

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY**                      **6.00 pm**    Intentions of Karen and Adrian Lawrence (Pembroke)

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B

**3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**                      **9.00 am**    Clare McCarthy RIP (Anniv)  
    **11.00 am**    Kitty Keane RIP (Anniv)

**MONDAY**                              9.15 am    Intentions of Fr Dan (Padre Pio Group)

**TUESDAY**                            **12.00 pm**    Padraic Kirrane RIP                      **Requiem Mass**

**WEDNESDAY**                            9.15 am    Cathy Woodham RIP

**THURSDAY**                            *No Parish Mass today*

**FRIDAY**                                **11.00 am**    Clive Sage RIP                              **Requiem Mass**  
    7.00 pm    Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY**                            **6.00 pm**    Madge Caulfield RIP (McCarthy)

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B                              'Laetare' Sunday

**10<sup>th</sup> March 2024**                      **9.00 am**    The People of our Parish  
    **11.00 am**    Peter Richards RIP (Kirwan)

**Weekday Masses:** This week Masses are at 9.15am on Monday and Wednesday. There are no parish Masses on Tuesday and Friday.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** will take place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (3<sup>rd</sup> March). You can also watch Exposition via our livestream by following this link: [https://youtube.com/live/6MH8hIQx\\_A?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/6MH8hIQx_A?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.

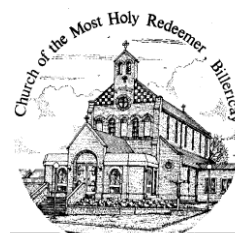
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**Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas:** Email address: [kristindefreitas@brcdt.org](mailto:kristindefreitas@brcdt.org) Mobile number is: 07492 910138

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

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3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024



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

### From Fr Adrian Gaffy:

One of the features of the Gospel of John is that Jesus is frequently to be found in Jerusalem. The story about the 'cleansing of the temple' is placed by this evangelist at the start of Jesus' ministry, while in the other gospels it comes as a trigger for Jesus' arrest. The dialogue with the Jews about 'the sanctuary that was His body' is only found in John's gospel.

Jesus comes to bring a new age, a new time, a new form of worship. He is the Word among us. He reveals the way to God. It is not therefore surprising that when Jesus causes disruption in the temple the conversation shifts to the significance of the temple, and to the significance of His coming.

Jesus speaks in terms which are not immediately clear. Later, after His death and resurrection, the full import of His words will be apparent. Just as the temple is soon to be destroyed, so too the body of Jesus will be brought to death. But the future lies in the new life of the resurrection. Despite this enigma the evangelist tells us that many in Jerusalem came to believe in Jesus' name. From the start His words and person attracted those with the courage to see and understand.

***What does the cleansing of the temple symbolise?  
Is it helpful to see Jesus as the 'new temple'?***

***Let us pray that our Lenten journey will be richly blessed.***

***Let us pray for the Jewish people, our elder brothers and sisters in the faith***

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> March (Third Sunday of Lent Year B):**

<https://youtube.com/live/72Vt1JmrmJ4?feature=share>

**9am on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March (Third Sunday of Lent Year B):**

<https://youtube.com/live/cY9quJGftYU?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:**

**Padraic Kirrane RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Padraic Kirrane. Padraic's Requiem Mass is going to be at 12pm this 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 this 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:** Maureen Boon, Olga Wilson, Joyce Cannon, Ann Gilliam, Clare McCarthy, Mary Tang, Margaret Williams, Dick Wheeler, Christopher Murphy, Marjorie Martin, Liam Lawlor, Ian Glen, Irene Yarrow.

**Clergy:** Mgr Canon Patrick O'Donnell, Fr Brian Galvin, Fr Francis Hastings, Fr Malachy Kelly, Canon Joseph Whitfield, Fr Thomas Lawton, Fr John Gordon.

**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

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year B)

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Passover

Selling

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House

Raise

Signs

Evidence

Temple

Cattle

Father

Market

Body

Trust

Coins

**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 continuing our Lenten preaching series entitled “Fanning the Flame”, based on the passage from 2 Timothy 1: 6-8:

*“For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God.”*

**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.

**Mr Austen Ivereigh** will be speaking **this Wednesday** (6th March 2024)

**Bishop Nicholas Hudson** will be speaking on Wednesday 13th March 2024

**All of the talks take place at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.**

**Easter baskets on Palm Sunday, 24th of March at 2pm.** You and your children are invited to the Pastoral Centre at The Most Holy Redeemer, to fill an Easter basket with crafts and goodies. This will include decorating eggs, Easter biscuits, chocolate nests, key rings and more. There will be an opportunity for the children to bring their baskets to church the following Saturday (Holy Saturday, 30th of March) at 2pm for a blessing. If you're interested in this event please contact Kristin on [kristindefreitas@brcdt.org](mailto:kristindefreitas@brcdt.org), so that she can ensure there are enough baskets for all who want to take part. There will be a charge of £5 per basket to cover the cost of the craft items.

**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](http://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)

**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)

**The next “Enquirers’ Evening”** for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 5 March at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Deacon Frank Westcott. For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: [vocprom@brcdt.org](mailto:vocprom@brcdt.org)

**Head Teacher Vacancy** St Joseph The Worker Catholic Primary School, Hutton. Full details of the post and application form are available on [Recruitment | St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School \(st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk\)](http://Recruitment|StJosephtheWorkerCatholicPrimarySchool(st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk)) Applications should be sent to [recruitment@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk) or to the school office marked “Confidential FAO Mrs L Willatts” Closing Date: 11 March 2024 at 12 Noon.

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