

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00pm	Alan McHugh & Jennifer Ryan RIP & Ints of Peggy Ruane
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (YEAR A)		
16th August 2026	9.00 am	John Flannery RIP
	11.00 am	People of the Parish
MONDAY	9.15am	Sean Hill RIP (Hasson)
TUESDAY	10.15am	TJ McManamon RIP
WEDNESDAY	9.15am	Albert Nwafejokwu RIP & Mrs Elizabeth Enitan Ubakanma RIP
THURSDAY	St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor	
	9.15am	Ted Kavanagh RIP (Anniv.)
FRIDAY	St Pius X, Pope	
	12.30pm	Radha Lokhee <i>Requiem Mass</i>
SATURDAY	6.00pm	People of the Parish
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR A)		
23rd August 2026	9.00 am	Grace Gilpin RIP
	11.00 am	Francis Hall RIP

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

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: There is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5pm on Sunday, 6th September.

Saturday Confessions: Father Dan is available to hear Confessions this Saturday (15th August) and the following Saturday (22nd August) from 11am to 12pm in the church.

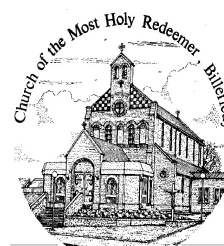
Parish Family Life Co-ordinator Kristin De Freitas
Email: kristindefreitas@brcdt.org Mobile: 07492910138.

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

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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (A)

16th August 2026



21, Laindon Road, Billericay, CM12 9LL

Parish Priest: Father Daniel Mason

Telephone: 01277 624891

Email: billericay@brcdt.org

www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk

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

A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

There is of course no gospel reading which narrates the Assumption into heaven of the Blessed Virgin Mary, her sharing body and soul in the risen life of her Son.

St Paul, in the second reading for the feast, speaks of Christ as the 'first-fruits' from the dead, and then of 'those who belong to Him', who follow Him into life. We can consider Mary to be the first among these, for she was the first to respond to the call to serve Christ.

The gospel reading demonstrates with what faith and generosity she answered God's call. She visits her cousin Elizabeth, filled with a spirit of prayer and praise, which is spelled out at length in her song of joy, the Magnificat. God's mercy to Abraham and his descendants, of which she sings, is a fidelity which never ends and which leads God's faithful people, body and soul, into the life of God.

The inexpressible glory of the risen life bestowed on Mary is suggested in the vision of the woman 'adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with twelve stars on her head' from the Book of Revelation, which has traditionally been used to celebrate the glory Mary receives through her being 'assumed' body and soul into the presence of God.

What does the feast of the Assumption tell us about the value of our bodies?

Why is it that Mary is so privileged by God?

We pray that we may be filled with the hope of the resurrection.

Let us pray for a deeper appreciation and love for the mother of Jesus.

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 Feast of the Assumption Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/UdGnEADDs5k?feature=share>

9am Feast of the Assumption Year A:

https://youtube.com/live/VDqiVk_b094?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 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.

Radha Lokhee RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Radha Lokhee whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday, 21st August at 12.30pm. May she rest in peace.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Jean Adshead, John Flannery, Julia Pritchard, Sarah Barry, Louise Harper, Felicias Lopez Nunez, Tracy Harte, Isobel Doyle and Charlotte Treter.

Clergy: Canon Peter Predergast, Canon Vincent Hurley, Fr Andrew Hurley, Fr George Gresley and Fr Sean Sheils.

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

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

V	G	M	O	T	H	E	R	B	O	D	Y
I	R	A	T	O	P	Y	B	H	U	E	N
R	E	E	P	M	S	C	E	L	I	A	Q
G	I	N	W	B	W	I	T	M	O	T	N
I	F	T	L	A	V	F	E	L	U	H	C
N	E	M	E	K	R	A	R	S	D	E	A
L	A	N	I	M	C	D	N	O	T	E	A
A	S	S	U	M	P	T	I	O	N	F	N
V	T	E	W	A	N	T	T	R	M	Q	G
L	I	H	D	R	Y	U	Y	G	U	U	E
Q	O	S	K	Y	G	Y	E	W	D	E	L
E	P	V	W	R	S	L	I	L	I	E	S
H	O	M	E	K	H	E	A	V	E	N	P

Home	Mary	Feast	Death	Virgin
Angels	Sky	Love	Lilies	Queen
Mother	Body	Tomb	Empty	Heaven
Reward	Eternity	Assumption		

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.

No Parish Mass on Thursday, 27th August Please note that there isn't a Parish Mass on Thursday, 27th August.

GIFT Applications: If you have a child who is going to be in school years 3-6 in September and you were not able to come to the GIFT Mass and barbeque on Saturday, please speak to Father Dan after one of the parish Masses and he can give you the registration form and the session dates. For more information about GIFT please visit the GIFT section of the parish website:

<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/seasonal.php?page=gift>

Alpha 2026 Our new Alpha Course is going to be beginning at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 9th September in the Pastoral Centre. If you would like to take part please visit the Alpha section of the parish website via the link below or QR code and click on the button to register:

<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/courses.php?page=alpha>

If you are willing to help with catering or clearing away at any of the sessions, pls contact Deirdre on 07977 071128 or pembroke0202@gmail.com



ABC (About Becoming Catholic): Our new course begins on Monday, 14th September. Our ABC (About Becoming Catholic) course is for adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. This includes anyone who is not Catholic and any baptised Catholics who, for whatever reason, may not have made their First Holy Communion or Confirmation as children. Our new course will be beginning at 8pm on Monday, 14th September in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre and we would love for you to take part in this. For more information, please speak to Fr Dan at the end of Mass or visit the ABC section on the parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/courses.php>.

Altar Servers Training for new altar servers will take place on the following Saturday afternoons: 12th, 19th & 26th September, 3rd, 10th & 17th October for anyone who has made their First Holy Communion by the end of September 2026. If you are interested in becoming a server, please contact Sarah Dean (s.c.dean@hotmail.com) by 30th August.

Please follow and engage with our new public Facebook page. Search for "The Catholic Parish of Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay". Please comment and share our posts, and invite your Facebook friends to follow the page. A simple step as missionary disciples in our digital world.

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.

Let's Pray for Billericay: On Monday, 14th September the churches of Billericay will be joining together in an exciting 2 month initiative to pray for our town under the banner: "Let's Pray for Billericay".

The goal is to cover as much of Billericay as possible in prayer. To achieve this we will be using the Prayer Walk app which records the routes we cover and highlights them in colour so that we can see how much of Billericay has been prayer walked.

Don't worry about walking the same road more than once – the colour will change on the map to indicate this. For those unable to use the app or walk the streets you can still pray for our town from wherever you are.

You may wish to prayer walk with others from your church or perhaps join with those from another church.

You can download the Prayer Walk app free from your app store by searching for "Prayer Walk app" or by following this link: <https://prayerwalk.app/> Once you've opened the app on the "Select a Prayer Walk" page click on Let's Pray for Billericay. You will then need to set up an account with a username and password. When you're ready to head out on a prayer walk click on Start Your Prayer Walk and you're ready to go. When you've finished just select the Stop and Review Route button. Please note that while you can download the Prayer Walk app now it won't be live until Monday, 14th September.

Our Parish Parent and Baby Group are looking for some extra help to join our friendly Team from September for 1 or 2 sessions each half-term. Volunteers are asked to be available from 9-12 to help set up and tidy away, we offer chat, a cuppa and playtime for parents and carers and their under 2's. A Parish DBS would be required.

For further details please contact Tricia Rains on 07854 193227

BCCS – Exclusive & Personal Tour of Ingatestone Hall The tour is conducted by the Petre family, offering unbeatable insight of the past and present of this Grade I listed building and gardens. Followed by a hot drink and homemade biscuit. Thursday, 3rd September, 11.00am - 3.30pm. The event was over-subscribed last year so get your tickets fast - entry is £25 per person - book online today: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/> Please note, due to the age of the building, there is no disabled access to the upper floor, and some of the lower floor and grounds are uneven and so not suitable for those who have mobility issues.

Church Cleaners Needed Are you able to give up a couple of hours to keep our church looking beautiful? We have two cleaning teams which clean the church on alternate weeks and both are looking for more people. If you are able to help please contact the parish office at billericay@brcdt.org and we can give you more information about what is involved.

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 or just come along on a Tuesday morning and get involved!

World Apostolate of Fatima: On Saturday, 12th September the Diocese of Brentwood will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood. This will be a Day of Prayer & Devotions, with the opportunity for the veneration of the relics.

As this is a Day of Prayer, we ask all those participating to bring a packed lunch, teas and coffees will be available in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Following lunch, there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with recitation of the Chaplet of Adoration and Reparation. Communal Recitation and reflection on the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, and then a Docu-film and Talk in the Parish Hall on "Fatima Message for the World." Finally, the Enrolment and Investiture of the Brown Scapular will be facilitated in the Parish Hall. Please see poster for full details.

Catholic Teaching in the World of AI Pope Leo has recently published Magnifica Humanitas, an encyclical letter on 'safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence'. It puts 'artificial intelligence' in the context of Catholic Social Teaching. The Holy Father writes: 'In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanisation, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human.' Fr Hugh MacKenzie, chaplain at Westminster Cathedral, is an expert on AI. He will be giving a presentation on the topic on Saturday 26th September 2026 at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park, beginning at 11 am. The event is in-person but is also available live-stream from www.whatgoodnews.org The talk will be of particular interest to our young people, with their IT competence.

The Priests return to the Brentwood Diocese! Fr. Eugene O'Hagan and Fr. Martin O'Hagan - formerly of the celebrated singing trio 'The Priests' - invite you to join them at a one-off charity weekend, hosted by and in support of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. Choose from an elegant Gala Dinner or sophisticated Charity Luncheon, both being held at a stunning Grade II listed manor house. Enjoy fine dining and seize a rare opportunity to see Fr. Eugene and Fr. Martin perform in an intimate and exclusive setting - this is an occasion not to be missed! 09th-10th October at The Lawn, Rochford - for full details and to purchase tickets, please visit www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/ or contact Julie Abbott 07912 277413.