

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Jan Pawlowski RIP

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

15th February 2026 **9.00 am** John Ellul RIP (Anniv.)
 11.00 am People of the Parish

MONDAY **9.15 am** Mary Kavanagh RIP (Anniv.)
TUESDAY **10.15am** Francis (Frank) Finnigan RIP

WEDNESDAY **ASH WEDNESDAY**
 10am Patrick Dempsey & Family RIP
 1pm Melville (Jim) Burrows RIP
 8pm People of the Parish

THURSDAY **No Parish Mass**

FRIDAY **11.30 am** Dr Richard Dungu **Requiem**

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** People of the Parish

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)

22nd February 2026 **9.00 am** John Hasson RIP (Anniv.)
 11.00 am Ida & George Zarb RIP

Weekday Masses: This week Parish Masses are at 9.15am on Monday, 10.30am, 1pm and 8pm on Wednesday and at 10.15am on Tuesday. There is no 9.15am Parish Mass this Friday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place this Sunday (15th February) at 5pm in the Church. It is also available to watch via our parish livestream by following this link:

<https://youtube.com/live/J8Pyd7EMXWg?feature=share> During the recitation of the Rosary, we will be praying for all of our sick parishioners in advance of our Healing Mass on Saturday, 21st February.

Confessions this Saturday: Confessions will take place in the church from 11am to 12pm on Saturday, 21st February. Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a great way to prepare our hearts for the Season of Lent.

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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

15th February 2026

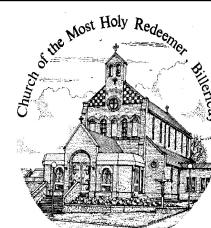
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*As a parish community we are committed to
Growing Together in Faith & Love.*

A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

We continue reading from the first great speech of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew, the Sermon on the Mount. Today's reading is very long, so that only the first few verses are given here. You are invited to read the rest in your Bible. Jesus teaches that the 'Law and the Prophets', by which he means the scriptural tradition of Jewish faith, are to be cherished. Nevertheless, these traditions are to be 'completed' or 'fulfilled'. The fulfilment brought by Jesus can be new and unexpected. Having challenged the inadequate 'virtue' or 'righteousness' of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus presents a new way. He gives six examples of how his teaching deepens the traditional teaching of the Jews. These pieces of teaching are sometimes described as 'antitheses'. In them Jesus quotes the Jewish tradition and goes on to challenge it with the words 'But I say this to you!' The first challenge makes more radical the commandment 'You must not kill'. For those called by Christ there are deeper demands. To hurl anger and insults at another is not the behaviour of a Christian. In the following verses Jesus will offer radical new understandings of other tenets of the Law. To hate one's enemy may have been considered acceptable in the tradition, but in verse 44 Jesus says: 'But I say this to you: Love your enemies!'

Am I ready to learn new things from the teaching of Jesus?

Do I cherish the teaching of the Law and the Prophets which prepared the way for Christ?

We pray for readiness to learn from the Scriptures and from the teaching of the Church.

We pray for a new attitude to those who have offended us.

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 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

https://youtube.com/live/_sK5dhnaaXI?feature=share

9am 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/Wm8d8gKpHd0?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 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!



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

Dr Richard Dungu RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dr Richard Dungu, the husband of Ann and father of Tanya, Jason and Carol, who recently died. Richard's Requiem Mass will take place at 11:30am on Friday, 20th February. Please note this Mass will replace the usual 9.15am Mass on that day. May he rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

Maureen O'Sullivan RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen O'Sullivan, the mother of Katherine Parker. Maureen's Requiem Mass will take place at 10am on Thursday, 5th March. May she rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Bridget Stevens, Bridget Allen, Thomas Delaney, Rose Walrusley, Eileen Morrow, Matthew Nash, Edna Etherington, Davey Foley, Gisela Trinnaman, Joseph Aldorino, Joan Duffett, Fred Porter and Geoff Topple.

Clergy: Fr Alan Wilcox, Canon Bernard Manning, Pope Pius XI, Fr Donald Mills, Fr John Garrett, Fr Charles Snell.

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>

KIDS' CORNER

6th Sunday of Ordinary Time



ALTAR	ANCESTORS
COMMANDMENTS	DISCIPLES
JESUS	JUDGE
OATH	OFFERING
PHARISEES	PRISON
RECONCILED	SCRIBES

BROTHER
HEAVEN
KINGDOM
OFFICER
PROPHETS
VIRTUE

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

After Easter there will be two changes to Mass intentions:

1. Friday Masses Fr Dan will be moving his day off from Thursday to Friday. This will mean that any intentions that have been put on a Friday after Easter will be transferred to the Thursday.

2. Double Mass Intentions it is now permissible to have two people's Mass intentions at one Mass so long as both are in agreement. If you are happy to share your Mass when requesting an intention please make sure to say so. On the new intention envelopes there will be a box that can be ticked to show you are happy to share your Mass date.

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, 18th February Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Season of Lent and is an opportunity for us to receive the blessed ashes on our foreheads. This year, Ash Wednesday is during the school half term which means that families should make a special effort to come to one of the parish Masses because there won't be any school liturgies. Masses on Ash Wednesday are at 10.30am, **1pm** and at 8pm. Please note the additional Mass at 1pm.

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.

Christian Meditation – Preparation for Lent A series of 5 weekly sessions will be held every Thursday starting 26th February at 12pm. Each session will last between an hour to an hour and a half. The sessions will take place in the upstairs room of the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre. It will be helpful if you would kindly bring your Bible to follow the Scripture reading as well as a notebook and pencil. You are welcome to bring a friend along. Please register your name with the Parish Office to confirm your attendance. For more information please speak to Janet or Ed Harvey.

Lenten Leaflets will be available in the church from Ash Wednesday onwards (Wednesday, 18th February).

Stations of the Cross: Beginning at 7pm this Friday (20th February) Stations of the Cross will take place in the church throughout Lent every Friday evening at 7pm beginning on Friday, 20th February. On Friday, 20th March the Stations will be led by our Confirmation Candidates.

Spiritual Reading: Lent Day by Day (£1.15) is in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.

Prayer Ministry: Saturday, 28th February & Sunday, 1st March We will be offering prayer ministry at the end of all of the Parish Masses on the weekend of the 28th February and the 1st March

Multiplication Leaflet: Following on from the presentation by members of our Parish Leadership Team of our new Multiplication Leaflet entitled “Becoming a Church on Mission”, this leaflet is also available to view on our parish website by following this link:

<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/media/events/MultiplicationLeaflet.pdf>

If you have any thoughts or suggestions about how we can be a multiplying parish, please email the Parish Office or speak to Father Dan at one of the Parish Masses. You may also want to consider joining our Missional Prayer Group which meets monthly at 7pm on Monday

Series of Four Lenten Lectures 2026: Will take place at Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall commencing Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7.30pm. The theme this year is: “What does it truly mean to be Catholic?” This invitation is to the whole Diocese of Brentwood. All Welcome!

Talk 1. Wednesday 25th February. Abbot Hugh Allan, O Praem. “I Believe...” Living and Proclaiming the Catholic Faith.

Talk 2. Wednesday 4th March. Rev Msgr Kevin W Hale, VG. “Being Catholic and the call to holiness as seen in the lives of some recently canonised saints.

Talk 3. Wednesday 11th March. Mr Mauro Iannicelli. “Prayer as the Foundation of our Catholic Life.”

Talk 4. Wednesday 18th March. Rev Msgr John Armitage. “The uniqueness of Catholicism for British Society.”

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!

Lourdes with our Diocese Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes this summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026.

Bookings are now open, for more information please visit:

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>

Lourdes Fund Appeal: On Wednesday we celebrate the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, patroness of our diocese. Each summer a large group of pilgrims from our diocese visits the place where Our Lady appeared to St Bernadette. The collection that is taken up throughout our diocese today makes it possible for people to go on pilgrimage who would be unable to spend this time in Lourdes without support from our team of doctors, nurses and helpers, or without financial assistance. As well as the retiring collection at Mass, you can give online at <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations> (specify ‘Lourdes Fund’ in the ‘Other’ box). Thank you for your support.

Use of Wet Wipes in the Pastoral Centre: Please could all hall users make sure that they never flush wet wipes down any of the toilets in the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre. We are having to get a drainage company to come in once a month to clean the drains and to avoid blockages in the toilets in large part because hall users are still flushing wet wipes down the toilets and blocking the drains. If you need to dispose of wet wipes we have installed a bin in the disabled toilets specifically for the disposal of wet wipes.

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.

The Book of Genesis – Lenten Talk On Thursday 12th March at 7 p.m. in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, 410 Brentwood Road, in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) Fr Adrian Graffy will be giving a talk on the Book of Genesis, a book which in different ways figures prominently during Lent. The talk will be preceded by light refreshments from 6.30 p.m. This free, in-person event is also available via live stream at www.whatgoodnews.org

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