

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Peter Whitcombe RIP
TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR (A)
11th Oct 2020 9.00 am Mary-Lou Finn RIP
11.00 am The People of Our Parish
MONDAY *No Mass today*
TUESDAY 10.15 am Intentions of Mary Cawood
WEDNESDAY 9.15 am Susan Barnes RIP (Keane)
THURSDAY *No morning Mass*
FRIDAY 9.15 am Ros Kelk RIP (Allen)
SATURDAY 6.00 pm Maria Pawlowska & Bronia RIP
TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY OF YEAR (A) **World Mission Day**
18th Oct 2020 9.00 am The People of Our Parish
11.00 am Alec & Imelda Peace RIP

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Coronavirus Prayer: God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us You sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and our bodies, look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay in many regions of Europe and the world, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief, deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort their families, give wisdom to our rulers, energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers, eternal life to the dead. Do not abandon us in the moment of trial but deliver us from all evil. We ask this of Thee, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign for ever and ever. Amen. Mary, mother of health and hope, pray for us!

11am Mass Dial In Service: If you would like to listen in to the Sunday 11am Mass you can do so by **phoning 0333 0112 308**
Enter Room Access Key: 158 558 54# Followed by PIN Code: 5286#
Do make sure that you press the mute or silent button on your phone to cut down on background noise. Please note that there will just be one Mass broadcast live via the Masslink.

Parish Safeguarding Representative Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

Parish Office: The parish office will be open on Monday – Friday from 9am – 1pm. You should only come to the office if it is an urgent matter or if you have an appointment. Otherwise, we would ask at this time that you email or phone

TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR

11th October 2020



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

Reflection by Father 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.

Times of Weekend Masses:

Masses take place every weekend at the following times:

Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 9am and 11am.

Livestreaming of the 6pm and 9am Weekend Masses: Every week we will be livestreaming the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 9am Parish Masses via the parish website. If you would like to view the Mass you can either go to our parish website and follow the link: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/> or you can go directly to our You Tube channel to watch all of the videos we have uploaded:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNg5Uaks5YLB6s4MK-yM6GQ>

If you subscribe to our You Tube channel you will be informed of any new videos that we have uploaded.

The 11am Mass will also be available to listen to via the telephone link.

If you would like to make an appointment to come to one of the weekend Masses you will need to phone the Parish Office (01277 624891) on Thursday or Friday between 9am and 1pm stating your name and contact details and whether you will be going by yourself or in a group.

To assist with the booking process, **online sales will be available for a 24 hour period from 8am on Thursdays until 8am on Fridays. This week's link is:** [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/17th18th-october-masses-29th-sunday-year-a-tickets-124589030143=](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/17th18th-october-masses-29th-sunday-year-a-tickets-124589030143)

Telephone bookings can still be made from 9am until 1pm on both Thursdays and Fridays. Should a Mass be seen as "sold out" online please call the Parish Office during the above times to see if there is still space available:

Weekend Masses: Due to the limit we have on the number of people we can accommodate in the church due to social distancing we know that some people have not been able to get a space at the weekend Masses. If you are booking a space and the Masses for that weekend are full you will be asked if you would like to attend the following weekend and you will receive priority for that weekend. If for any reason you are not able to come to the Mass after you have booked a space please let us know as soon as possible so that your space can be allocated to other people.

We would also ask those who are able to attend the weekday Masses to consider coming during the weekday rather than the weekend to free up more spaces for those who are only able to come at the weekend.

Face Coverings at Mass: It is a requirement to wear a face mask or a face covering when you come to the weekend and the weekday Masses. The only exceptions are for children under the age of 11 and those who have a medical reason why they are not able to wear a face mask. If you are in the latter category please contact the Parish Office so that the stewards are made aware of this.

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:

Peter Patterson RIP. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Patterson who died on 26th September. Peter will be received into the Church on Wednesday, 14th October and Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Thursday 15th October. We remember especially Gill, Catherine & Charlotte at this sad time. May he rest in peace.

Due to the restriction on numbers, the Mass will also be livestreamed. If you would like to watch the Mass please follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOpyhQ5R084&feature=youtu.be> Please note that there won't be a 9.15am Parish Mass on this day.

Colleen Worley RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Colleen, daughter of Eileen Finnigan and sister of Jennifer Warren, who died on Friday, 2nd October. Her Funeral will take place on Thursday, 29th October, in Our Lady of Lourdes and St Joseph, Leigh-on-Sea. May she rest in peace.

John Thompson RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of John, father of Janet Dean, who died recently. May he rest in peace.

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

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

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

Blessing of Graves at Great Burstead Cemetery: On Sunday, 15th November at 3pm we will have the annual blessing of graves at Great Burstead Cemetery. Due to requirements around social distancing, parishioners who are going to be attending this service are asked to stand next to the graves of their loved ones when they arrive at the cemetery and Father Dan will go to them in order to bless the graves.

Connect With Us: We would love to be able to stay in contact with you during this period of lockdown. If you would like to receive a weekly email listing all of the things that are taking place in our parish please fill in the sign up form on the parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/register.php> For more information you can also watch Father Dan's video "Only Connect" which is available on the parish You Tube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNg5Uaks5YLB6s4MK-yM6GQ> **If you have signed up and you are not receiving the weekly emails in your inbox do make sure that you check your spam or junk box in your email.**

KID'S CORNER

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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GUESTS

CALL

TOWN

SILENT

BIND

Children's Liturgy: We are going to begin posting regular videos themed around the Sunday readings which are aimed at children and young families. If you would like to watch the first video that we have put together based on this Sunday's Gospel, please follow this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MD1DOsQdB2c&feature=youtu.be>

A very big "thank you" to all of our toddler's and children's liturgy catechists for their help in making this possible.

Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer: This prayer is to be said during Communion while watching or listening to the Mass.

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

First Holy Communion 11am Mass on Saturday, 17th October

Please note that on Saturday, 17th October we will be celebrating the fifth of our First Holy Communion Masses at 11am. Due to restrictions on numbers the only people who will be able to attend this Mass are those whose names have been submitted to the Parish Office. If you are not part of the First Holy Communion celebrations please do not park in the church car park on that day and please pray for all of the children who will be making their Holy Communion in the coming weeks.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, are seeking an experienced Higher Level Teaching Assistant (preferably Level 3 qualified) who is enthusiastic, dedicated and an outstanding practitioner to join our team. The post involves working across the school supporting teaching staff through planning, preparing and delivering lessons and intervention programmes, to facilitate non-contact time and short term cover for teachers together with accelerated progress for pupils. Further information and details on how to apply can be found at :

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=60950>

Church Cleaning: We are fortunate to have a small group of parishioners who volunteer to clean the church after the Wednesday and Thursday parish Masses. However the number of people in both groups has begun to decrease at a time when the importance of keeping the church clean has never been more pressing. If you would be able to spare an hour either on Wednesday or Thursday morning to assist with the cleaning of the church please contact the Parish Office on 01277 624891 or email office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk

Parish Raffle and Gift Day: Although we are not going to be able to hold the Parish Bazaar this year, we are still planning to have a Parish Raffle and have the red Gift Day boxes available. If you are able to offer any items which you think would be suitable as a raffle prize please could you contact the Parish Office. Raffle tickets and Gift Day boxes will be available from the beginning of next month.

First Holy Communion 2021: We are now taking the names of those families who are interested in finding out about joining our First Holy Communion programme for next year. Due to the requirements around social distancing there will have to be limits on the number of children who we will be able to accept on next year's course. Therefore priority will go to those families who are practicing Catholics in our parish. In order for your child to be considered for a place on next year's First Holy Communion course they need to be in Year 3 or above and baptised Catholics. Parents are requested to speak to Father Dan after one of the weekend Masses for more information. If parents are not able to speak to Father Dan after Mass then they will need to arrange a time to speak to him by contacting the Parish Office.

Confirmation 2020: Please pray for this year's Confirmation candidates who are going to be Confirmed on Sunday, 18th October.

Confirmation 2021: We are hoping to be able to run a Confirmation course starting in January 2021. This course may take the form of physical sessions in the Pastoral Centre or virtual sessions via Zoom or a combination of both depending upon what the situation in the country is with regard to Covid 19. If you have a child in Year 10 or above and you would like them to be considered for a place on next year's Confirmation course please speak to Father Dan after one of the weekend Masses. The deadline for applying is Sunday, December 6th.

Primary School Applications: If you have a child who is going to be of Reception age next year and you would like them to be considered for a place at a Catholic Primary School you are kindly **requested to email the Parish Office.**

Secondary School Applications: If you have a child who is in Year 6 and you would like them to be considered for a place at a Catholic Secondary School please email the Parish Office to arrange a time to see Father Dan. Please note that you will need to bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate with you. The deadline for applications is **October 31st** so please do this sooner rather than later. If you are applying for a place at the Brentwood Ursuline Convent School you do not need to make an appointment to see Father Dan.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: There will be no exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the next two Sundays (11th and 18th)

Are you interested in finding out more the Catholic Faith? If you are not a Catholic or you are an adult Catholic who hasn't been Confirmed, you are warmly invited to join our RCIA course which will be beginning on **Monday, 30th November at 8pm** in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre. For more information please speak to Father Dan after one of the weekend Masses.

World Challenge/ KEGS Tanzania Trip - As my trip to Africa was cancelled in July, I wanted to let parishioners who kindly donated or attended the quiz that I donated the £1,200 to Cafod and Hand in Hand charities. I was fortunate to visit an orphanage and school in Kenya in February on a school trip, so I'm glad the money could benefit other charities in Africa at this time.
Thank you. James Golder.

Standing Orders:

A very big "thank you" to all of you who have been supporting our parish through Standing Orders. Because the church has been closed for the last three months it has meant that our offertory collection has dropped considerably. If you would like to set up a Standing Order you can find the forms on the parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php>
This form needs to be returned to your bank or building society.
If you are a taxpayer and you are not currently part of our parish Gift Aid scheme, you can also print off a Gift Aid form from the website which needs to be returned to the Parish Office.

Easy Fundraising:

The Most Holy Redeemer is now registered with easyfundraising, an organization which means that you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself. If you would like to sign up to this all you need to do is go on the easyfundraising website by following this link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mostholyredeemerchurchbillericay/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1

You can raise TRIPLE donations for Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay when you shop the John Lewis and Partners home collection via #easyfundraising. So if you're planning on buying anything from them, make sure to get it this week to make the most of this offer! Shop now: <http://efraising.org/NkMYEex2Wn>