

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Catherine Carroll RIP

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

18th January 2026 **9.00 am** Janusz Stranc RIP

11.00 am People of the Parish

MONDAY **9.15 am** Margaret Ellul RIP

TUESDAY **10.15am** Jack & Edith Hinchlee RIP

WEDNESDAY **10.30am** Sean Owen *Requiem Mass*

THURSDAY *No Parish Mass*

FRIDAY **9.15 am** Bridgitte Cronin RIP

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Denis Daly RIP

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

25th January 2026 **9.00 am** Ints of Eileen Finnigan's Family

11.00 am People of the Parish

Weekday Masses: This week Parish Masses are at 9.15am on Monday and Friday and at 10.15am on Tuesday. There is no 9.15am Parish Mass on Wednesday because of the Requiem Mass for Seán Owen

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place this Sunday (18th January) at 5pm in the church. It's also available to watch via our parish livestream by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/reOLpnOpy7Q?feature=share>

No Confessions Saturday, 24th January Please note that there will be no Confessions on Saturday, 24th January because we will be having our Parish Leadership Summit on that date.

If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament you are able to do so during the Holy Hour on Sundays from 5pm to 6pm or by request.

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Hall Bookings The booking officer is Anna Sloper who can be contacted by e-mail 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

18th January 2026

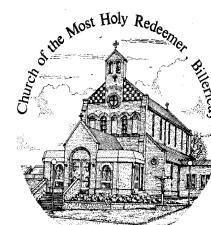
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*As a parish community we are committed to
Growing Together in Faith & Love.*

A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

Despite the fact that we have now re-entered the 'ordinary time' of the liturgical year, there is something of a reluctance to leave the Christmas season behind.

The first reading, just like last Sunday, is taken from the 'songs of the servant' in the book of Isaiah. This time we hear that the servant is to bring light and salvation 'to the ends of the earth'. There is a clear echo here of the feast of the Epiphany and the people of the earth seeking the light of God. Furthermore, the gospel reading today is taken from the first chapter of John.

We shall have to wait until next week to begin listening to the account of Jesus' ministry found in the Gospel of Matthew, the gospel laid down to be read this year. The Gospel of John, known also as the 'Fourth Gospel', contains in its first chapter the magnificent 'prologue', read at Christmas, which begins with the mighty words 'In the beginning was the Word.' There follows a portrayal of John the Baptist, which differs in many ways from his presentation in other gospels.

As shown in today's gospel, for this evangelist John the Baptist is above all a witness. There is no detailed presentation of the baptism of Christ. Rather, the Baptist proclaims the abiding presence of the Spirit with Jesus. This evangelist is not interested in the self-abasement of Jesus in accepting baptism from John, but focuses on the witness to Jesus given by the Baptist.

In this gospel reading John points out Jesus with the words: 'There is the Lamb of God!' These words recall the Passover lamb, slaughtered at the exodus from Egypt and year by year in the Jewish Passover feast. As the blood of the lamb was a sign of salvation for the Jews in Egypt, so the blood of Christ brings God's salvation and freedom to those who accept him.

Do I accept Jesus as 'the Chosen One of God'?

How does the Fourth Evangelist present John the Baptist?

We pray with the Church: 'Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us.'

We pray for a united witness from Christians to the truth which Christ brings.

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 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/Jbghzw6cAJk?feature=share>

9am 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/OV6wJok3dr4?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 Seán Owen. Seán will be received into the church at 4pm this Tuesday (20th January) and his Requiem Mass will be at 10.30am this Wednesday (21st January). If you would like to watch the Requiem Mass via the livestream you can do so by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/maXTFurnL1M?feature=share>

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.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES May Glen, Bridget Lydon, Anne Layland, Mary Porter, Molly Chabers, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, John Purcell, Brigitte Cronin, Catherine Tatnall, Gladys Cregg, Jeannie Vincent, Fred Ellenby, Michale Kelley, Dorothy Hales, David Willats and Anthony Busuttil.

Clergy: Canon Charles Kypers, Mgr Canon David Donnelly, Fr John Meehan, Bp Bernard Ward, Fr Christopher Quirke, Pope Benedict, Bp Arthur Doubleday, Fr John O'Sullivan.

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

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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P	P	E	D	O	V	E	C	A	M	E

John	Look	Lamb
Sin	World	Reveal
Baptising	Israel	Water
Spirit	Heaven	Dove
Chosen	Holy	Rest
Down	Man	Came
Witness	Spoke	Sent

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 inform Angela Sparke, the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

Thank you to all of you who volunteered and attended the Prayer Ministry Training on Saturday.

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 of 21st January has now changed to *Wednesday 28th January* (as the 21st is Sean Owen's Funeral). The February meeting is on Wednesday 25th (as the 18th is Ash Wednesday). You would be made very welcome at all our meetings. Linda

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.

Confirmation 2026 At the 6pm Mass this Saturday our candidates will be celebrating the Rite of Acceptance. Please pray for them and their families.

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.

Cathedral Lunchtime Recital We are much looking forward to a rather special Lunchtime Recital to take place in Brentwood Cathedral on *Saturday 24th January at 1.30 pm*. The musicians are Amy Bradshaw – Violin, Katherine O'Hanlon – Soprano accompanied by Kathy Underhill on the Piano. As this Recital is unusually taking place on a weekend, we hope this will enable you to bring your friends and especially a good opportunity for young school students to join us. The music selection will include pieces by Mozart, Offenbach, Debussy, Bach and others. Please do come and support our young musicians. Entrance is free.

ADORE Spiritual Retreat on the theme of “God is Love” On Saturday, 24th January there is an online mini retreat for spiritual renewal taking place via Zoom. For more information and in order to register please go to:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/7wj60UBXR7eBqBXrahBxcA#/registration> or visit www.altonrenewal.com

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!

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).

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

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.

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. 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.

Becoming Beacons of Hope in a crazy, confusing world – Rev Dr Liam Hayes A talk hosted by the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre at New Hall School. In a world engulfed by crises and confusion, that sow the seeds of division and despair, let us listen anew to the wisdom and young voices of hope that awaken us to the horizon of another possible world. Join us for a participative exploration of hope in our world today. New Hall School (CM3 3HS), 7.30 pm, Wednesday 21st January 2026. Refreshments will be served from 7pm All are welcome. For more details and to book your place please see the link via our home page www.canonesses.co.uk