

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00pm	People of the Parish
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR A)		
20th September 2026	9.00 am	Daniel A. McCarthy RIP (Anniv.) & Nick Schumann RIP
	11.00 am	Patrick Joyce RIP
MONDAY	ST MATTHEW, Apostle & Evangelist	
	9.15am	Sean Hill RIP (Farrell) & Matt McKeefry RIP
TUESDAY	10.15am	Paul Byrne RIP (Farrell) & Rose and Joe McMonagle RIP
WEDNESDAY	St Pius of Pietrelcina, (Padre Pio), Priest	
	9.15am	John Brentnall RIP
THURSDAY	OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM	
	9.15am	Ints of the Padre Pio Prayer Group
FRIDAY	<i>No Parish Mass</i>	
SATURDAY	6.00pm	Anne O'Sullivan RIP
TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR A)		
27th September 2026	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Leszek Świętochowski RIP

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (20th September). If you would like to watch it via our livestream you can do so by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/q6gRG4DXPBk?feature=share>

Saturday Confessions: Please note that there are no Confessions from 11am to 12pm on Saturday 19th or Saturday, 26th September. Father Dan is available to hear Confessions during the Exposition and Holy Hour or by request.

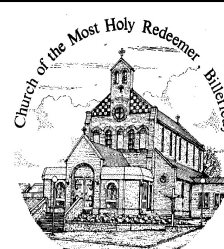
Hall Bookings The booking officer is Anna Sloper who can be contacted by e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

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

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY (YEAR A)

20th September 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:

Today's gospel reading is one of the parables of Jesus found only in the Gospel of Matthew. The parable of the Labourers in the Vineyard may give rise to some perplexity. Why does the landowner not pay the labourers according to the hours they have worked?

The parable is an invitation to understand that the ways of God are not bound or limited by human standards. The first reading, from the second part of the Book of Isaiah, is very well chosen to assist our understanding. God says: 'for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways'.

God does not act according to the principles of human justice, whereby human beings are repaid according to their actions. God's loving generosity puts such considerations to one side. The point of the parable is that we cannot demand rewards from God.

The gifts which God bestows are always far greater than anything we can merit. We are saved not by our own efforts but by the boundless kindness of God which we gratefully welcome into our lives.

When has God taught you that the ways of God are different?

Is it appropriate to speak of the 'justice' of God?

We pray for openness to the things of God, which are beyond our full comprehension.

We pray for a spirit of forgiveness and acceptance of others.

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 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/rHVqilIq4wU?feature=share>

9am 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/2N4roronF4s?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.

Patricia Christy RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Christy who died recently. Patricia's Funeral will take place on Thursday, 8th October at 2.30pm in Bentley Crematorium. May she rest in peace.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Helen Wiseman, Betty Page, John Brentnall, Angel Saunders, Beryl Barr, Margaret Dean, Gregory Sweston, Joan Coughlin and Peter Pattenson.

Clergy: Fr John Ryan.

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

25th Sunday of Year A

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

Kingdom	Workers	Wage
Vineyard	Hour	Men
Generous	Heavy	Heat
Last	Pay	First
Market	Grumbled	Right
Evening	Hire	Day

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.

Applications for Catholic Secondary Schools If you are applying for a place at a Catholic Secondary School and you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice, please speak to Father Dan after one of the parish Masses to arrange an appointment to see him. **Appointments for Primary School Applications will be announced in October.**

SAVE THE DATE! Parish Christmas Fair Saturday, 28th November. If you would like to be involved in this, please contact the Parish Office.

Baby Loss Awareness Week begins in October and on Friday 16th October, 8pm, we are offering a special service. It is for anyone who has lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago. Extended family and friends are also welcome. Please email the church office at billericay@brcdt.org if you would like to find out more

Parish Survey: At the weekend Masses of Saturday 26th / Sunday 27th September, we will be asking you to take part in our parish survey during the Masses. The survey is looking at the progress we've made towards our parish Vision (Making Disciples, Working Together and Growing in Love & Fellowship), from your own personal experiences.

You will be able to do the survey either on your mobile phone or a paper copy. For those of you unable to attend Mass in our parish that weekend you will be able to take part via the parish website.

We thank you for your support in feedbacking your experiences which will directly help shape decisions on how we move forward with our Vision. We will share the results with you once the results have been collated.

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 course continues with a tour of the church at 8pm on Monday, 21st September meeting in the church. 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>

Toddlers and Children's Liturgy Toddlers and Children's Liturgy is taking place at the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday. A big thank you to all of our catechists who enable us to run this service. If you are interested in joining the team, please speak to Father Dan or email the Parish Office at billericay@brcdt.org

Most Holy Redeemer Sunday Choirs Now is the time to consider joining one of our Choirs, or indeed our loyal band of musicians. Rehearsals are held weekly with support for music reading and voice training in a relaxed and friendly environment. There are opportunities to sing away in the UK and indeed in Europe. Why not give it a go! Contact Kathy Underhill, Alison Connolly or the Parish Office for more details.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold its next meeting on Wednesday 23rd September at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. All welcome. Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783

Youth Hub If you would like to support the Youth Hub building project you can do so by using the donations machine in the church porch and selecting “Youth Hub” or by setting up a bank transfer to the parish with your donation marked “Youth Hub”. Thank you to all of you who have already contributed to this project.

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.

St Margaret's, Canning Town – 150th Anniversary Mass The parish of St Margaret's Canning Town, wish to invite any former parishioners to the 150th Anniversary Mass to be celebrated in the grounds of St Helen's School, Falcon Street, E13 entrance at 12.00 Noon on Saturday, 26th September. Seating is limited so if you would like to sit, we would advise bring a chair.

Campion School Quiz Night on Friday, 9th October. Doors open 7.00pm and quiz starts at 7.30pm. Teams of 10 (max). £5 per person, BYO drinks and nibbles. For details of how to pay and to register your team, email pachair@thecampionschool.org.uk.

Grays 140th Anniversary Next month, St. Thomas' Church and school will be celebrating 140 years of serving the community, and everyone is invited to join the Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alan on Saturday, 10th October at 5:00pm. In addition, if anyone has any images or memories that they would like to share, please do send them to the parish.

Sunflower Club Would you enjoy meeting new friends and taking part in a variety of different activities? If so come and join us. The Sunflowers meet on the first Thursday of every month in the lounge at 2pm, to socialise and discuss a range of possible new activities. Joins us for a cup of tea, or coffee and bring a friend. For more information contact Jenny on 07932 821858.

Gift Aid Following on from the presentation of the Financial Accounts last weekend, Gift Aid forms are available at the side entrance and in the church porch. These forms need to be completed and returned to Father Dan or to the Parish Office. If you are a taxpayer, please think seriously about joining our Gift Aid scheme because by gift-aiding your donations it means that we are able to claim an additional £2.50 for every £10 that you give to the parish at no extra cost to you. If you would like more 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>

Let's Pray for Billericay: The churches of Billericay are 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. Already, we have covered 21% of our town but there is still much more to do!

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.

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.

Brentwood Ursuline Year 7 Open Evening Thursday 24th September 2026, 6.30pm – 9.00pm, (last entry at 8.00pm). Headteacher's talks at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. Open Mornings on Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd October 2026 9.10am - 11.00am. By appointment only. There is no onsite parking for these events. <https://www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk/>

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!