

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Anne Feeney-McGarr RIP (Anniv)
<b>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (YEAR B)</b>		
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	The People of our Parish
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Ron Plumer RIP (Anniv)
<b>MONDAY</b>	9.15 am	Edmund J. Cole RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>11.00 am</b>	Anne Rowe RIP <b>Requiem Mass</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9.15 am	Alice Hood RIP (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniv)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>No Parish Mass today</i>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	9.15 am	Susan McNicholl RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Ints of the family of Madge Caulfield RIP (Waters)
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR B</b>		<b>Peace Sunday</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Denis Barter RIP (Billericay Catenians)
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Janusz Stranc RIP

**Weekday Masses:** This week Masses are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. There is no 10.15am Parish Mass on Tuesday because of the Requiem Mass for Anne Rowe.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (7<sup>th</sup> January)** at 5pm in the church. It is also available to watch via our livestream by following this link: [https://youtube.com/live/Nh\\_ajw\\_B5xc?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/Nh_ajw_B5xc?feature=share)

**Confessions** will take place this Saturday in the Church from 11am – 12 noon.

**Spiritual Reading: My Day by Day (£1.15) and Bible Alive (£3) for Jan/Feb** are in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.

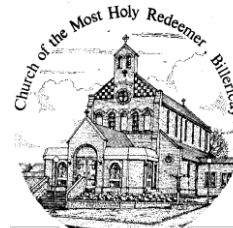
**Parish Safeguarding Representative** Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

**Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas:** Email address: [kristindefreitas@brcdt.org](mailto:kristindefreitas@brcdt.org) Mobile number is: 07492 910138

**Hall Bookings** The booking officer is Jane Maddocks who can be contacted by e-mail [canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com)

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (YEAR B)

7<sup>th</sup> January 2024



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

### **From Fr Dan Mason:**

The story of the magi carries with it an extraordinary richness. In it the evangelist teaches us about the mission of the Son of God.

Jesus is 'made manifest' (epiphany = manifestation) as Messiah not only for His own people, but for those who come 'from the east', for all the peoples of the earth. At the same time this is the Messiah heralded by the prophets. The Scriptures are fulfilled.

This Messiah is born into danger, as the cruel tyrant, known to history as 'Herod the Great', is the first to threaten His life. The gift of myrrh alludes to the death He is to suffer. The presentation of gifts from the peoples of the world completes the Christmas scene.

The Magi represent the nations, but also the age-old quest among the peoples of the earth for true wisdom. This wisdom is found in Christ.

***What lies at the heart of the epiphany story?***

***How is Matthew preparing us for later events in the gospel story?***

***Let us rejoice with the peoples of the whole world that God's love has been revealed in the birth of Jesus.***

***We pray for a growing solidarity with those all over the world who suffer.***

## 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.

The YouTube links to this weekend's Masses are here:

6pm on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> January (Feast of the Epiphany):

<https://youtube.com/live/29mO6XRJ1Xg?feature=share>

9am on Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> January (Feast of the Epiphany):

<https://youtube.com/live/ocMH9-saCOo?feature=share>

The 11am Mass is available to listen to via the telephone link. 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.

### Prayer for the Israel-Gaza Conflict:

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.

Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land.

While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father.

In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

**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:**

**Anne Rowe RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Anne Rowe. Anne's Requiem Mass will take place in the church at 11am this Tuesday (9<sup>th</sup> January). May she rest in peace. Anne's Mass will also be livestreamed and the link is here:

[https://youtube.com/live/LyPoxDe\\_3e0?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/LyPoxDe_3e0?feature=share)

**Margaret Andrews RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Andrews. Margaret's Requiem Mass will take place in the Church at 11am on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January. She will be received into the church the night before (Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January) at 5pm. May she rest in peace.

**John Raftery RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Raftery. We are planning to have a "Month's Mind" Memorial Mass in the parish. Details will be announced in the New Year.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gregory Canty, Jerry Lyons, Bernard Tayler, Frederick Stocks, Dan Sullivan, Ivy Butler, Charles Crasto, Alice Fallon, Ida Callcott, Bill Smith, Eileen Stannard, Margaret McCreanor, Katie Knight, William Allison, Charles Sproul, Denise Fallon.

**Clergy:** Canon John Bloomfield, Canon Francis Dobson.

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

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**Billericay Foodbank** would like to thank parishioners for their support over Christmas. The green box will remain in the church porch, all donations continue to be gratefully received. Thank you

### PARISH REGISTRATION:

A big thank you to all of you who have already completed the online parish registration form. We have already had Over 430 entries! 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 below and it will take you straight to the link!



# KIDS' CORNER

## The Epiphany of The Lord

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EPIPHANY

KINGS

PRAISE

REVELATION

BETHLEHEM

CHILD

GOLD

CHRIST

RADIANT

TRIBUTE

PROPHETS

HEROD

MARY

MYRRH

STAR

LIGHT

BRIGHTNESS

GIFTS

APOSTLES

HOMAGE

FRANKINCENSE

DEVOTION

**Most Holy Redeemer Children's Choir (MHRCC)** Our Children's Choir rehearsals take place in the Most Holy Redeemer Church on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm to 5.15pm, during term time. We sing at the 6pm Saturday evening Mass twice each term and give a musical presentation for parents and friends at the end of each term. If you have a child in Years 3 – 6 and they are interested in joining our enthusiastic choristers, please email Bernadette via the Parish Office: [office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk](mailto:office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk) and we will pass your details on.

### Gift Aid and Standing Orders

By Gift Aiding your donations it means that for every £1 that you give to the parish we are able to claim an extra 25p. If you are a tax payer you are able to join our Gift Aid scheme by downloading the Gift Aid form from the Parish website (<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php>) or by collecting a Gift Aid form from the Church Porch. This then needs to be returned to the Parish Office and you will be issued with a Gift Aid number which you will use whenever you make a donation to the church.

We would also encourage you to consider setting up a **Standing Order** to the parish if you haven't already done so. Standing Orders enable us to budget more effectively and they mean that you don't need to bring money with you when you come to Mass. You can set up a Standing Order electronically through your banking app. If you email the Parish Office we will be able to provide you with the Sort Code and Account Name for the parish or alternatively you can download a Standing Order form from the parish website

(<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php>) and take it to your bank.

**Contactless Payments:** As fewer and fewer people are carrying cash we have introduced a new way for people to donate to the parish. In the entrance to the church we now have installed a contactless donation system which enables you to donate directly to the parish using your credit or debit card. If you are a taxpayer you also have the option of gift aiding your donation. You will only need to fill in your contact details once and then the machine will automatically gift aid any subsequent donations provided you use the same payment method.

**Foreign Currency for 'Mary's Meals':** Please donate any unwanted currency or any UK notes and coins that are no longer legal tender to the **Parish Office**. 'Mary's Meals', is a charity which helps to provide nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)

### CAFOD's ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/ipc](http://cafod.org.uk/ipc) or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

**Mission Red Box Donations** - Thank You! Thank you very much for your donations this year. **Missio Calendars for 2024 are free and available in the Church porch.**

**Father Simphiwe:** Father Dan recently received an email from Father Simphiwe, the Parish Priest of our **sister parish of Blaauwbosch in South Africa**. In addition to wishing our parish a happy Christmas, Father Simphiwe also wrote to thank us for a financial donation which enabled him to install a water supply for the Presbytery and Parish Centre.

**Confirmation Trip to London:** A reminder to parents of Confirmation candidates that the forms and money for the trip to London on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January need to be returned to the Parish Office by **Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> January** at the latest.

**Bishop's Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry** is an online course is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills and the deepening of theological knowledge. For more information or to register your interest please email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or see the website <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/>

**BCYS Summer Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage – July 2024 (exact dates TBC)**  
Bookings are now open online for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes in July. Open to all in school year 10-13. All details and applications can be found on the website [www.bcys.net/events/s124](http://www.bcys.net/events/s124)

**40yrs of Walsingham House Teams:** 2024 marks 40 years of retreat teams at Walsingham House. There will be a celebration Mass with Bishop Alan on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. Please save the date as it would be wonderful to see Walsingham House and BCYS alumni and friends gather together to mark this milestone. More information to follow.

**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. Please note that if you are contacting us now the earliest date that it will be possible for your child's baptism to take place will be from February 2024.

**The Universe Catholic Weekly Online and PRINT EDITION Newspaper**  
If you are interested in our Digital Subscription Offer or the PRINT EDITION, call on Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: [michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

**Thank You from Father Dan:** Father Dan would like to say a big thank you to all of you for your Christmas cards, gifts and best wishes.

**Messengers** – Many thanks to our band of messengers who have delivered Christmas cards throughout the parish. If you did not receive a card perhaps we have not got the right address for you. Please contact the Parish Office on [office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk](mailto:office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk)

**Parish Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi: November 4<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> 2024** We are having a meeting for all of those who have said that they would like to go on pilgrimage with the parish to Rome and Assisi in November of this year. The meeting will take place in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm **this Tuesday (9<sup>th</sup> January)** and we will be exploring some of the things that we will be seeing during the course of the pilgrimage as well as giving out some more information about the trip. If you haven't already paid your deposit please get in contact with Lee Robinson, the Pilgrimage organiser, via the Parish office, to guarantee your place.

**MHR Flower arrangers** would like to thank everyone for all the lovely compliments about the Christmas decorations and flowers. If you would like to know more about this friendly group, please contact Esther Wilkins on 07702 139120. Happy New Year

**Open Morning:** St Peter's Catholic Primary School Billericay, warmly invites parents who are applying for a Reception place for September 2024 intake, to an Open Morning on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 10am. Please contact the school office to book your place 01277 653770.

**Assistant Headteacher Vacancy** - St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Stanford-le-Hope. For more information see [www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk](http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk)  
Application Deadline - **14<sup>th</sup> January 12pm.**

**Choral Director Vacancy– Diocese of Brentwood Schools Singing Programme**  
All details can be found at: [Vacancies - Brentwood Diocese \(dioceseofbrentwood.net\)](http://Vacancies-BrentwoodDiocese.dioceseofbrentwood.net) Closing date 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**Assistant Schoolkeeper Vacancy** - Sacred Heart School, Upminster.  
Application form from their website: [www.sacredheartofmary.net](http://www.sacredheartofmary.net) Closing date 12th January 2024.

**The New Diocesan Directory 2024** is now available for purchase from the church porch - £3 per copy.