

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Kathleen, Francis, Theresa & Andrew Skinner RIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B		
4th Feb 2024	9.00 am	Kathleen & Patrick Watters RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	Patricia Clark RIP
MONDAY	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	
	9.15 am	Ints of Jo Harris & family (McBurney)
TUESDAY	St Paul Miki & Comps. Martyrs	
	10.15 am	Terry Crow RIP
WEDNESDAY	10.30 am	Catherine Carroll RIP Requiem Mass
THURSDAY	No Parish Mass today	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Martin & Matthew Cullen RIP
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Jan Pawlowski RIP (Anniv)
SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B	World day of prayer for sick & Day of prayer for the unemployed	
11th Feb 2024	9.00 am	Matthew Nash RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	The People of the Parish

WEEKDAY MASSES: This week Masses are at 9.15am on Monday & Friday & 10.15am on Tuesday. There is no Parish Mass at 9.15am on Wednesday because of the Requiem Mass for Catherine Carroll.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (4th February): If you would like to watch it via the livestream you can do so by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/wCweGDWQhsw?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 Feb are in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.

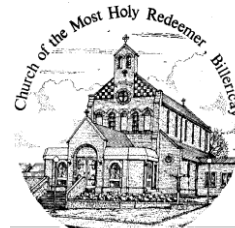
Parish Safeguarding Representative Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B

4th FEBRUARY 2024



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

From Fr Adrian Gaffy:

As he begins the story of the ministry of Jesus, Mark sets before us a typical day's ministry of Jesus in Capernaum. It begins with the healing of the sick man in the synagogue, which we read last week. There are many others who also need Jesus' help.

Jesus is still accompanied by the four disciples, the first ones to be called. The evangelist tells us how He heals the mother-in-law of Simon Peter. While our translation says that He 'helped her up', the Greek original is, literally, 'he raised her up'. This is the term used for the resurrection of Jesus. The miracles of Jesus are signs of the kingdom, and point to the resurrection. He has come to raise up to new life those who welcome His help.

At sunset, once the sabbath has ended, the townspeople begin to bring their sick to Jesus. Mark stresses the impact of Jesus' healing work by speaking of the gathering of the 'whole town'. There is another reference to those who are possessed, those who in the contemporary view were victims of Satan. Jesus commands them not to make Him known. He is constantly concerned to avoid any misunderstanding of His mission and purpose.

The evangelist brings the day to a conclusion by speaking of Jesus at prayer before the night ends.

How do I experience the new life and healing Jesus brings?

Do I allow time for quiet prayer in my daily life?

Let us pray for those who struggle with debilitating sickness of body or spirit.

Let us pray for those who care for sick and elderly family members.

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.

WEEKEND MASSES this week take place at 6pm on Saturday and at 9am and 11am on Sunday.

The links to this weekend's Masses are here:

6pm Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B:

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

9am Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B:

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

Father Dan away:

Please note that Father Dan will be away from the 16th-18th February and the Masses will not be livestreamed on that weekend.

Father Royston Price from the Redemptorist Order will be saying the weekend Masses and talking about the work of the Redemptorists.

Parish Grotto Opening: The Parish Grotto will be open every day from Thursday, 1st February until mid-afternoon.

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:

Catherine Carroll RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Carroll. Catherine's Requiem Mass will take place at 10.30am in the church this Wednesday (7th February). The Mass will also be livestreamed and can be watched by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/ix4PKx4YDU8?feature=share>

Padraic Kirrane RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Padraic Kirrane who died this week. May he rest in peace.

Clive Sage RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Clive Sage. Clive's Requiem Mass will take place at 11am on Friday, 8th March. Please note that this Mass will replace the normal 9.15am Parish Mass on that day. May he rest in peace.

David Willats RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Willats who died recently. David's Funeral Service will take place at 12pm on Tuesday, 20th February. We remember Pauline and all of David's family at this difficult time.

ANNIVERSARIES: Terence Stannard, Teresa Holben, Molly Lazaro, Alivera White, Jan Pawlowski, Lisa Ann Sharpe, Sarah Blogg, Annette Denby-Brewer, John Thomson, Bridget Stevens, Bridget Allen, Thomas Delaney, Rose Walmsley, Eileen Morrow, Matthew Nash.

Clergy: Fr Francis Richardson, Fr Alan Wilcox, Canon Bernard Manning.

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

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

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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P	R	A	I	S	E	L	A	M	P

Salt	Earth	Good
Underfoot	Trampled	Thrown
Men	Light	World
City	Built	Hill
Shines	Tub	Lamp
House	Sight	Works
Praise	Hidden	Top

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.

Billericay Foodbank The green box remains in the church porch, all donations continue to be gratefully received. Thank you

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 Syndality. **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.

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. Leader: Janet Harvey.

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

Group 5: Meets fortnightly on Monday evenings from 7.30-9pm and is a mixed group. Leader: Gabrielle O'Regan.

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.

MHR Flower arrangers If you would like to know more about this friendly group, please contact Esther Wilkins on 07702 139120.

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

Ash Wednesday and Lent:

The season of Lent begins on Wednesday, 14th February (Ash Wednesday) Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the holy forty days of Lent and our spiritual reparation for Easter.

Mass times with the imposition of ashes will be at 10.30am and 8pm in the church. The 10.30am Mass will also be livestreamed.

A reminder that you do not have to be a Catholic in order to receive the ashes at Mass.

On Ash Wednesday we are also asked to refrain from eating meat.

Stations of the Cross:

Stations of the Cross will take place at 7pm every Friday during Lent starting on **Friday, 23rd February**. This devotion is an opportunity for us to be reminded of the love that Jesus showed when He made the journey towards the cross of Calvary.

Parish Outreach Group for New Parishioners:

We are hoping to re-start a New Parishioners' Visiting Group which was in existence pre-Covid. This group will visit those who are new to our parish and who have indicated that they would like a home visit. In order to join the group you will need to have a DBS certificate issued by the diocese. If you would like to find out more about taking part in this form of outreach please come to a meeting on Wednesday, 28th February at 7.30pm in the Small Hall of the Pastoral Centre or speak to Father Dan after Mass.

About Becoming Catholic: Please pray for the seven adults on our ABC course who are preparing to be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. On Sunday, 18th February at 3pm they will be joining with men and women from across our diocese at Brentwood Cathedral for the Rite of Election which will be presided over by Bishop Alan.

Are you thinking of the Roman Catholic Priesthood? The next Enquirers Evening for those considering or are interested in a Vocation to the Priesthood will take place on Tuesday 6th February, at 7.00 p.m. at Brentwood Cathedral. These monthly meetings are designed to encourage young men to seriously think about the Priesthood as a Vocation. We begin in the Cathedral with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary & Benediction. We will then retreat to the Presbytery, where our guest speaker will give a short input and there will be discussion and questions about the Priesthood. The speaker this month will be Deacon Matúš Meleg, who is a Deacon for the Diocese of Brentwood and will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood in March. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires our Promoter of Vocations vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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