

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Ints of the family of Madge Caulfield RIP (Waters)

SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR B **Peace Sunday**
14th Jan 2024 **9.00 am** Denis Barter RIP (Billericay Catenians)
 11.00 am Janusz Stranc RIP (Anniv)

MONDAY 9.15 am Timothy McKenzie RIP

TUESDAY 10.15 am William Clark RIP

WEDNESDAY **St Anthony, Abbot**
 9.15 am Intentions of The Padre Pio Prayer Group

THURSDAY *No Parish Mass today*

FRIDAY 9.15 am Margaret Elull RIP

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Denis Daly RIP (Anniv)

THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR B
21st Jan 2024 **9.00 am** David Fisher RIP (Anniv) (Watters)
 11.00 am Intentions of Pauline McKenzie

Weekday Masses: This week Masses are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday & Friday and at 10.15am on Tuesday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (14th January) It is also available to watch via the livestream by following this link: https://youtube.com/live/YwF_vAZM7so?feature=share

No Confessions on Saturday, 20th January: Please note that there will be no Confessions on Saturday, 20th January because Father Dan will be in London with the Confirmation group.

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.

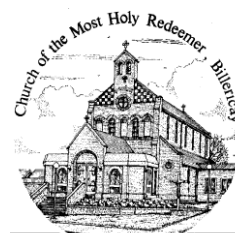
Parish Safeguarding Representative Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas: Email address: kristindefreitas@brcdt.org Mobile number is: 07492 910138

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR B

14th January 2024



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

From Fr Adrian Gaffy:

Our reading this Sunday is taken from the later verses of the first chapter of John, which is generally read during the Christmas season. These verses cover the early days of the ministry of Jesus.

We have a last glimpse of John the Baptist, who heralds Jesus for a second time as 'the Lamb of God'. Jesus is the one who is to lay down His life like an innocent lamb 'for the sins of the world'. This is the purpose of His coming into the world, the purpose of the Son of God 'becoming flesh' and 'living among us'.

Attention quickly moves away from John the Baptist to the conversation between Jesus and the two disciples. They follow Jesus, but He challenges them with the question 'what are you seeking?' This is translated here as 'what do you want?' They counter this question with another, 'where do you live?' Jesus invites them: 'Come and see!'

The time they spend with Jesus makes a deep impression on them. Andrew cannot contain his enthusiasm. He is convinced that Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah. He calls his brother Simon Peter. When Jesus meets Simon Peter, He does not hesitate to enlist him among the disciples and immediately gives him the new name, Cephas, which means Rock. These verses are marked by the enthusiastic response of the first disciples to Jesus and their eagerness to spread the news about him.

This eagerness is an echo of the first reading, in which Samuel is called as a boy to be a prophet. When the good news of salvation comes, when the encounter with the word of God arrives, it cannot be contained or suppressed. It is imperative to let others know!

'What are you seeking?'

What would be your response to Jesus' question?

How often do you invite others to 'come and see' something of your life of faith?

We pray that, as another year begins, we may meet Jesus with new enthusiasm. Let us have the courage to make Jesus known to others, as the first disciples did.

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, 13th January (Second Sunday of Year B):

<https://youtube.com/live/YsH4RONGIOc?feature=share>

9am on Sunday, 14th January (Second Sunday of Year B):

<https://youtube.com/live/PSo4MdFPV3g?feature=share>

We try to ensure that the Masses are livestreamed without any interruptions but occasionally we do encounter problems with the internet connection or with sound. If you do come across any issues with a livestream that you have watched please email the Parish Office and we will do our best to rectify the issue.

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:

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 30th January. May she rest in peace.

John Raftery RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Raftery. His funeral has taken place in Ireland. We are planning to have a "Month's Mind" Memorial Mass in the parish. Details will be announced soon. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Janusz Stranc, Tom Bewick, Alice Glavin, Frank Britt, Bill Walker, Jack Morrow, Michael Johnson, Marie Haywood, Irene Young, Rose Speller, May Glen, Bridget Lydon, Anne Layland, Mary Porter.

Clergy: Fr John King, Fr Gilbert Pearson, Fr Neville Banks, Fr Kenneth Green, Mgr Canon David Donnelly, Fr John Meehan.

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

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

Second Sunday Year B

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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 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

CAFOD's ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at 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.**

Laminated Mass Cards with prayers of the Mass are available at the entrance to the church as an alternative to the Mass Books. They are also very helpful for visitors and for those who have just started coming to Mass.

Lent Lectures at Brentwood Cathedral: There will be a series of Lenten talks at Brentwood Cathedral on the subject of the Synod that took place in Rome in October given by four of the participants who were present.

Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP will be speaking on Wednesday 21st February.

Revd Dr Jan Nowotnik will be speaking on Wednesday 28th February.

Mr Austen Ivereigh will be speaking on Wednesday 6th March.

Bishop Nicholas Hudson will be speaking on Wednesday 13th March.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about the Synod on Synodality. **Each talk starts at 7.30pm.**

Connect Groups Start Dates: A big thank you to all of you who have expressed an interest in leading or joining our newly formed Connect Groups. Connect Groups are designed to enable parishioners to be able to meet together for prayer and fellowship in each other's homes.

We have five Connect Groups that are going to be meeting in the next couple of weeks. If you are interested in joining any of these groups please email or phone the Parish Office and they will pass your contact details on to the Group Leader.

Connect Group Information:

Group 1: Meets every Monday evening at 8pm and is a women's only group. Leader: Liz Killeen.

Group 2: Meets monthly on Tuesdays from 10am-12pm and is a women's only group.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 16th January. Leader: Jenny Brentnall.

Group 3: Meets monthly on Mondays from 12pm-1.30pm and is a mixed group. Leader: Janet Harvey.

Group 4: Meets monthly on Wednesdays from 7.30-9.15pm and is a mixed group.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 30th January. Leader: Hugh Connolly.

Group 5: Meets monthly on Tuesday evenings and is a mixed group.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 16th January. Leader: Gabrielle O'Regan.

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 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

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 31st 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.

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

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

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.

Assistant Headteacher Vacancy - St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Stanford-le-Hope. For more information see www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk
Application Deadline - **14th January 12pm.**

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

Personal Assistant to the Headteacher Vacancy, Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster. E-mail: admin@mary.havering.sch.uk for information. Application form from their website: www.sacredheartofmary.net Closing date 24th January.

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

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