

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Patricia Stocks RIP (Anniv)
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B		
25th Feb 2018	9.00 am	John Hasson RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	Canon Aloysius Roche RIP (50 th Anniv)
	5.00 pm	Michael Thurlow RIP (Anniv)
MONDAY	<i>No morning Mass</i>	
TUESDAY	6.30 am	Theresa King RIP
	10.15 am	Joan Flynn RIP (Rice/Slattery)
WEDNESDAY	11.00 am	Patrick Moyne RIP Requiem Mass
THURSDAY	St David, Bishop, Patron of Wales	
	10.00 am	Annette Denby-Brewer RIP Requiem Mass
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Joyce Cannon RIP (Anniv)
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Deacon Norman Wiseman RIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B		
4th March 2018	9.00 am	Kitty Keane RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	Cathy Woodham RIP
	5.00 pm	People of our Parish

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Saturdays 11am to 12 noon
(Please note - not on Saturday 3rd March)
ADORATION & PRAYER BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
TUESDAYS 10.45am to 11.15am
& SATURDAYS 11am to 12 noon

Prayer for Vocations: Please could you find time to pray this prayer:
Lord Jesus, you love us all so much that you gave your life for us upon the Cross. Thank you for the priests who have served in our parish.
We ask you to continue to bless our parish by raising up dedicated and generous leaders from our families and friends who will serve Your people as Sisters, Priests, Brothers, Deacons and Lay Ministers.
Inspire us to know You better and open our hearts to hear Your call.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

LISTEN to 9am SUNDAY MASS in our Church by phoning **033 3443 3443**.
Enter Room Access Key: 158 558 54# followed by PIN Code 5286#. Others can hear sounds in your home if you do not turn on your phone's silent button
Mass Phone Link: Apologies to all of those who have been trying to listen in to the 9am Mass on the phone link and have not been able to connect.
We are aware that there is a problem and we are doing everything we can to rectify it.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

25th February 2018

The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church

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Our Parish is twinned with Sacred Heart Parish, Dundee Diocese, South Africa

When we think about Jesus there tend to be certain images that come to mind. One of the images that has endured over time is that of Jesus as a carpenter. Over the years, numerous artists have depicted Jesus carving wooden items in the house in Nazareth that he shared with Mary and Joseph.

However, some scripture scholars argue that the depiction of Jesus as a carpenter is based on a mistranslation. The Greek word that is used to describe Jesus' profession is the word "tekton" and tekton literally means "someone who is a skilled craftsman". While this can refer to skill in carpentry, it can also refer to anyone involved in the building trade.

Certainly we can see evidence in the scriptures that Jesus had some knowledge of buildings. The parable about the man who builds his house on rock rather than sand reveals Jesus' knowledge about the importance of good foundations and sound building techniques.

While it may seem abstract to be concerned about what Jesus was doing before his public ministry, it does remind us that Jesus was a real person and one who would have been used to hard physical labour.

In today's gospel we see the other aspect of Jesus as he takes his closest apostles up to the top of the mountain where he is transfigured. Here, for the first time, the apostles catch a glimpse of Jesus' divinity before they meet him fully as the glorified and risen Christ after the Resurrection.

Both aspects of Jesus: the human and the divine are equally important. Whether Jesus was a carpenter or a builder is secondary to the far more important question which is: who is he for me?
Fr Dan

Church Opening Hours: We are fortunate to be able to keep our church open most days during the week but sometimes the church has to be closed early if Father Dan is away or there is nobody available to lock up. As a rough guide these are the hours that the church is normally open during the weekdays:

Monday: 8am-3pm

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8am-7pm

Thursday: 8am-9pm

If you are unsure about whether the church will be open please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Office from 9am to 2pm Monday-Friday on 01277 624891.

RCIA: Our RCIA course for those who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith will continue on 26th February. We will be meeting at 8pm in the upstairs part of the Parish Pastoral Centre.

Meeting for New Welcomers and Ushers: On **Tuesday, 27th February at 7.30pm** in the church we will be holding a meeting for parishioners who are interested in becoming Welcomers and Ushers at the weekend Masses. Existing Ushers and Welcomers are also welcome to attend.

Visiting New Parishioners: On **Tuesday, 6th March at 7.30pm** in the Small Hall in the Pastoral Centre we will be holding a meeting for parishioners who would like to be part of a ministry of welcome for people who are new to the parish.

Forming an Alpha Group: On **Wednesday, 7th March at 7.30pm** in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre we are holding a meeting for those who are interested in forming an Alpha Group within the parish. If you have attended an Alpha group before or if you would like to find out more, please speak to Fr Dan after Mass or contact the Parish Office.

Fire Warden Training: It is a Health and Safety requirement that there are designated Fire Wardens at all of the weekend Masses. In order to meet this requirement we are having a meeting for all of those who are interested in becoming Fire Wardens on Sunday, 18th March after the 11am Mass in the church. We would particularly like those who attended the Fire Wardens training at Brentwood last year to come to this meeting.

Baptisms at Most Holy Redeemer: If you would like your child to be baptised at Most Holy Redeemer then you must first arrange an appointment to see Father Dan. Rather than emailing or phoning the parish office the best way to do this is to speak to Father Dan after the Parish Mass that you normally attend at the weekend. In order for a child to be baptised at Most Holy Redeemer at least one of the parents must be a baptised Catholic and we do expect parents to be attending Mass regularly with their children.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AT HOME AND IN HOSPITAL:

Eric Hollingworth, Lucy Harding, Maureen Bewick, Mary Cronjaeger, Aileen Fleetwood, Mary Carr, Helen Harte, Martin Goldstone, Elizabeth Smith, Barbara Flynn, Jane Jowers, Maura Stone, Dorothy Wheeler, Margaret Bunker, Eileen Savory Pauline Wallace, Grace Howlett, Marlene Hawkins, Caroline Hill, Kirsti Dennett, Jean French, Jean Kenway, Anna Sullivan, Elsie Jackson, Julie Halstead, Beryl Barclay, Diane Bowen, Gertie Walsh, Margaret Sefton, Jenny Flack, Julie Bouchel, Debbie Dowds, Eileen Molloy, John Gaut, George Pritchard, Jim Bowen, Erroll Newman, Christopher Browne, Frederick Stocks, Peter Patterson, Michael Pierce, John Sheldon, Michael Howlett, Tommy Campbell, Francis Monk, Peter Bion, Jamie Taylor, Gerald Connew, Brian Mardle, Keith Warren, John Sheridan, Priska Wiederkehr. Children: Daisy Locker, Cecilia Fisk, Moriah Egan, Daniel Chesterman, Lucy Wyatt.

May the healing power of the Holy Spirit come down upon all who are ill.

Sick and Housebound Parishioners: If you know any parishioners who are now unable to come to Mass and who would like a visit from the Parish Visiting Group or from Father Dan please could you contact the Parish Office on 01277 624891 with their contact details. If you have a relative who is going into hospital and you would like them to be visited please make sure that you contact the Parish Office with their name and the hospital ward that they are in.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

Patrick Moyne RIP, formerly of Billericay, who died on 3rd February. Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday 28th February at 11am.

Annette Denby-Brewer RIP, who died on 7th February. Requiem Mass will be on Thursday 1st March at 10am.

ANNIVERSARIES: Conrad Grant, Michael Thurlow, Gertrude Bradshaw, Harry Folkard, George Court, Vittoria Clayton, Kitty Keane, Imelda Kirk, Rhona Sullivan, Eamonn Young.

Clergy: Mgr Canon Jules van Meenen, Fr Clifford Beecroft, Fr David Chapman, Fr John Wall.

Eternal rest grant to them. O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.

Charles Crasto RIP Elvira and family would like to thank parishioners for all the Mass cards, messages of sympathy, and those that attended Charles' funeral. They are most grateful.

PARISH HELP SCHEME assists parishioners who need transport to Mass; to doctor or hospital appointment; collecting prescriptions in emergency or shopping Contact **Pat Griffiths 651789** or **Joan Forbes 655636**.

Parish Safeguarding Representative Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

KIDS' CORNER

2nd Sunday of Lent (Year B)

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J	A	C	S	E	D	E	A	T	L	T	S
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Peter	Mountain	High
Alone	James	Clothes
John	Dazzlingly	White
Talking	Wonderful	Three
Tents	Shadow	Cloud
Voice	Beloved	Son
Listen	Risen	Warned

Family Mass If your child would like to take part in the Family Mass on 4th March, 11am please contact Liana Oldham on lianaoldham@yahoo.co.uk or 07414549095. They can help doing the Offertory or depending on reading abilities have a Bidding Prayer or Reading.

MHR Youth Club. The remaining club nights for 2017-2018 school year are: 9 Mar, 20 Apr, 11 May, 8 Jun, 13 Jul.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

25th Feb 2018

Retiring Collection after all Masses following CAFOD FAST DAY

12.30pm Baptism: Hannah Bryant

MONDAY

Guides
RCIA 8pm

TUESDAY

Tea and coffee in the Lounge after Mass
Brownies
Welcomers/Ushers meeting 7.30pm (Church)

WEDNESDAY

Church Cleaners
Rainbows and Brownies

THURSDAY

Padre Pio Prayer Group 10am (Presbytery)
MHRCC rehearsal 4.30pm
Choir Rehearsal: **11am Choir: 7pm 9am Choir: 8pm**

FRIDAY

Gardening Group meeting 10am (Room 2)
Stations of the Cross 7pm

SATURDAY

Retreat Day for Ministers of Communion, Readers and Welcomers/Ushers 9.30am (Church)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

4th March 2018

Mission appeal on behalf of The Society of Mary (Marist Fathers)

Family Mass at 11am

12.30pm Baptism: Edward Dennis Hall
3pm Confirmation Course

OFFERINGS Thank you for your generous Offerings last Sunday of £2072.15 (£1539.55 Gift Aided).

For Taxpayers: Gift Aid & Standing Order forms are available in the Church porch and when completed may be posted through Presbytery letter box for processing. *Please pass the standing order form to your bank.*

Cafod Lent Fast Day: This Lent we are working to combat malnutrition in Zimbabwe. Hunger can kill children, but CAFOD is providing seeds, fencing and farming training for families and communities so that everyone has enough to eat. There will be a retiring collection for the proceeds of the Fast Day.

Please note: Cheques are payable to Catholic Church Billericay.

Marist Mission Appeal March 3/4th: The annual Mission Appeal will be at all Masses on March 3/4th for the Society of Mary (Marist Fathers) in Oceania, South Asia, Africa, and S. America, working in education including that of street children, and for Marist seminarians in those mission areas. **Cheques payable to Catholic Church Billericay.** Gift Aid envelopes may be used.

Lent Leaflets: At the back of the church you will find leaflets listing all of the different events that are taking place in our parish during Lent and Holy Week.

Walk With Me Calendars and Booklets: To help us with our Lenten preparations we have Walk With Me calendars available for children and Walk With Me booklets for adults. Both of these are free.

Lent Early Morning Tuesday Masses: During Lent we are having an additional early morning Mass every Tuesday at 6.30am followed by a simple breakfast in the Pastoral Centre. Our next Mass will be this Tuesday (27th February) so set your alarm clock! Last week we had 12 people. It would be wonderful if we were able to have even more this week.

Retreat Day for Ministers of Communion, Readers and Welcomers on Saturday, 3rd March This Saturday (3rd March) we will be holding a Retreat Day for all Ministers of Communion, Readers and Welcomers. The day will start with Mass at 9.30am in the church followed by input from Des Kelly, a parishioner from Our Lady Immaculate Parish in Chelmsford. The day will end at 3pm with a re-commissioning service. **The lunch will be a shared lunch** so please bring food that you can share with the other participants.

Deanery Vocations Holy Hour Brentwood Cathedral on **Wednesday 28th February at 7:30pm.** The Vocations office has planned to host a Holy Hour in all 12 deaneries within the Diocese, one every month 2018. All welcome, whether you are discerning a vocation or to pray for those who are. This includes a Vocations testimony from Fr. Martin Boland, dean of the Cathedral.

Women's World Day of Prayer Service - Friday 2nd March 10.30am at St Mary Magdalene Church Great Burstead all are welcome, women *and* men.

Churches Together: Lectio Divina takes place in St. Mary Magdalene Church, Gt. Burstead. Next meeting 14th March, gather from 7:30pm for 8pm start.

Civic Service on Sunday 4th March from 3- 4pm. Billericay Baptist Church is organising the Civic Service and is liaising with the Town Council to ensure that there is a balance of Christian and community input. All welcome at Billericay Baptist Church, Perry Street CM12 ONS.

Easter Triduum Retreat for those aged 19-27. Experience the Holy Week liturgies in the tranquil and beautiful setting of Walsingham House at Abbotswick, with a programme that will weave reflection and prayer with a deeper understanding of each liturgy, in the company of other young adults. From the stillness of Adoration on Holy Thursday evening to an Easter Vigil finishing with champagne and chocolates, we hope this will be a Triduum celebration to live in the heart and mind for the year ahead. £30 covers meals

and accommodation 7.30pm Thursday 29th March – 9am Easter Sunday morning. Maximum 35 places – apply soon. Full details at www.bcys.net

Pastoral Centre Small Hall: We are planning for the renovations on the Small Hall to be finished this week. The builders have made great progress and we now have a new false ceiling, new walls and new radiators. This work has been made possible by the generosity of the Veolia Trust who have given us a grant of £13,000 in order to complete the work.

Messenger needed to deliver Easter cards to 5 houses in Eastfield Road Noak Bridge. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has been chosen as one of the Charities of the Month at Waitrose, Billericay for the month of February. please would you consider dropping your token into the 'bccs' box near to the entrance of the shop and asking your families and friends to do the same. Thank you.

Billericay Catholic Pre-School Our waiting list is open for enrolment. If you would like to enquire about our Pre-School, held in the Canon Roche hall, please contact billericaycatholicpreschool@gmail.com or look at our website www.billericaycatholicpreschool.co.uk. We have free funded places for 2, 3 and 4 year olds. Our team has a wealth of experience in providing a happy, safe environment which your children can learn and develop within.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for The Vitality London 10K run on Monday 28th May 2018. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with all the event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a registration fee of £30 and a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £200. If you have your own place in the race, we would love to have you on our team; we won't set a sponsorship target, but any funds you can raise for us would be hugely appreciated. Please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.

BAPTISM *Congratulations to the family of Cassidy Grace Hayden who was Baptised in our Church recently. May the Lord help them to bring up their child in the knowledge and love of God.*

HALL BOOKINGS The booking officer is Katie Smith who can be contacted Tel: 07437 443738, e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

Parish Hall Keys: One of the sets of keys for the Pastoral Centre which is kept in the key box has gone missing. If any group or individual has this set of keys please could you return it to the key box.