

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Denis Daly RIP (Anniv)
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR B</b>		
<b>21<sup>st</sup> Jan 2024</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	David Fisher RIP (Anniv) (Watters)
	<b>11.00 am</b>	The People of our Parish
<b>MONDAY</b>	9.15 am	Intentions of Pauline McKenzie
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10.15 am	Jack & Edith Hinchliffe RIP (Anniv)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>St Francis de Sales, Bishop &amp; Doctor</b>	
	9.15 am	Indy Mason RIP (Heath)
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>No Parish Mass today</i>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>Ss Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops</b>	
	9.15 am	Intentions of The McNicholl Family
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Vic Robinson RIP (Anniv)
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B</b>		
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2024</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	The People of our Parish
	<b>11.00 am</b>	David Clarke RIP (Anniv)

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

**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday:** There is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5pm this Sunday (21<sup>st</sup> January).

**No Confessions on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> January:** Please note that there will be no Confessions on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

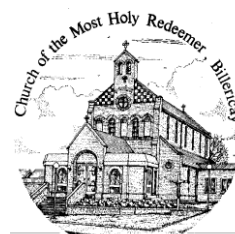
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**Hall Bookings** The booking officer is Jane Maddocks who can be contacted by e-mail [canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com)

## THIRD SUNDAY OF YEAR B

21<sup>st</sup> January 2024



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

### **From Fr Adrian Gaffy:**

This Sunday we begin our reading of the gospel laid down to be read on Ordinary Sundays this year, the Gospel according to Mark, the first and the shortest of the four gospels.

Mark begins his gospel without any reference to the birth or early life of Jesus. A short account of the ministry of John the Baptist is followed by the story of the baptism of Jesus and a brief reference to his temptation in the desert.

Our passage begins with Jesus in Galilee proclaiming the 'good news' or 'gospel' of God. Jesus declares the coming of 'the time' and of 'the kingdom of God'. The essence of His preaching is that the time of fulfilment, the long-awaited time, has arrived. God's kingdom, God's rule, is coming. The power of evil and of sin will be challenged, and overcome. This will be the constant theme of the words and deeds of Jesus in Mark.

The first half of the gospel is set mostly in the northern region of Galilee. It is here that the gospel is first heard and first welcomed. Our reading continues with the call of the first disciples. They are taken away abruptly from their daily work of fishing. They respond immediately to Jesus' summons. They do not show the reluctance which Jonah showed (first reading). The call of Jesus is irresistible.

We learn the names of the first four disciples, the brothers Simon and Andrew, and the brothers James and John. They abandon both their work, and their family ties. Something momentous is happening in their lives. It is amid the preoccupations of each day that the Lord calls His disciples, and calls them by name.

***What was it like when you first understood and welcomed the message of the good news?***

***What has been your response to the call of Jesus at times of crisis or turning points in life?***

***We pray for a deeper appreciation that the good news of Jesus really is good news.***

***We pray for an understanding that only through God's goodness can our lives be free from worry and full of happiness.***

## 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, 20<sup>th</sup> January (Third Sunday of Year B):

<https://youtube.com/live/RTSNAE8l-s8?feature=share>

9am on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> January (Third Sunday of Year B):

<https://youtube.com/live/NSLlck1VEEE?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.

*Please could you let us know if you do listen to the Mass via the phone link because we are currently considering whether to continue providing this service.*

### 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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:** Molly chambers, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, John Purcell, Brigitte Cronin, Catherine Tatnall, Gladys Cregg, Jeannie Vincent, Fred Ellerby, Michael Kelley, Dorothy Hales, Anthony Busuttil, Jill Foote, Vic Robinson, Mary Murphy, David O'Nion, James Evett, David Clarke, James Phelan-Hopkins, Angel Amelia Cronin.

**Clergy:** Pope Benedict XV, Bishop Bernard Ward, Bishop Arthur Doubleday, Bishop Patrick Casey, Fr Christopher Quirke, Fr John O'Sullivan, Fr John Hibbert, Fr Alfred Field.

**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** The green box remains 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

## Third Sunday Year B

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Galilee

Repent

Sea

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Mending

Men

Casting

Good

Believe

Simon

Fishermen

Father

Hand

Follow

News

Walking

Net

Boat

Kingdom

Close

**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.**

**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 21<sup>st</sup> February.

**Revd Dr Jan Nowotnik** will be speaking on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**Mr Austen Ivereigh** will be speaking on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March.

**Bishop Nicholas Hudson** will be speaking on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

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

**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. Leader: Jenny Brentnall.

**Group 3:** Meets monthly on Mondays from 12.30pm-2pm and is a mixed group. Date of next meeting: Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Leader: Janet Harvey.

**Group 4:** Meets monthly on Wednesdays from 7.30-9.15pm and is a mixed group. Date of next meeting: Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January. Leader: Hugh Connolly.

**Group 5:** Meets fortnightly on Monday evenings from 7.30-9pm and is a mixed group. Date of next meeting: Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> January. Leader: Gabrielle O'Regan.

**Second Collection: Next weekend (27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> Jan)** there will be a second collection in aid of **LEPRA, The British Leprosy Relief Association**. Over 3 million people are living with undiagnosed leprosy, which if not treated early enough may result in life-changing physical and mental health issues that can destroy people's lives. At Lepara, we aim to change the negative that surrounds the disease of leprosy and are committed to making sure that people affected by leprosy have the chance to live with dignity and their disease be of little adverse consequence to their lives. Please give generously – All cheques made payable to 'Catholic Church Billericay', and Gift Aid envelopes may be used. More information can be found on their website at [www.lepra.org.uk](http://www.lepra.org.uk)

**BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE:**

**BCYS Youth Mass – Thursday 1st February, 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral**

Beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a speaker from the SVP joining us to help prepare for the start of Lent. Youth Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book, but do let us know if you have a group coming – just email [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net)

**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 those in school year 10 – 13. All details and applications can be found on the website [www.bcys.net/events/sl24](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl24)

**Year 12 Retreat – Friday 16th to Sunday 18th February** "Life to the Full" - You are at a stage where you are about to start making decisions and dreaming about future plans. You might be at a stage where you are looking to explore your faith further and learn more about the role God plays within your life. This retreat will give you time to think, pray and chat with those in your year from across Essex and East London. There will be a mix of fun and games, along with times of reflection and personal prayer. For just £35, the cost will include meals, accommodation and youth-led formation. Apply now at [www.bcys.net/events/yr12retreat/](http://www.bcys.net/events/yr12retreat/)

**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.

**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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024.

**Personal Assistant to the Headteacher Vacancy**, Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster. E-mail: [admin@mary.havering.sch.uk](mailto:admin@mary.havering.sch.uk) for information. Application form from their website: [www.sacredheartofmary.net](http://www.sacredheartofmary.net) Closing date 24<sup>th</sup> January.