

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	The People of our Parish
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B</b>		
<b>25<sup>th</sup> Feb 2024</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	John Hasson RIP (Anniv)
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Walterio Andrade RIP
<b>MONDAY</b>	9.15 am	Maureen Keilthy RIP (Johnson)
<b>TUESDAY</b>	10.15 am	Intentions of The Padre Pio Prayer Group
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	9.15 am	Theresa King RIP
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>No Parish Mass today</i>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>St David, Bishop</b>	
	9.15 am	Emily Kuhm RIP
	8.00 pm	John Raftery RIP (Memorial Mass)
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Intentions of Karen and Adrian Lawrence (Pembroke)
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B</b>		
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Clare McCarthy RIP (Anniv)
	<b>11.00 am</b>	Kitty Keane RIP (Anniv)

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

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday:** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (25<sup>th</sup> February) You can also watch Exposition via our livestream by following this link:  
<https://youtube.com/live/OmkpL6UiPjC?feature=share>

**Confessions** take place on Saturdays from 11am-12pm in the church. During Lent the Church encourages all Catholics to take the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation at some point before Easter.

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

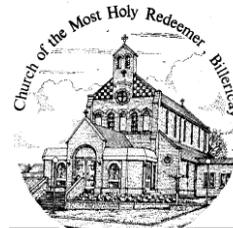
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**Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas:** Email address: [kristindefreitas@brcdt.org](mailto:kristindefreitas@brcdt.org) Mobile number is: 07492 910138

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

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

25<sup>th</sup> February 2024



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

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

It is an ancient tradition that the story of the transfiguration of Jesus is read on the Second Sunday of Lent. This mysterious story tells of a strange transformation in the appearance of Jesus which profoundly affects the three chosen disciples. In addition, they see a vision of Moses and Elijah and they hear the voice of God.

To understand this gospel and its place in the early days of Lent we need to observe that this experience comes as Jesus begins His journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. All three 'synoptic' gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke highlight this journey of Jesus and relate how, even though He foresees His death and resurrection, He remains determined to go to Jerusalem where He will face arrest, trial and crucifixion. The disciples accompany Him in a state of reluctance and bewilderment.

The strange vision gives the disciples a glimpse of the future which lies beyond suffering and death. Both Moses and Elijah are said in ancient writings to have been taken up to live in the presence of God. Their testimony confirms the hope of the resurrection. God's voice recalls the baptism scene as once again Jesus is proclaimed to be the beloved Son of God. There the Father had commended Him as Jesus, the sinless one, began His ministry by sharing in the baptism 'for the forgiveness of sins'. Now the Father again approves of the Son as He courageously begins His journey to the place of martyrdom.

***What does this story teach you as the season of Lent progresses?***

***What is the most important feature of the story in your understanding?***

***Let us pray for all Christians that we may keep sight of the hope of resurrection.***

***Let us pray for all those preparing to be baptised at Easter.***

## 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 24<sup>th</sup> February (Second Sunday of Lent Year B):**

<https://youtube.com/live/T6EJ1pOymPw?feature=share>

**9am on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February (Second Sunday of Lent Year B):**

<https://youtube.com/live/5eUZr0Gd9fs?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.

**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.

**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.

**Parish Grotto Opening:** The Parish Grotto will be open every day from 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:**

**Memorial Mass for John Raftery:** The Memorial Mass for John Raftery will take place at 8pm on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March (after the Stations of the Cross). May he rest in peace.

**Padraic Kirrane RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Padraic Kirrane. Padraic's Requiem Mass is going to be at 12pm on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March and he will be received into the church the day before at 4.30pm on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> March. The Mass will also be livestreamed and can be watched by following this link:

<https://youtube.com/live/NsXVQZrRNgc?feature=share> Please note that this Mass will replace the normal 10.15am Parish Mass on that day. 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, 8<sup>th</sup> March. The Mass will also be livestreamed and is available to watch via this link:

<https://youtube.com/live/76WJLuxUTL0?feature=share>

Please note that this Mass will replace the normal 9.15am Parish Mass on that day. May he rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Conrad Grant, Michael Thurlow, Joan Papa, Gertrude Bradshaw, Harry Folkard, George Court, Vittoria Clayton, Kitty Keane, Imelda Kirk, Rhona Sullivan, Eamonn Young.

**Clergy:** Mgr Canon Jules van Meenan, Fr Clifford Beecroft, Fr David Chapman, Fr John Wall.

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

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### 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.mostholysredeemer.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

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year B)

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Peter	Mountain	High
Alone	James	Clothes
John	Dazzlingly	White
Talking	Wonderful	Three
Tents	Shadow	Cloud
Voice	Beloved	Son
Listen	Risen	Warned

**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.

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

**Stations of the Cross:** Stations of the Cross will take place at 7pm every Friday during Lent. 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.

**Lent Preaching Series: “Fanning the Flame”** This weekend we will be beginning a new Lent preaching series entitled “Fanning the Flame”, based on the passage from 2 Timothy 1: 6-8.

**Lent & Holy Week Leaflets:** There are leaflets available listing all of the different events and activities taking place in our parish during the Lenten season. This information is also available on the parish website by following this link: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/media/events/Lent-Leaflet-2024.pdf>

**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.

**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.**

**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, 28<sup>th</sup> 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 all of the adults on our ABC course who are preparing to be received into full Communion with the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. This Sunday 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.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes (**Friday 19th to Friday 26th July 2024**). To book please go online: Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (Tangney-tours.com). If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage please e-mail Kathryn Young or Suzanne Reeves on [lourdes@brcdt.org](mailto:lourdes@brcdt.org)

**CAFOD LENT FAST DAY** At all of the Masses this weekend we will be having a second collection to support the work of CAFOD. This Lent we are sharing one of the many examples of the work you enable. James, is a fisherman in New Kru Town, a suburb in Liberia, but in his small canoe, in dangerous waters and without the right tools, getting a catch to feed his wife and children was very difficult. Five fisherman a month were dying in storms at sea. Thanks to the support of parishes like yours, James now has the equipment he needs to fish safely and sustainably. Please support this appeal by donating to the retiring collection this **weekend, 24/25<sup>th</sup> February** to help hardworking people like James to return home safely and feed their families. Cheques are payable to **Catholic Church Billericay** and donations can be gift aided.

**Coffee Morning for Baptism families: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** Parents of children being Baptised in our parish or have recently been Baptised are warmly invited to join the Baptism Welcome Team for a coffee morning. Refreshments will be in the Lounge of the Pastoral Centre after the 9.15am Mass on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February. Some toys will be available for babies/toddlers.

**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 are delighted to announce the formation of a **new men’s only Group** which will meet monthly on a Tuesday evening at 7pm under the leadership of Tony Wilkins. 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.

**Group 6:** Meets monthly on Tuesdays from 7pm and is a men’s only group. Leader: Tony Wilkins

**Volunteer at the St John Bosco Children’s Camp;** from 27<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check, and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply. [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk)