

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Joan Donovan RIP
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)		
1st March 2026	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Ints of Liam & Phil Young: <i>In Thanksgiving for their 60th Wedding Anniversary</i>
MONDAY	9.15 am	David Nash RIP
TUESDAY	10.15am	Cathy Woodham RIP
WEDNESDAY	9.15am	Clare McCarthy RIP (Anniv.)
THURSDAY	10.00am	Maureen O'Sullivan (<i>Requiem Mass</i>)
FRIDAY	9.15am	Christopher Harris RIP
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Liam Lawlor RIP
THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)		
8th March 2026	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	John Fowley RIP

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (1st March)
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church from 5pm to 6pm this Sunday (1st March). There will also be the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Holy Hour. If you would like to watch via the livestream you can do so by following this link: https://youtube.com/live/L_CnDw-dGI8?feature=share

No Confessions this Saturday: There are no Saturday morning Confessions this Saturday (7th March) because of the GIFT sessions. Confessions will resume again from 11am to 12pm on Saturday, 14th March.

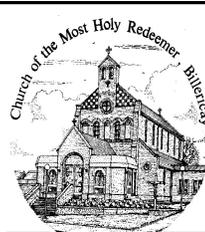
Parish Family Life Co-ordinator Kristin De Freitas
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Hall Bookings The booking officer is Anna Sloper who can be contacted by e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

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 IN LENT (A)

1st March 2026



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

A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

On the second Sunday of Lent the gospel of the Transfiguration is always read, from one or other of the three synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). This year it is Matthew's account which is read. What is it that makes this story appropriate at this time?

The story recounts an experience of Jesus which three disciples shared, but which they are told must remain secret until after He has risen from the dead. The experience astonishes the disciples, for they see Jesus transformed, transfigured, as they have never seen Him before. To understand the meaning of this event we should remember that in the gospel story Jesus has just told the disciples that He foresees His own passion and death. They react with horror.

The transfiguration serves to put their fear in a broader context.

Going to His death, Jesus nevertheless trusts that the Father will raise Him from the dead. The experience of the transfiguration, the details of which are quite difficult to grasp, gives these three chosen disciples a glimpse of something beyond suffering and death. The reading from the book of Genesis may seem to have little connection, but here too we are aware of a journey, the journey of Abraham into the unknown as he trusts God to be with him. The journey of Jesus to the cross is similar. If we have trust in God we too can 'bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News', as the second reading asks.

How might the story of the transfiguration gives us hope?

Have I ever experienced anything like transfiguration in my own life?

We pray that we may persevere in trust, like Jesus and Abraham.

We pray for a broader vision, that we may be more aware of the things of God, and of God's goodness.

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 of Lent Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/UYA-U-BzH4I?feature=share>

9am 2nd Sunday of Lent Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/yXqo8pxolFk?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.

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 this Thursday (5th March). May she rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

Michael Nash RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Nash, the husband of Pauline Nash. Michael's Requiem mass will take place at 11am on Friday, 20th March. May he rest in peace.

Mavis Kennedy RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mavis Kennedy who died recently. The arrangements for Mavis' funeral are still to be confirmed. May she rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Imelda Kirk, Rhona Sullivan, Eamonn Young, Gordon Reardon, Maureen Boon, Olga Wildon, Joyce Cannon, Ann Gilliam, Clare McCarthy, Mary Tang, Margaret Williams, Dick Wheeler and Christopher Murphy.

Clergy: Mgr Canon Patrick O'Donnell, Fr Brian Galvin, Fr Francis Hasting and Fr Malachy Kelly.

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

2nd Sunday of Lent

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Peter	James	Moses
Clothes	Face	Brother
Cloud	Voice	Shadow
Risen	Eyes	Tents
White	Fear	Order
Light	Touched	Wonderful

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. When there are two intentions at one Mass, the money given for the second intention will be donated to either Catholic Education Service Fund or the Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund.
Please allow at least eight months' notice for a weekend Mass intention and six months' notice for a weekday Mass intention.

CAFOD Family Fast Day There will be a second collection for CAFOD at the end of all of the parish Masses this weekend.

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

Christian Meditation – Preparation for Lent A series of 5 weekly sessions will be held every Thursday 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 are available in the church porch listing all of the events and activities that are taking place in our parish during the Lenten Season.

Stations of the Cross: Continuing at 7pm this Friday (6th March) Stations of the Cross take place in the church throughout Lent every Friday evening at 7pm continuing this Friday (6th March).

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold its next meeting on Monday 9th March at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. All welcome. Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783

Life in the Spirit Seminars 2026 An Opportunity for Encounter, Growth in Discipleship and Faith Formation Journey with us from Easter to Pentecost - Come, Participate and Be Encouraged With a mix of Live Speakers and films from 'The Gift', come and explore these inspiring and practical Seminars that help people encounter the Holy Spirit and share their faith together. Speakers: Michelle Moran, Father Paschal Uche and Reverend Wayne Dulson. In the fifth week, there is an opportunity for people to receive prayer for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit or an Infilling for a deepening and strengthening of the graces of Baptism and Confirmation. This session will be led by Internationally renowned speaker Michelle Moran.

While the Seminars are mainly intended for practicing Christians, they are open to all people from every walk of life, including those who currently have no involvement with the Church. Invite family and friends to come and join us too.



<https://mostholyredeemerchurch.churchsuite.com/events/6ehdypgb>

Coffee Morning for Baptism Families: Monday 23rd March Parents of children being Baptised in our parish or have recently been Baptised are warmly invited to join the Baptism Welcome Team for a coffee morning. Refreshments will be in the Lounge of the Pastoral Centre after the 9.15am Mass on Monday 23rd March. Some toys will be available for babies/toddlers.

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

Brentwood Cathedral Lenten Lectures: The theme of the lectures this year is: What does it truly mean to be Catholic?

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

3: *Prayer as the Foundation of our Catholic Life* by Mr Mauro Iannicelli. Wednesday, 11th March

4: *The uniqueness of Catholicism for British Society* - Rev Msgr John Armitage. Wednesday, 18th March.

All talks take place in the Cathedral Parish Hall and start at 7.30pm.

Mary's Meal: Thank You Our Parish recently donated £465.84 in foreign currency to Mary's Meals. A big thank you to all those who have passed on their spare foreign currency, our Parish has donated enough to feed 24 children for a year.

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. We will shortly be revealing the new plans for the Youth Hub which will be displayed in the church porch.

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>

Project 58.7 Feeding the Homeless - local support. For almost 6 years a solid group of volunteers from Brentwood Cathedral and St Joseph's Hutton, and lately some from Billericay parish as well, have been providing food for the homeless. Our group of local volunteers help by cooking a main meal or pudding, or by supplying fruit/yogurts or by delivering everything to a venue in Basildon. Volunteers are on the rota roughly once a month and according to your preferences and the days/dates you are available. The volunteer group are great at swapping and helping each other when unexpected things happen! We have a fund to help cover the cost of expenses. If you are interested to know more about what is involved please contact Maddy on 07710 187292.

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