

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY**                      **6.00 pm**    Jack McGeachie RIP

### **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (YEAR A)**

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

**MONDAY**                      **9.15 am**    Julian, Jillian & Chris Field RIP

**TUESDAY**                    **10.15am**    Ints of Teresa Hinder

### **WEDNESDAY                THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD**

**Family Mass: 6 pm**    Rachel Beat RIP & Mary Beat RIP

**10pm**    *Carol Service*

**Midnight Mass: 10.30pm**    People of the Parish

**THURSDAY**                    **9am**    Margaret Ellul RIP (Anniv.)  
    **11am**    Joshua & Matthew Golder RIP  
    and Ruth Gillespie RIP

**FRIDAY**    *No Parish Mass*

**SATURDAY**                    **6.00 pm**    George Ghitty RIP (Anniv)

### **THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH (YEAR A)**

**28<sup>th</sup> December 2025**        **9.00 am**    People of the Parish  
    **11.00 am**    Ints of the Higgerty Family

*No Parish Masses from Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> December to Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January*

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** takes place this Sunday (21st December) at 5pm in the church. It's also available to watch via our parish livestream by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/kLmc17joQqo?feature=share>.

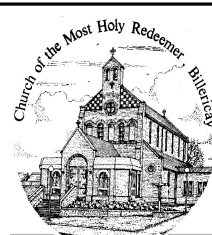
**Confessions During Advent:** All Catholics are encouraged to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the season of Advent. Confessions will take place in the church from 11am to 12pm on Saturday, 20th December and from 11am to 1pm on Wednesday, 24th December (Christmas Eve).

**Parish Family Life Co-ordinator** Kristin De Freitas  
 Email: [kristindefreitas@brcdt.org](mailto:kristindefreitas@brcdt.org) Mobile: 07492910138.

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

## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (A)**

**21<sup>st</sup> Dec 2025**



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

### **A message from Nathalie Watson on multiplication:**

Over the past few years, my involvement in Alpha, the Life in the Spirit seminars, and our parish Connect Groups has shaped my faith in ways I didn't expect. Each step has deepened my relationship with God and has shown me how renewal can grow naturally within a parish when people simply walk together and share what they've received.

My journey began with Alpha. I appreciated the open, welcoming space it created, somewhere you could ask honest questions and explore faith without pressure. As the weeks went on, groups of people formed real connections. When Alpha finished, several people said they wanted to continue meeting and keep growing in their faith. Sensing this need, I offered to start and lead a Connect Group so that our journey together could continue.

Leading this Connect Group has been a real blessing. We meet regularly to pray, reflect on Scripture, and talk openly about our lives and faith. Over time, I've seen people grow in confidence, discover new aspects of their relationship with God, and support one another through challenges. What began as a small group has become a place of steady, genuine growth, and it has shown me what growth looks like in everyday parish life: faith deepening, people encouraging one another, and a community slowly expanding.

The Life in the Spirit seminars prepared me for this in an important way. They helped me become more aware of the Holy Spirit's guidance and His renewed outpouring, bringing clarity, courage, and a rekindled sense of purpose, giving me a clearer sense of the gifts I might offer in service. I began discerning the Charisms God may be calling me to use and felt an increasing pull to step forward and contribute more fully to the life of the Church. This experience eventually led me to train as a Parish Renewal Guide for our Diocese. In this new role, I now have the opportunity to begin to support other parishes as they explore their own paths of renewal.

Through Alpha, Life in the Spirit, my Connect Group, and Parish Renewal work, I've learned that multiplication isn't about big gestures or dramatic moments. It's about small steps of faith that encourage others to take their own. I'm grateful to be part of this ongoing journey and to see how God is quietly at work in our parish.

## 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:

### 20<sup>th</sup>/ 21<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER

**6pm Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A:**

[https://youtube.com/live/s\\_20qczD8ec?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/s_20qczD8ec?feature=share)

**9am Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A:**

<https://youtube.com/live/DvXqfieJLn8?feature=share>

### CHRISTMAS MASSES:

**10pm Christmas Eve Carol Service followed by 10.30pm Midnight Mass:**

<https://youtube.com/live/ibiYMeZr94g?feature=share>

**11am Christmas Day Mass:**

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

### 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

**6pm Feast of the Holy Family Year A:**

<https://youtube.com/live/c5hlPwMwppE?feature=share>

**9am Feast of the Holy Family Year A:**

<https://youtube.com/live/rIkXCoxKxxM?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.**

**Sean Owen RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sean Owen. When we have confirmation about the funeral arrangements, we will announce them at the Masses and in the weekly email and parish newsletter. May he rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

**Cathy Brand RIP** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Cathy Brand. Details of her funeral will be announced at the Masses and in the weekly email and parish newsletter. May she rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

### 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, Paricia Higgins, Margaret Reardon, Madge Smith, Lorna Lawrence, George Pritchard, Irene Redgrave, Mary Peskett, Gerry Conlon, Georgie Chitty, Grace Gilpin, John Trinnaman, Joan Miller, Margaret Tyler, Christopher Flack, Ted Mason, Una Garrick and Mary Cronjaeger.

**Clergy:** Fr Arthur Cowd, Bp Brian Foley, Fr Francis Greenan, Fr Francis Wilson, Canon John Byrne, Fr Brian Reeves and Pope Benedict XVI.

**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

## Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

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| David   | Afraid | Dream   |

**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

If you are planning to come to one of the Christmas Masses and you see somebody that you don't know, do introduce yourself and make them welcome.

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.

**The Parish Office** will be open next week on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December only. The following week it will be open on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Normal hours will return from Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

**Advent Preaching** If you would like to watch the third part of the preaching series you can do so by following this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YAPWJlbOG04> The homily starts from 17:43 onwards

**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](mailto:billericay@brcdt.org) and we will check our records. Most Holy Redeemer.

**Feast of the Epiphany: Tuesday, 6th January** On Tuesday, 6th January we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany which is a Holy Day of Obligation. On that day Masses will be celebrated at 10.30am and at 8pm. The livestream link to the 10.30am Mass is here: <https://youtube.com/live/6LBOEmbTLY8?feature=share>

**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: Saturday, 10th January** 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.

**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.

**Bishop Thomas McMahon's Requiem Mass:** If you would like to watch the Mass, the link is below: <https://www.shealolin.co.uk/bishop-thomas>

**SUNDAY MISSALS** are now available in the repository.

**Dear friends of the Wise Men.** It is incredible how the days and the weeks fly by, and we are once again preparing for the arrival of Baby Jesus and, of course, of the Wise Men. So it is my pleasure to invite all the Spanish and Portuguese speaking parishioners to Claudia and Graeme's house on January the 3rd to celebrate Epiphany from 1.30 to 4.30pm. Please confirm that you are able to come and also what you would like to bring to share. For more information, contact Macarena on 07717475687 or send me a message.

**Queridos Amigos de los Reyes Magos** Parece mentira como los días y las semanas vuelan y estamos nuevamente preparando la venida del Niño Jesús y porsupuesto de los Reyes Magos. Con tal motivo estoy muy feliz de poder invitar a los feligreses que hablan español o portugués a la casa de Claudia y Graeme el día Sábado 3 de Enero de 1.30 a 4.30pm para celebrar Epifanía. Por favor confirmar asistencia y también que podrían traer para compartir. Para mayor información ponerse en contacto con Macarena ya sea por mensaje o llamada al 07717475687

**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](mailto: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*.

**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).

**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)