can allocate your donation appropriately.

**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!

**Brentwood Cathedral Young Adults Group.** Are you aged between 18 – 35 and interested in meeting like minded individuals in a relaxed and social environment? The Brentwood Cathedral Young Adults Group meet on the first Sunday of each month after the 6.30 p.m. Sunday Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. We walk to a nearby Pub after Mass for some food or drink and for the opportunity to meet and support each other spiritually and socially, wherever you are on your Faith journey. For more information please email [cathedral@brcdt.org](mailto:cathedral@brcdt.org)

**Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus!** You are warmly welcomed to an evening of praise and worship, including mass and adoration. Next date will be 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).

**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](mailto:billericay@brcdt.org) or look at the Connect Groups noticeboard in the church porch.

**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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

**St John Bosco Children's Camp** an amazing volunteer opportunity for this summer. If you are in school year 12 or student age (or any age over 17!) you are very welcome to apply at [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk). The application process includes references and a DBS check, which we can help with, as well as a training and support before and during Camp. The Camp provides over 100 children a week with a summer holiday – for many their only holiday. As a volunteer you use your skills in assisting with different sporting and fun activities, as well as the practical aspects of camp life. Volunteer for 25th July – 1st August or 1st – 8th August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood, and also seeks financial donations – all information on the website.

**BCCS Afternoon Tea** The Brentwood Catholic Children Society is delighted to kick off the year with an invitation to Afternoon Tea. Hosted in the opulent surroundings of the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 17th February 2026 (13:30-15:30). Set in the elegant ballroom of this prestigious venue, this fundraising event promises an experience of true luxury. Tickets are £35 per person - for more information or to book your place search <http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> or contact Julie ([jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) or 07912277413).

#### **Teacher Vacancies in the Diocese:**

**Headteacher** - Holy Family Primary School, Benfleet

[https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2026-01-28\\_0900\\_Holy-Family-Catholic-Primary-School-Benfleet\\_Headteacher\\_Job-Advert.pdf](https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/2026-01-28_0900_Holy-Family-Catholic-Primary-School-Benfleet_Headteacher_Job-Advert.pdf) Deadline for applications: 09:00, Wednesday 28th January 2026

**Headteacher** - St Francis Primary School, Braintree

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2026/01/HTAdvert.pdf> Deadline for applications: 23:59 Sunday 1st February 2026

**Becoming Beacons of Hope in a Crazy, Confusing World** - Dr Liam Hayes, Director of the Centre for Ecclesial Ethics (Cambridge) Last week we had an inspiring talk by Liam Hayes, which included thoughtful reflections of students from John Payne and New Hall schools. If you missed it or want to watch again, you can view the recording here: <https://canonesses.co.uk/becoming-beacons-of-hope-in-a-crazy-confusing-world-rev-dr-liam-hayes-wed-21-january-7-30pm/> Please join us for a follow-on discussion on Zoom on Wed 28th January at 7pm (30-45 mins). We are delighted that Liam will be joining us. ALL ARE WELCOME - here is the link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82603842627?pwd=DtFCmGsQMm4nWpwtaquvYhOTHAFIR.1>

We look forward to seeing you then.

**Spiritual Reading: Bible Alive (£6) for January & February** is in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box. Bible Alive is now published every two months.