

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Frances Patrick Price RIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR B		
17th March 2024	9.00 am	Gerry Diffley RIP (Warren)
	11.00 am	John Nolan RIP (10 th Anniv)
MONDAY	9.15 am	Intentions of Ann Hasson (Waters)
TUESDAY	St Joseph, Spouse of The Blessed Virgin Mary	
	11.00 am	Gordon Reardon RIP Requiem Mass
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	John Gaut RIP (Ladies Group)
THURSDAY	<i>No Parish Mass today</i>	
FRIDAY	9.15am	Intentions of Frieda Barter
	7.00 pm	Stations of the Cross
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Madge Caulfield RIP (D. Keane)
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR B		
24th March 2024	9.00 am	The People of our Parish
	11.00 am	Charlie Conlon RIP (Mills)

Weekday Masses: This week Masses are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday & Friday. There is no 10.15am Parish Mass on Tuesday because we have the Requiem Mass for Gordon Reardon on that day.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (17th March) at 5pm in the church. It is also available to watch via the parish livestream by following this link: https://youtube.com/live/JHF4MY_RQ3E?feature=share

No Confessions on Saturday, 23rd March: Please note that there will be no Confessions from 11am to 12pm on Saturday, 23rd March.

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.

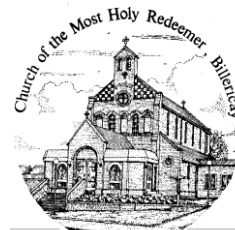
Parish Safeguarding Representative Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

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 LENT YEAR B

17th 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 in Jerusalem. This particular episode comes as His ministry ends. The following chapters will tell of the washing of the disciples' feet and report the words of Jesus to the disciples on the night before He died. The story of the passion will then begin. This text is therefore particularly apt as we draw closer to Holy Week.

The arrival of some Greeks shows how the ministry of Jesus breaks the bounds of Judaism. Their coming allows Jesus to speak of His hour and His willingness to give His life for all. The seed which must die to produce a harvest is a powerful image of His death. A voice is heard from the cloud, as at the Transfiguration in the other gospels, but here it speaks of the 'glory' that will come to Jesus for giving up His life.

Once again, as in earlier chapters, Jesus speaks of being lifted up. It is in His death and resurrection that He draws all people to Himself, both Jew and Greek.

***Do I still desire to 'see Jesus' and learn about Him?
Whom have I brought to Jesus recently?***

Let us pray for the mission of the Church to the nations of the world Let us pray for a deeper faith and love as we approach the 'hour' of Jesus in Holy Week.

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 16th March (Fifth Sunday of Lent):

<https://youtube.com/live/uYcLOsjck7I?feature=share>

9am on Sunday 17th March (Fifth Sunday of Lent):

<https://youtube.com/live/I5bzf0IkqR4?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:

Gordon Reardon RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gordon Reardon. Gordon's Requiem Mass will take place at 11am **this Tuesday** (19th March). Please note that this Mass will replace the normal 10.15am Parish Mass on that day. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patrick Fernando, Mary McGarr, Ernest Hales, Dorothy Wheeler, Greg Cairns, Paul Whitehouse, Walter Pease, Con O'Rourke, Delia Carvill, Pat Ferriss.

Clergy: Fr Donal Donegan, Fr Sidney Williams, Canon Arthur Holmes.

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!



Talk on the readings at The Easter Vigil On Wednesday 20th March at 7 pm, in preparation for Holy Week, Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will give a talk entitled 'The Readings at the Easter Vigil - the four nights of salvation'. **The talk will take place in the parish hall at Gidea Park** (410 Brentwood Road, RM2 6DH) and will last about 40 minutes. Refreshments will be available from 6.30 pm. No booking necessary. The church is 5 minutes' walk from the station (Elizabeth Line). Ample free parking is also available at the church. All are welcome, especially Readers, Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Catechists.

KIDS' CORNER

5th Sunday of Lent (Year B)

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Philip

See

Amen

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Thunder

Ruler

Worship

Galilee

Andrew

Wheat

Heaven

Servant

Earth

Feast

Sir

Hour

Fruit

Save

Angel

Die

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

Filming at the 11am Parish Mass on Sunday, 17th March: There will be filming taking place during the 11am Parish Mass this Sunday (17th March) for a promotional video. If you would prefer not to feature in the video there will be a section of the church available for you to sit in on that day. Please speak to one of the Welcomers so that they can direct you to this section.

The Season of Lent:

Holy Week Services:

Please find below the details of all of the Holy Week services that will be taking place in our parish this year:

Maundy Thursday, 28th March:

Mass is at 7.30pm followed by a vigil in front of the Blessed Sacrament at the altar of repose until Midnight.

Good Friday, 29th March:

Children's Stations of the Cross will take place at 10.15am in the church. This is followed by a Walk of Witness with Emmanuel Church which will begin at 11am at Emmanuel and ends with tea and hot cross buns in the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre.

The Veneration of the Cross will take place at 3pm in the church.

Stations of the Cross will take place at 7pm in the church.

Holy Saturday, 30th March:

Confessions from 11am to 12pm in the Church

Blessing of Easter Food: 2pm in the Church. This is a tradition in many Eastern European countries where families bring to the church the food that they will eat on Easter Sunday. The children who have made Easter baskets on Palm Sunday are also invited to come with their families for the blessing.

Easter Vigil, Saturday 30th March:

The most important service in the Church's year will take place at 8pm as we gather outside of the church for the blessing of the Easter candle.

Easter Sunday, 31st March:

Please note that the clocks go forward an hour on this date.

Masses will be at 9am and 11am.

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.

Day by Day Lent booklets: We have a number of copies of the "Day by Day" Lent booklets available in the church porch. The suggested donation is £1.

St Peter's School: Many Congratulations to St Peter's on its recent Ofsted inspection which rated the school as "Outstanding" in all areas.

Deanery Reconciliation Service at 7.30pm on Monday, 18th March

On Monday, 18th March at 7.30pm the Deanery Reconciliation Service will take place in **Brentwood Cathedral** with priests from across the deanery available to hear confessions. If you haven't had an opportunity to celebrate the sacrament please consider coming along on this date.

Life in the Spirit Seminars: The "Life in the Spirit Seminars" for those who are interested in learning more about the gifts of the Holy Spirit will begin on Wednesday, 17th April at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. If you are interested in taking part in this please contact the Parish Office.

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 at 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

Parent and Baby Group: We are hoping to start a Parish Parent and Baby Group, to run on Thursday mornings in the Pastoral Centre. We need some warm and welcoming volunteers who could help with setting up and clearing up, making teas and coffees, chatting with parents, and making everyone feel welcome. You don't need to be available every week, as helpers will take part on a rota basis. We would also love to hear from anyone who can't get to the group in person but would like to offer support as a prayer partner. If you are interested in helping with this, please contact the parish office, or Karen Lawrence at karenlawrence40@gmail.com

Catholic Parish Summit: 12th-14th June: The Catholic Parish Summit is taking place in **Harrogate** from the 12th to the 14th of June with over 1,000 parish leaders from across the country. Our diocese has booked some places for the Summit which are available to anyone who is interested in attending. These places are free but they are limited and you will need to make arrangements for accommodation while you are in Harrogate. For more information about the Summit please visit their website: <https://catholicparishsummit.com/> If you would like to go to the Summit please contact the Parish Office.