

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00pm	Maria Pawlowska & Bronia RIP
TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR A)		
11th October 2026	9.00 am	Grace Gilpin RIP
	11.00 am	Peter & Teresa Whitcombe RIP
MONDAY	9.15am	Rachael O'Donnell RIP & Sean Hill RIP (Tansey)
TUESDAY	10.15am	Sean Hill RIP (Moore)
WEDNESDAY	9.15am	Margaret Fuller RIP (Maskell)
THURSDAY	St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor (Ávila)	
	9.15am	Michael Slattery RIP
FRIDAY	<i>No Parish Mass</i>	
SATURDAY	6.00pm	Daphne Qurrey RIP
TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR A)		
18th October 2026	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Alex & Imelda Peace 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 (11th October) when we will be commemorating the Feast Day of St Carlo Acutis. If you would like to watch it via our livestream you can do so by following this link:
<https://youtube.com/live/X6N7zMD2E5w?feature=share>

Saturday Confessions: There will be no Confessions this Saturday, 17th October, Fr Dan will be available to hear Confessions during the Exposition and Holy Hour or by appointment.

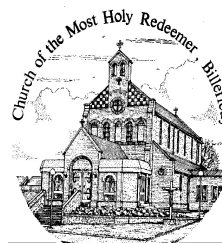
Hall Bookings The booking officer is Anna Sloper who can be contacted by e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

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 EIGHTH SUNDAY (YEAR A)

11th October 2026



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

A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

The parable we hear today takes up the image of the feast of the kingdom of heaven. The theme of the banquet of eternal life runs through our readings today.

The prophet Isaiah speaks of the day when all will be united at the feast provided by God. Our psalm reminds us of the Lord who prepares a banquet for each one. Jesus, who welcomed the unwanted and ate and drank with them during his earthly life, gives this parable of the wedding feast as a symbol of the life of the kingdom.

The reluctance of so many to come to the wedding speaks of people who are immersed in the things of the world and have no time for the things of God. We can make many excuses for not responding to God's call. The invitation is extended to all, 'bad and good alike'.

There is a constant need to respond to God's invitation, and make changes in our lives. In the final verses of the parable there is a dramatic change of tone. Why is the man without the wedding garment thrown out? It seems to contradict the generosity of the earlier invitation to all. God's invitation is indeed directed to all, but there is always need of a deliberate response. To be carried along by the crowd without understanding where we are going is as bad as refusing the invitation in the first place!

Do I allow my daily preoccupations to take precedence over the search to find God?

Do I take my faith for granted without really trying to grow in knowledge and love of God?

We thank God for inviting us into communion with him.

We thank God for the sacraments, particularly the Holy Eucharist.

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 Link for this weekend's Mass is here:

6pm 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

https://youtube.com/live/oes_sLcoct8?feature=share

9am 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/5bOkD8BLm8c?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.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Mary Cawood, Robert Marchant, Peter Nestor, Mary Durrant, Nancy Maguire, Patricia Gibbs, Noel McNab, Sylvia Monaghan, Alice Payne, Joseph Flynn and Grace Howlett.

Clergy: Fr John Dempsey, Fr Patrick Malin, Mgr Matthias Kearney, Mgr Canon Michael McKenna, Canon Roderick Grant and Mgr Canon Christopher Creede.

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.mostholysredeemer.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.mostholysredeemer.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

28th Sunday of Year A

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SERVANTS
BURNT
GOOD
WEEPING

SON
OXEN
GUESTS
CALL
TOWN
SILENT
BIND

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.

Christian Meditation: We will be starting a Christian Meditation course entitled "Preparation for Advent" for a period of 4 weeks on the following dates: Tuesday, 20th October, Tuesday, 27th October Tuesday, 3rd November and Tuesday, 10th November. There will be 2 groups: The morning group will start at 12.00 pm and the evening group will start at 7.30 pm. The duration of each session is for 1 hour and 30 minutes. The meetings will be held in the Pastoral Centre. Please bring your bible with you and a notebook and pen. If you would like to attend please email the Parish Office (billericay@brcdt.org) and in the email confirm whether you wish to attend the morning or evening session. Thank you. Janet and Ed Harvey

Parish Survey: Thank you to all of you who completed our Parish Survey. If you have not already done so, you still have the opportunity to complete the Survey either by taking a paper copy from the porch and returning it to the Parish Office or by visiting our parish website (www.mostholymredeemer.org.uk) and following the link to the Parish Survey on the home page. Once all of the results have been collated, Father Dan will do an Advent Preaching Series based on the responses that have been received.

Primary School Applications: If you are applying for a Catholic Primary School, there are forms available at the end of all of the Parish Masses this weekend to make an appointment to see Father Dan. Please make a note of the time and the date of your appointment and please make sure that you bring your child's baptism certificate with you to the appointment. All of the appointments will take place in the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre.

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.

Save the date! 14th November 7pm, Autumn Musical Melody Night featuring a Fun Quiz, the fabulous Ladybirds singing group and a Raffle. Dress up for a fun night! Tickets £10, venue Canon Roche Hall, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Proceeds to the Most Holy Redeemer Youth Hub Contact Esther Wilkins for tickets 07702139120.

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

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold its next meeting on Monday 12th October at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. All welcome. Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783.

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.

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.

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.

Brentwood Cathedral Music Recital This coming Sunday 11th October at 4pm we should like to invite you to 45 minutes of Music, Poetry and 'Timeless Wisdom' featuring music for Classical Guitar, Harp, Tibetan Bowls and Drum. Alex Sawyer our Recitalist has travelled extensively to many countries around the world and brings to us a wealth of his experience and stories of many cultures and peoples and the importance of spiritual matters in our lives today. Cara Asmerian will be joining him with her Angel Harp. Refreshments will be available immediately after this Recital in the Song School. Do hope you can join us for this rather special and unique event. We are very grateful to Alex and Cara for their kindness and experience in sharing this with us.

BCCS Wine Tasting Join us for a special evening hosted by industry expert Joe Sagnella. A wide range of wines will be available to sample, with complimentary cheese and nibbles provided. Expand your palette, answer quiz questions and socialise - all in aid of BCCS. £25/person - Friday 30th October - 19:00 - Canon Roche Hall Scan to book or contact mdillane@bccs.org.uk Ray 07789 885804



The Call to be Human: What has religion to do with morality? A talk to be given by Fr Martin Boland. Wednesday 14th October 7.00 – 8.00 p.m. in the parish centre of Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead. All Welcome.
www.ourladyoflourdeswanstead.com

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>

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!

Maranatha at Upminster 15 October 2026 Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! All are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, praise and worship, including Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, where we come together to encounter the Holy Spirit and share fellowship in a Catholic context. At St Joseph's Catholic Church, Upminster RM14 2SY on Thursday 15th October 2026 7:00pm to 9:00pm, with refreshments afterwards. Not been to Maranatha before - why not come and see?

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 70% of our town but there is still 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.