

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Fred Daly RIP
<b>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, (YEAR A)</b>		
<b>10<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Wilfred & Iset Harper & Mrs Teresa King RIP
	<b>11.00 am</b>	People of the Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Nnamdi Felix Ojimba RIP (Anniv.) & Mrs Ave Maria Alice Ubaka RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>St John Houghton, Priest &amp; Martyr</b>	
	<b>10.15am</b>	Hans Strub RIP (Anniv.)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>St Erconwald, Bishop</b>	
	<b>9.15am</b>	Bridie Laughlin RIP
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (YEAR A)</b>	
	<b>10.30am</b>	Deceased Member of the Lowdermilk Family & Ints of Colin Lazoro
	<b>8.00pm</b>	Fiona Simms RIP & Maureen Boland RIP
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<i>No Parish Mass</i>	
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	People of the Parish
<b>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, (YEAR A)</b>		
<b>17<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Peter Nowak RIP & Ellen & Harold Penisten RIP
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Pat Dawson RIP

**Weekday Masses:** Weekday Masses this week are at 9.15am on Monday & Wednesday, 10.15am on Tuesday and at 10.30am and 8pm on Ascension Thursday.

**Confession this Saturday:** Confessions take place this Saturday (16th May) from 11am to 12pm in the church.

**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday:**  
Please note that there is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (10th May).

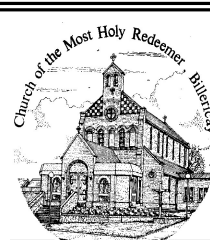
**The Most Holy Redeemer Safeguarding Officer** is Angela Sparke. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Angela at:  
[safeguarding-billericay@brcdt.org](mailto:safeguarding-billericay@brcdt.org)

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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

10<sup>th</sup> May 2026



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*As a parish community we are committed to*

***Growing Together in Faith & Love.***

### **A message from Fr Adrian Gaffy:**

Our reading from the Gospel of John contains one of several references, in the speeches of Jesus on the night before He dies, to the Advocate, the Holy Spirit. These references to the Spirit prepare us to celebrate the feast of Pentecost, which concludes the Easter season.

Only in the Fourth Gospel is the Spirit referred to as 'the Advocate', 'the Paraclete', 'the Spirit of truth'. Jesus stresses that the world of sin, opposed as it is to truth and goodness, does not welcome the Spirit. In fact, the world of sin is incapable of receiving the Spirit. Later in these speeches Jesus affirms that the Spirit will remind the disciples of what He has taught (14:26), and lead them into the fulness of truth (16:13).

Jesus reassures the disciples that He will not abandon them. Even though He will no longer be seen by the world, the bond between Jesus and His disciples endures. This bond is maintained by the Spirit. This bond is the life which Jesus shares with us, a bond which draws us deeper into the life of God. This passage both begins and ends with reference to the commandments of Jesus. Living the commandments is proof of the love the disciples have for Him.

Jesus speaks later of His one commandment, 'love one another as I have loved you' (15:12). This Spirit-inspired love, shown in living the commandments and loving the brothers and sisters, keeps us fully alive in the new life of the Risen Jesus, drawing us deeper into the life of the Father. These precious words of Jesus are like a symphony in which the different themes are played and played again in their various forms. The words of Jesus, with the Eucharist and the priesthood, are treasured parting gifts of the Lord to His friends, gifts which maintain His presence in a troubled and unbelieving world.

*Which of these words of Jesus speak to you most powerfully? How might you be more prepared to receive the Spirit of truth?*

*Pray that you may experience the bond every disciple has with Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

*Pray for all those who seek to bring God's love to a suffering world.*

## 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:

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**6pm Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A:**

<https://youtube.com/live/DN4rOy78IBU?feature=share>

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

<https://youtube.com/live/WGtpw8VqPbY?feature=share>

**The YouTube Links for this week's Holy Day of Obligation is here:**

**10.30am Feast of the Ascension Year A:**

<https://youtube.com/live/PI8hA9K3nEY?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.

**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.

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

**Philip Ellis RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Philip Ellis. Philip's Funeral Service will take place at 11am on Monday, 1st June in the church. May he rest in peace.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES** Wilfred Harper, Wilfred Stevens, Marie Dickinson, Henry Allen, Hoan Stevenson, Margaret Hunt, Ron Morton, Catherine Exley, Josephine Murphy, Kevin Murphy and David Barry.

**Clergy:** Fr Augustine Davidson, Mgr Canon John Howell, Fr John Boyle, Fr Stanley Joynes and Fr James (Jim) McCormack.

**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

## 5th Sunday of Easter

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Life

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Father

Speak

Living

Prepared

Trust

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Truth

See

Work

Philip

**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.

**Feast of the Ascension: Thursday, 14th May** This Thursday (14th May) we celebrate the Feast of Jesus' Ascension into Heaven which is a Holy Day of Obligation. On this day Masses are at 10.30am and at 8pm. The 10.30am Mass will be livestreamed and the YouTube link is here:

<https://youtube.com/live/PI8hA9K3nEY?feature=share>

**Bishop Alan's Visitation: Wednesday, 10th June** On Wednesday, 10th June we will be welcoming Bishop Alan to our parish. During the course of his visit, Bishop Alan will be confirming our young people during a Confirmation Mass at 7.30pm in the church followed by a reception in the Pastoral Centre afterwards. Please pray for all of our young people who are going to be confirmed by Bishop Alan.

**24 Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday, 15th – Saturday, 16th May:** Thank you to all of you who have already signed up to cover the slots for our 24-Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament which will take place from 6pm on Friday, 15th May to the start of the 6pm Parish Mass on Saturday, 16th May. There are still a few slots which haven't been filled in. Please have a look at the sheet at the back of the church and select one hour in which you are able to pray in the church.

If the slots are already covered then you are of course more than welcome to come into the church during that time. The more people we have praying the better!

**Missio Red Box Donations Spring Collection** Envelopes for your donations will be available in the Church porch at all masses on the weekend of 16/17 May. Please collect your envelope and return it with your donation to the presbytery during the following week. Thank you very much for your continued support. Some Missio Red Boxes will also be available to take for anyone wishing to donate. Thank you.

**First Holy Communions at the 11am Mass this Sunday:** Please pray for two of our GIFT families who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion at the 11am Mass this Sunday (10th May). Over the coming weeks there will be many more children celebrating their First Holy Communions in the parish Masses. Please keep all of them in your prayers.

For families of children who are currently in Year 2 who are interested in joining GIFT in September we will shortly be announcing a special event on Saturday, 4th July which we would love for you to take part in.

**Evangelisation Training & Outreach Follow Up: Saturday, 13th June from 9.30am-11.30am.** For all of those parishioners who attended the Evangelisation Training Day with Maria Heath on Saturday, 25th April, you are invited to come to a follow up event from 9.30am-11.30am on Saturday, 13th June in the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre. On this day we will be sharing our experiences of faith sharing and considering what we can do to build on the momentum that was generated on the 25th April.

**The Padre Pio Prayer Group** will hold its next meeting on Monday 11th May at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. All welcome. Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783.

**Parish Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass: 7.30pm on Friday, 3rd July** On Friday, 3rd July at 7.30pm we will be having a Mass of Thanksgiving for all of our parish volunteers followed by a gathering in the Pastoral Centre afterwards. If you assist in the parish in any way and would like to come to the Mass please contact the Parish Office for catering purposes.

**The WeBelieve Festival is back for 2026!** The WeBelieve Festival brings thousands together to encounter Christ in His Church. It's an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God. Join us from Friday 24 – Monday 27 July at St Mary's College, Oscott for this amazing Catholic festival. There will be a wide-ranging programme including Mass, talks, workshops, prayer, music and opportunities to connect with others from across the UK. Whether you come for a day or the whole weekend, all are welcome." Find out more: [www.webeliefestival.com](http://www.webeliefestival.com)

**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!

**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.

**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.

**BCCS** (133 High St Billericay) are looking for an administrative assistant term time only approx. 12 hours per week (Job share). Please email Bernadette [bfisher@bccs.org.uk](mailto:bfisher@bccs.org.uk) if interested with your CV. Thank you

**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 – 1st August or 1st – 8th 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.

**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)

**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!

**Cathedral Lunchtime Piano Recital** Next Wednesday 13 May at 1pm we are very much looking forward to welcoming for the first time Bridget Yee to the Cathedral. In 2020 at the age of 15 Bridget was a BBC Young Musician – she is currently completing her undergraduate studies at the Royal Academy of Music. Her Piano Recital next week will include the following pieces: Barber Excursions, Op. 20 No. 1, Haydn Fantasia in C major, Hob. XVII:4, Barber Excursions, Op. 20 No. 3 and Liszt Piano Sonata in B minor, S 178. Please do join us for refreshments in the Song School afterwards.

**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)