

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Lucy Goodswen RIP & Lucy Stone RIP

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (YEAR A)

14th December 2025 **9.00 am** Alana & Colyn Boyce RIP
 11.00 am People of the Parish

MONDAY **9.15 am** Peter Nowak RIP (Anniv.)

TUESDAY *No Parish Mass*

WEDNESDAY **9.15 am** Lilian Wolahan RIP

THURSDAY *No Parish Mass*

FRIDAY **9.15 am** Colin Finch RIP

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Jack McGeachie RIP

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (YEAR A)

21st December 2025 **9.00 am** People of the Parish
 11.00 am Annie Mills, Joe & Peg Burchall RIP

WEEKDAY MASSES: This week Parish Masses are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please note that there is no 10.15am Mass this Tuesday.

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday Please note that there is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (14th December) because of the Parish Advent Carol Service.

Confessions During Advent: All Catholics are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent. Confessions will take place in the church from 11am to 12pm on Saturday, 13th and Saturday, 20th December and from 11am to 1pm on Wednesday, 24th December (Christmas Eve)

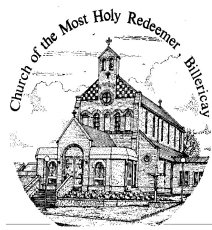
The Most Holy Redeemer Safeguarding Officer is Angela Sparke. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Angela at: safeguarding-billericay@brcdt.org

Parish Family Life Co-ordinator Kristin De Freitas
 Email: kristindefreitas@brcdt.org Mobile: 07492910138.

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (A)

14th December 2025

	<p style="text-align: center;">21, Laindon Road, Billericay, CM12 9LL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Parish Priest: Father Daniel Mason</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Telephone: 01277 624891</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Email: billericay@brcdt.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>As a parish community we are committed to</i> Growing Together in Faith & Love.</p>
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A message from Gabrielle O'Regan on multiplication:

My testimony begins in Lockdown when we were attending Mass with our daughter and grandchildren. It was during the time when everyone was standing apart from each other and space in Church was at a premium, so to go as a 'Bubble' on Tuesday mornings to Billericay made sense until the pandemic restrictions were over.

However, it was soon very noticeable after the Covid pandemic that fewer parishioners were coming to Church each Sunday, especially in our own Parish of Hutton. From attending Mass at Billericay with our daughter we learnt about various Parish activities which were aiming at building the community there, notably Alpha and Connect Groups.

After attending a meeting for Connect Groups led by Fr. Dan, and later helping to cook for an Alpha Course evening, I was inspired to bring these ideas to Hutton. Then our new Parish priest Fr. Gary, who was encouraging parishioners to return, asked Willa, my husband Bill, and I to attend a Divine Renovation Day at Billericay. From there we went to an Alpha Day in Romford Parish led by Michael Roche which we found very helpful and enabled us to plan Alpha for Hutton, with Fr. Gary's support.

We were blessed to find many volunteers to help by praying for the Alpha, with the sessions and with cooking the meals. After a year of planning which included a very informative presentation by Louise from Billericay, we began our Alpha at Hutton in September and are now approaching the end of our course for which we give thanks to God for His guidance and its success.

Next year we plan to invite non-Christians through the Alpha website as well as our own parishioners, and to introduce the idea of Connect groups for those who wish to keep in contact.

Prayer is the central key to all that has been achieved. We have all felt guided and supported by the Holy Spirit throughout all the challenges and joys of this journey.

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 Third Sunday of Advent Year A (Gaudete Sunday):

<https://youtube.com/live/YAPWJlbQGo4?feature=share>

9am Third Sunday of Advent Year A (Gaudete Sunday):

<https://youtube.com/live/ivKPmO-I6v8?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.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Sheila Silverton, Bill Howie, Alana Boyce, Catherine Jewell, Elizabeth Wilkes, Frank John, Susan Sullivan, Mary Beat, Dominica Faccini, Cecil Rothon, Lilian Gully, John Marner, Joshua Golder, Vera Mains, Ray Cavanagh, Matthew Golder, Emily Evett, Maud Hughes, Teresa Flack and Paricia Higgins.

Clergy: Fr Gerard Kerr and Fr William Guinevan.

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

Third Sunday of Advent Year A

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John	Lepers	Breeze
Prophet	Scripture	Hear
Jesus	Prison	Cleansed
Clothes	Children	Prepare
Reed	Happy	Blind
Messenger	Palaces	Heaven
Help	Lame	Poor

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

Please note that after Christmas there won't be any weekday Masses on Friday, 26th December and from Monday, 29th December to Friday, 2nd January.

Advent Preaching Our Advent Preaching Series continues with the third part of our series entitled "Being Steady." If you would like to watch the second part of the series you can do so by following this link:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hDAdRLmda6U> The homily starts from 17:10 onwards.

Parish Advent Carol Service: 5pm on Sunday, 14th December Our Parish Advent Carol Service is taking place at 5pm on Sunday, 14th December with carols and readings led by the 9am and 11am Choirs. After the Service refreshments will be offered in the Pastoral Centre.

Gingerbread Bethlehem You are invited to come into the Pastoral Centre after the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday to view the Gingerbread Bethlehem which our children have created.

Missional Prayer Team At all of the Masses this weekend we are going to be hearing more about our new Missional Prayer Group which will be meeting for the first time at 7pm on Monday, 15th December in the Pastoral Centre. If you would like to be part of this, please email the Parish Office at billericay@brcdt.org or speak to Fr Dan at the end of Mass.

6pm Christmas Mass Pop Up Choir Calling all singers who would like to join our traditional 'Pop-up Choir' on Christmas Eve at the 6.00 pm Family Mass. If you would like to join, then please contact Kathy Underhill on 07810123122 or contact the Parish Office. There will be a short rehearsal at 5.15 on the day when music / words will be given out. Book your seat soon as there is limited capacity in the Choir loft!

Messengers Many thanks to our band of messengers who have delivered Christmas cards throughout the parish. If you did not receive a card perhaps you have not registered or have moved. Please contact the Parish Office on billericay@brcdt.org and we will check our records. Most Holy Redeemer.

Youth Hub This weekend you will have an opportunity to view the rooms in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre which we are planning to convert into a designated Youth Hub. You will also be able to see the proposed plans for the space. 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. You can also read about the events and activities we have been holding for our children and young people in an insert in this week's newsletter.

Christmas Offerings As is the custom, your offerings at the Christmas Masses are your personal gift to the Parish Priest. Please note that due to finance regulations any Standing Order contributions can only be donations to the parish and cannot be part of the priest's Christmas offering unless specifically stated "**Christmas**". Offerings may be made at Mass through the contactless Dona machine or posted through the door of the Priest's House marked "**Christmas**" with Gift Aid number if appropriate. Cheques should be payable to Catholic Church Billericay and will be dealt with by the office staff. Alternatively, a bank transfer can be made. See under Gift Aid and Standing Orders for details.
Thank You. The Parish Finance Committee.

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.

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

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

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. Bishop Thomas's funeral will take place on 16 Dec at 11.30am. Due to the number of people who wish to attend Bishop Emeritus Thomas McMahon's Requiem Mass at the Cathedral, **each parish in the diocese has only been allocated two places.** If you would like to watch the Mass, it will be livestreamed and the link is below:
<https://www.shealolin.co.uk/bishop-thomas> or follow the QR code above.



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

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.

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)."

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking to appoint an Administration Assistant to join our School Office team. For more information about the position and to apply, please visit:
<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=115226>
Closing date is Midday on Monday 5th January 2026. 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

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