

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Ida & George Zarb RIP (Anniv)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

21st Feb 2021 9.00 am John Hasson RIP (Anniv)

11.00 am Howard Watson RIP (Keane)

MONDAY *No Parish Mass today*

TUESDAY 12 noon Victor Robinson RIP **Requiem Mass**

WEDNESDAY 9.15 am Patricia Stocks RIP (Anniv)

THURSDAY 9.15 am Bridget Stevens RIP

FRIDAY Lent Fast Day
9.15 am Intentions of Clare McCarthy (J.Keane)

SATURDAY 6.00 pm Liam Lawlor RIP (Anniv)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

28th Feb 2021 9.00 am Kathleen (Kitty) Keane RIP

11.00 am Ken Howell RIP (Addicott)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Prayer to St Joseph:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

To you God entrusted his only Son;

in you, Mary placed her trust;

with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father

and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,

and defend us from every evil. Amen.

11am Mass Dial In Service: If you would like to listen in to the Sunday 10am Mass you can do so by **phoning 0333 0112 308**

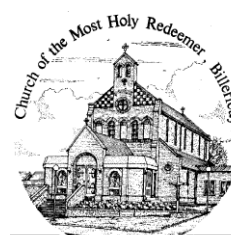
Enter Room Access Key: 158 558 54# Followed by PIN Code: 5286#

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.

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

Reflection from Fr Adrian Graffy

It is an ancient custom in the Church that the story of the temptation of Jesus in the desert should be read on the first Sunday of Lent.

Jesus spent forty days in the wilderness. At the beginning of the forty days of Lent the Church always puts before us His time of solitude.

The temptation of Jesus is recounted in the three gospels known as 'synoptics', the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke. While Matthew and Luke give an extended version of the tradition, telling us that Jesus fasted for forty days and reporting a dialogue between Jesus and the devil, Mark simply gives the outline of the story.

Jesus has just received baptism from John in the river Jordan and He is filled with the Spirit. This same Spirit drives Him into the wilderness, the place of desolation and loneliness, thought to be the habitat of evil spirits. Jesus' forty days in the desert remind us of the forty day journey of the prophet Elijah to the holy mountain where his call is renewed in the 'still, small voice'. We may even compare Jesus' stay in the wilderness with the forty years of wandering by Moses and the people.

The central statement is that Jesus was tempted. To be tempted is the fate of all human beings. That Jesus was tempted shows His humanity. He was 'like us in all things but sin'. He did not give way to temptation.

Mark balances his statement about temptation with the laconic declarations 'he was with the wild beasts' and 'the angels looked after him'. The evangelist shows that this Son of Man is at peace with all creation and cared for by the providence of the Father.

Our gospel reading concludes with a reminder of Jesus' mission, to preach the 'good news' from God, to announce that the time has come and that the kingdom is approaching.

These statements of Jesus have a particular resonance as we begin the season of Lent, a time of self-examination and self-denial. We are invited to welcome God's special time of blessing and the coming of the kingdom into our lives.

YouTube Links for weekend Masses: As we are now open for public worship the weekend Mass times will be at 6pm on Saturday and at **9am and 11am** on Sunday. The 11am Mass will also be available to listen to on the telephone link. The YouTube links are provided below.

6pm Saturday, 20th February: <https://youtu.be/1xCjwncGgaY>

9am Sunday, 21st February: <https://youtu.be/rJHBXZZ1-0I>

Weekday Livestreamed Masses: We are going to continue to livestream the weekday Masses even after the church has opened. If you'd like to watch the livestreams you can either follow the link from our parish website <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/> or subscribe to our parish YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNg5Uaks5YLB6s4MK-yM6GO> This week Parish Masses will be livestreamed at 9.15am on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

Weekend Mass Bookings for Saturday, 27th and Sunday, 28th February:

If you would like to book a place for one of the Masses for next weekend (27th/28th February) you can do so in two ways:

Online Reservations take place during a 24 hour period from **8am on Thursdays until 8am on Fridays** via the designated MHR page on Eventbrite. This week's link is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/27th28th-february-masses-2nd-sunday-of-lent-year-b-tickets-141999413067>

Telephone Reservations can be made between **9am and 12pm (only) on both Thursdays and Fridays** but most Masses are "sold out" before the end of that time period and so it is best to book on a Thursday to avoid disappointment.

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:

It is not possible to book more than 5 places. If you find that you are not able to attend one of the Masses after having booked a place please let us know as soon as possible. **Face Coverings** must be worn when you come to the weekend and the weekday Masses. Exceptions are: 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 reserve a place and decide that you will not be coming to Mass at the weekend please let us know as soon as possible so that we can re-allocate your space(s) to other people.

For those who are retired or who are not working it may be preferable to attend one of the weekday Masses. You do not need to make an appointment in order to attend one of the weekday Masses but if the capacity is exceeded then you may be refused admission.

For both the weekday and weekend Masses please make sure that you arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass so that the Stewards can seat you before the Mass begins.

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:

VIC ROBINSON RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Vic, husband of Marian. Vic's Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 23rd February at 12 noon. Please note that this Mass will replace the normal 10.15am Mass on that day. The Mass will be livestreamed for those who are not going to be able to attend in person. The link to the Mass is here: <https://youtu.be/QIniO78MNy8> May he rest in peace.

GERRY LAWLOR RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gerry Lawlor, the son of Kathleen Lawlor and brother of Therese, who has died recently. Gerry's Requiem Mass will take place on Thursday, 4th March at 11am and his body will be received into the church the night before at 7pm. The Mass will be livestreamed for those who are not going to be able to attend in person and the link to the Mass is here: <https://youtu.be/DODofaNXflw> May he rest in peace.

We pray for all their families and friends at this sad time.

Please note that due to Covid restrictions the number of mourners attending is limited to 30.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Morley, Paul Moyne, Margaret Hunter, Catherine Moyne, Marie Liddall, Helen Butler, Joseph Fallon, Patricia Stocks, Olga Gladwin, Michael Mulchrone, Conrad Grant, Michael Thurlow, Joan Papa, Gertrude Bradshaw, Harry Folkard, George Court.

Clergy: Canon Aloysius Roche, Deacon Sidney Lewis, Fr Gerard Murphy, Mgr Canon Jules van Meenan, Fr Clifford Becroft, Fr David Chapman.

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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY is Friday 26th February and we are being asked to walk together with families facing difficulties in accessing clean water, especially during the coronavirus crisis. Please pray for all those affected and donate as much as you are able in one of the following ways:

- * Online at CAFOD.org.uk/give or Text CAFOD to 70085 (to donate £10)
- * Putting an envelope clearly marked CAFOD in the donations box at the back of the church or through the presbytery letter box – **cheques should be made payable to Catholic Church Billericay.** Gift aid envelopes may be used.
- * I will be joining CAFOD in walking for water, doing 10,000 steps (5 miles) every day during lent and donations to CAFOD can be made through the JustGiving page <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walk-for-water1934>

Thank you. Mike Evans - Parish CAFOD Representative

KID'S CORNER

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (B)

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Tempted	Satan	Days
Wild	Beasts	Angels
John	Arrested	Good
Kingdom	News	Time
Believe	Looked	Hand

Parish Office: The parish office will be open on **Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9am – 12 noon.** 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

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.

Standing Orders: A very big “thank you” to all of you who have been supporting our parish through Standing Orders. Without your support we would be in severe financial difficulty due to the loss of income from the weekly collection.

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 tax payer 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. The link is here:

https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/includes/pages/parish/giftaid/gift_aid_declaration.pdf

By gift aiding your donations it means that we are able to claim an extra 25p from the Inland Revenue for every £1 that you give to the parish. **However, please note that if you are part of the Gift Aid scheme you cannot claim more in Gift Aid than you pay in tax.**

If you have any queries about setting up a Standing Order or about joining the Gift Aid scheme please don't hesitate to phone or email the Parish Office.

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH:- at the moment you are unable to collect your paper at

Mass, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you.

SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS :-£25.00

SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months:- £99.00

OR

DIGITAL COPY:- 12 Months: £55.00

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday at 5pm:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 5pm this Sunday and will be available to watch via the livestream.

If you have a specific intention that you would like to be prayed for during the recitation of the Rosary please contact the Parish Office. The link to the livestream is here: <https://youtu.be/469xl0pnZv4>

Stations of the Cross beginning on Friday, 26th February at 7pm:

Stations of the Cross will take place every Friday evening during Lent at 7pm in the church starting this Friday (26th February) If you are planning to attend this devotion please make sure that you remain in your benches during the Stations.

Act now and stop 'DIY' abortions being made permanent

As you are likely already aware, the UK Government has temporarily allowed home abortions. The UK Government has launched a consultation on whether to make permanent the current temporary arrangement allowing 'DIY' home abortions. The consequences of this measure would be devastating to the care and protection of both unborn babies and their mothers. It is vital that as many people as possible take part to ensure the voices of the most vulnerable are heard. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. If you would like to take part and make a submission to this consultation before it closes at 11:59pm on 26 February, you can do so by visiting the link below. It only takes 2 minutes! <https://righttolife.org.uk/ukconsultation>

Mary's Meals has launched an emergency appeal called Crisis in Ethiopia. Millions have been forced to flee their homes in Tigray which is in the north of the country as a result of conflict that has been ongoing since last November. The UN has described it as a very severe situation with tens of thousands displaced without food or basic supplies and with numerous children separated from their families, living in refugee camps on the borders. For more information about what you can do to support the work of Mary's Meals in feeding refugees please watch a short video produced by the founder of Mary's Meals, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow: <https://youtu.be/Vk03Mi4m32M>

Pastoral Support: We know that for many people lockdown can exacerbate feelings of loneliness and isolation. If you need support in any way – either spiritual or practical- or you know a parishioner who would appreciate a phone call from Father Dan or a member of the Parish Visiting Group, please don't hesitate to email the Parish Office at office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk or to give us a ring on 01277 624891. Due to GDPR restrictions please make sure the person is happy for their contact details to be passed on to the Visiting Group.

World Day of Prayer - Friday, March 5th at 10.30am

On Friday, 5th March at 10.30am the Billericay Churches will be holding a World Day of Prayer which will be livestreamed from The Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Laindon Road.

The theme of this year's World Day of Prayer is "Building on a Strong Foundation" and the liturgy has been prepared by the Christian women of Vanuatu.

If you would like to watch the livestream you can do so by following this YouTube link: https://youtu.be/29u_QmlDloo

We would ask that you make sure that you have a stone next to you because this will form part of the service.

You will be able to watch the service live on the 5th of March or if you prefer you can watch it at a later date.

If you would like to take part in the service please contact Pauline Randall at paulinerandall@aol.com or by phoning 01277 654540.

More information about the World Day of Prayer can be found by visiting their website: <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/>

Learning from COVID: Sr Gemma Simmonds CJ of Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge, will lead a livestreamed study day on Saturday 6th March from 11 am, on the topic 'Learning from Covid: church, state and a better future'. The study day is organised by Gidea Park parish. Free access to the live event will be available on www.whatgoodnews.org and a recording subsequently on the same website.

Vacancy: Our Lady of Ransom Primary School, Rayleigh - The Governors are looking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly motivated full time class teacher to join our friendly and dedicated team from 1st September, 2021. Full details and an application form can be obtained from the school website www.olorcps.net/school-info/vacancies. Closing date: 15th March 2021 (4pm)

MHR Youth Newsletter: We have begun sending out a regular e-newsletter for young people in our parish aged between 13-18 with articles and information about events taking place for Catholic young people in our parish and in our diocese. If you would like your child to be on the mailing list please follow this link to the sign up form: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/mhryouth.php>

Weekly Email: A reminder that the best way to keep in touch with everything that is happening in our parish is by signing up to the weekly email that is sent out at the beginning of every week.

If you would like to join the mailing list please follow the Connect With Us link on the parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/register.php>