

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Mrs Teresa Doyle RIP
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, (YEAR A)</b>		
<b>26<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Ints of Bernadette & Ted Maskell on their Golden Wedding Anniversary
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Mass for Vocations ( <i>Catenians</i> )
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Kathleen Casey RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>10.15am</b>	Mary & Peter McMamahon RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, Virgin, Doctor</b>	
	<b>9.15am</b>	Cathy Brand RIP ( <i>Hasson</i> )
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>9.15am</b>	Mrs Regina Adager Onuyor RIP & Magdelene Ubaka & Mrs Victoria Obichie RIP
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<i>No Parish Mass</i>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	John Kavanagh RIP
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, (YEAR A)</b>		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Arthur Sparke RIP
	<b>11.00 am</b>	People of the Parish

**Weekday Masses:** Weekday Masses this week are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at 10.15am on Tuesday.

**No Confession this Saturday:** Please note that there are no Confessions from 11am to 12pm next Saturday (2nd May) or the following Saturday. Confessions will resume on Saturday, 16th May. If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament in the meantime, you can either make an appointment by contacting the Parish Office or come to the Exposition and Holy Hour on Sunday.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** Exposition takes place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (26th April). It's also available to watch via our parish livestream by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/mrldh-EWRHE?feature=share> During the Holy Hour we will be praying especially for Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life.

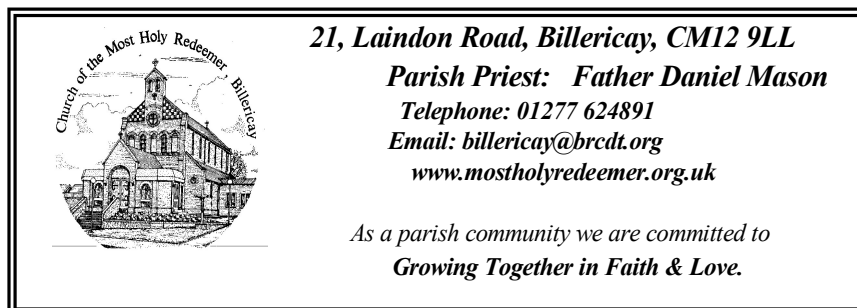
**The Most Holy Redeemer Safeguarding Officer** is Angela Sparke. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Angela at: [safeguarding-billericay@brcdt.org](mailto:safeguarding-billericay@brcdt.org)

**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 OF EASTER (YEAR A)

26<sup>th</sup> April 2026



### A message from Fr Adrian Gaffy:

On most of the days of the Easter season, which goes from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, the gospel passage set down to be read at Mass is from the Gospel of John. This gospel, also known as the Fourth Gospel, contains rich teaching and new understandings of Jesus which supplement what is found in the other gospels.

Our reading this Sunday is from the tenth chapter of John, in which we are presented with the image of Jesus as the good shepherd. In the verses read this year there is an additional focus. While Jesus contrasts the shepherd of the sheep with the 'brigand' and the 'stranger', He goes on to refer to Himself as 'the gate of the sheepfold'.

Not only does Jesus lead His people, but He is also the way through which they enter to reach life. The Risen Lord is 'the way, the truth and the life' (John 14:6). Jesus comes 'so that we may have life and have it to the full' (verse 10).

The Easter season is a prolonged celebration of the gift of life which we receive from the moment of Baptism, and the anticipation of our full sharing in it in the life to come. The second reading also celebrates the new life of baptism. The image of the shepherd is found here too, as Jesus is called the 'shepherd and guardian of our souls'.

*How effective is the image of Jesus as the 'good shepherd'?  
Does the evangelist's use of images confuse or enlighten you?*

*Pray Psalm 22 (23) and ask for a deeper awareness that 'the Lord is my shepherd'.*

*We support by our prayer all those called to priesthood and the religious life.*

## 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 Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A:**

<https://youtube.com/live/rfi9o-k5W4w?feature=share>

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

<https://youtube.com/live/NiVmsK4QenM?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.

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

**Funeral Service for Nicholas Hagan RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Nicholas Hagan. Nick's Funeral Service will take place in the church at 1pm this Monday (27th April). May he rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

**WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES** John Spink, Jessie Routledge, Dick Howell, Christina Meredith, George Zarb, Edward Hughes, Margaret Parks, Alison Parks, Mari Carmen Cano-Suckling, Peggy Bunker, Mary Lockhart and Ellen Christie.

**Clergy:** Deacon Geoffrey Piper, Fr Thomas Adkins and Fr Anothony Lawson.

**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

## 4th Sunday of Easter

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Sheep	Gate	Field
Enters	Shepherd	Flock
Voice	Calls	Leads
Stranger	Parable	Run
Freely	Pasture	Steal
Destroy	Life	Hear
Jesus	Solemnly	Safe

**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.

**Good Shepherd Sunday** This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. Please pray for all vocations: for those engaged to be married and married couples; priests and those considering priestly vocation; those who are committed to the Religious Life and those who live a single life.

**Spiritan Appeal on the 2nd and 3rd May:** Next weekend (2nd/3rd May), we will be welcoming a Spiritan priest to our parish to celebrate the Masses and to make an appeal on behalf of his Order. Please note that Father Dan will be away this weekend and that the Masses will not be livestreamed.

**Car Park:** Sadly, from time to time, parishioners tell me that their cars have been damaged while they have been attending Mass.

It shouldn't need to be said that if you damage another person's car when entering or leaving the church car park, you have a responsibility either to report it to us or to leave a note with your contact details on the car that has been damaged.

The car park is covered by CCTV and we will always hand over the footage when requested by insurance companies.

**24 Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Friday, 15th – Saturday, 16th May  
From 6pm on Friday, 15th May to the start of the 6pm Parish Mass on Saturday, 16th May, we will be having 24-hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. There is now a sign-up sheet available for you to select one hour which you can choose to spend praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament or alternatively you can email the Parish Office with information about the slot that you would like to cover. [billericay@brcdt.org](mailto:billericay@brcdt.org)

**Gift Aid Envelopes:** Gift Aid Envelopes for the new financial year are available for collection in the church porch. Thank you to all of you who Gift Aid your donations and who pay by Standing Order. If you are a taxpayer and you would like some information about the benefits of Gift Aiding your donations, please visit the Gift Aid section on the parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php>  
By gift-aiding your donations it means that we are able to claim an additional 25p for every £1 that you give to the parish. If you haven't already done so, we would also strongly encourage you to consider setting up a Standing Order with the parish. Standing Orders mean that you don't have to bring cash with you when you come to Mass and they also enable us to budget more efficiently.

**Safeguarding Training for Parish Volunteers:** The Diocese has advised that anyone volunteering in a role that requires a DBS is asked to complete the Level 2 training. The training can be accessed through the Diocesan Safeguarding page: <https://www.brentwoodsafeguarding.org/training>. When you start your training, you will be asked to register, to allow the Diocese to keep a record of those who have completed their training

**Garden volunteers for Walsingham House at Abbotswick:** Walsingham House at Abbotswick is set in 14 acres of land which require a lot of care. There is an amazing team of grounds volunteers who help every Tuesday to maintain the gardens and keep everything thriving. It would be wonderful to extend the team, so if you have some free time on a Tuesday, whether it's an hour or two or a whole day and would like to get involved please contact [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or just come along on a Tuesday morning and get involved!

**Our next session of Maranatha** will be in the parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 16 East Thurrock Road, Grays, RM17 6SR on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May** at 7pm Led by Fr. Paschal Uche. Join us for a joyful evening of praise and worship followed by Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards.

**The Legacy of St Francis of Assisi** As we mark 800 years since the death of St Francis (3rd October 1226), Fr Alban McCoy OFM Con will speak about how Francis changed the Church of his day, and can help us to renew the Church in our own times. The event will take place in the hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) from 11 am until 1 pm on Saturday 2nd May. Refreshments available from 10.30. Everyone is welcome to this free event, which is also available by live stream on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) No booking necessary.

**St John Bosco Children's Camp Summer 2026** Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. 25th July – 1 st August or 1st – 8 th August. Activities include archery, fishing, AquaPark visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk> . Places are likely to go quickly – early applications are encouraged.

**Mass for Migrants** You are warmly invited to join the Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark, and Westminster for the 20th annual Mass for Migrants on Bank Holiday Monday, 4 May 2026, at St Antony of Padua Catholic Church. The celebration will begin at 12.00 pm with a procession of banners. This year, the Mass is hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood. Celebrated for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, the Mass is prepared by the Caritas and Ethnic Chaplaincies of the three dioceses and gives thanks for the contributions made to faith, life and work in the UK by all those who have come from other countries to make their home here. The preacher will be Archbishop Richard Moth, and the celebrant will be Bishop Alan Williams, SM.

**Billericay Talks:** A new group in Billericay for older people who are missing intellectual and social stimulation. Interesting speakers on a range of subjects. Open to all, but designed to be particularly suitable for people living with dementia. Meetings on 2nd Friday of every month, held at The Chantry Centre, CM11 2BB. For more information please email [Billericay@Uniteinkindness.co.uk](mailto:Billericay@Uniteinkindness.co.uk)

**Brentwood Cathedral Young Adults Group.** Are you aged between 18 – 35 and interested in meeting likeminded 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](mailto:cathedral@brcdt.org)

**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!

**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](mailto:billericay@brcdt.org) or look at the Connect Groups noticeboard in the church porch.

**Spiritual Reading: May Day by Day** and **Bible Alive** are in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.

### 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 the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund.

*Please allow at least eight months' notice for a weekend Mass intention and six months' notice for a weekday Mass intention.*