

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS
FOR TWO WEEKS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	David Hogg RIP (Anniv)
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)		
21st July 2024	9.00 am	The People of our Parish
	11.00 am	Cathy Woodham RIP (Anniv)
MONDAY	St Mary Magdalene	
	9.15 am	Chrys Zuntz RIP (Anniv)
TUESDAY	St Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe	
	11.00 am	Brendan Raftery RIP Requiem Mass
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Sr M. Jude (Mary Walsh) RIP (Tansey)
THURSDAY	<i>No Parish Mass Today</i>	
FRIDAY	Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM	
	9.15 am	Intentions of Ellul Family
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Frank Price RIP (Anniv)
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)		
28th July 2024	9.00 am	John Raftery RIP (Quinn)
	11.00 am	Intentions of Rita Cubitt
MONDAY	<i>No Parish Mass Today</i>	
TUESDAY	10.15 am	Margaret O'Connell RIP
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Denzil & Louise Reeves RIP
THURSDAY	<i>No Parish Mass Today</i>	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Padraic Gilmartin RIP (Tansey)
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Vera Dunne RIP
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)		
4th August 2024	9.00 am	Maria Quinn RIP (Tansey)
	11.00 am	Intentions of Marie & Raymond Galligan (25 th Wedding Anniversary)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at 5pm this Sunday (21st July) in the church. There is no Exposition the following Sunday (28th July) Exposition is also available to watch via the parish livestream by following this link: https://youtube.com/live/wVy_2U4Ar9c?feature=share

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SIXTEENTH/SEVENTEENTH SUNDAYS OF YEAR B 21st/28th July 2024
PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A TWO WEEK NEWSLETTER



From Fr Adrian Gaffy:

The disciples have been sent out 'two by two' by Jesus in order to preach repentance and to heal the sick. After some time they return. While the evangelist normally refers to the followers of Jesus as 'disciples', those who are in the process of learning, as they return from their missions he calls them 'apostles', those sent out. Jesus is concerned for their well-being and invites them to go with him to a lonely place in order to find peace and rest.

It seems that the popularity of Jesus has influenced the mission of the disciples and that they too were in great demand. Their plan for some time of peace and quiet is frustrated. A crowd has already gathered at their destination. Mark speaks constantly in the early chapters of the gospel of the crowds who are eager for the words and works of Jesus.

This passage comes just before the multiplication of the loaves and fishes to feed the five thousand. Before giving them food to eat Jesus teaches them 'at some length'. We see anticipated in this chapter the two ways in which Jesus continues to feed us: by Word and Sacrament. All this is motivated by his compassion for the crowd who are 'like sheep without a shepherd'.

The image of the shepherd who cares for the real needs of the sheep is often used in Scripture for those who have responsibility to care for people. The prophet Jeremiah speaks of the shepherds, in this case the rulers, who let the flock be destroyed and scattered, and looks forward to the coming of true shepherds. The psalm speaks of the Lord as the perfect shepherd who sees to the needs of his people, and the reading from Ephesians speaks of Christ as 'the peace between us', who reconciles Jew and Gentile.

***Why is the image of the 'good shepherd' so popular?
How can we treasure more deeply the gifts of Word and Sacrament?***

***Let us pray for leaders who will have the good of their people as their priority.
Let us pray for those who are exhausted by ministering to others and can find no place of rest.***

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 20th July (Sixteenth Sunday of Year B):

<https://youtube.com/live/isekyOkFJq4?feature=share>

9am on Sunday 21st July (Sixteenth Sunday of Year B):

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

The links to the Masses for the weekend of the 27th/28th July are here:

6pm on Saturday 27th July (Seventeenth Sunday of Year B):

<https://youtube.com/live/WWQV43qPQwo?feature=share>

9am on Sunday 28th July (Seventeenth Sunday of Year B):

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

Gift Aid: A big thank you to all of you who are members of the Gift Aid scheme. If you are a taxpayer and you would like to join the scheme you can do so by picking up a form from the church or following this link on the parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php>

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.

Mass Bags for Children. We now have Mass bags available at all of the weekend parish Masses for children aged 1-3 and children aged 3 and older. The bags contain colouring books, pencils and soft toys. Please speak to the Welcomers before Mass if you would like to have one of the bags, specifying which bag you would like, and please make sure that at the end of Mass they are returned to the church porch so that other families are able to use them.

Parish Grotto Opening: The Parish Grotto is now open every day from 8am until mid-afternoon.

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:

Brendan Raftery RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brendan Raftery. Brendan's Requiem Mass is at 11am this Tuesday (23rd July). Please note that this replaces the normal 10.15am Parish Mass on that day. May he rest in peace.

David Quill RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Quill. David's Requiem mass will be at 12pm on Tuesday, 13th August and he will be received into the church the night before at 4.30pm on Monday, 12th August. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Lily Rainbird, Cathy Woodham, Jim Monaghan, Kenneth Bulpitt, James Hoare, Rodney Cleaver, Ida Burke, Paul Giorgi, Frank Price, Ted Goodspeed, Monica Fehily, John James, Jim Bowen, Iris Sage, Des Harter, May-Ann Vallis, Francis McCafferty, Bridget Heath.

Clergy: Fr Patrick Taylor, Deacon David Balmer, Fr John Boardman Jones, Fr Michael Hannan, Fr Dermot Moore, Fr James Cooney, Fr John Harding, Fr Michael O'Sullivan,.

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

PARISH REGISTRATION:

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!



New Contactless Machine in the church porch: We now have a new contactless machine in the church porch which should be quicker and more reliable than the previous one. If you normally gift aid your donations you will need to submit your details the first time you use the machine and then it will remember your information every time you use it subsequently provided that you use the same debit or credit card. Thank you to all of you who have donated to the parish using this method. To date this has raised over £11,000.

KIDS' CORNER

Sixteenth Sunday of Year B

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APOSTLES
HURRIED
LONELY
SHEEP

BOAT
JESUS
PITY
SHEPHERD

CROWD
LARGE
PLACE
YOURSELVES

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.

Called and Gifted Teaching Day: Saturday, 14th September

Thank you to all of you who have already registered for our Called and Gifted day.

On Saturday, 14th September from 9am to 4.15pm in the Pastoral Centre we are going to be running a Called and Gifted teaching day which we would love for you all to take part in.

“Called and Gifted” is a discernment process developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute which enables everyone to understand the gifts and the charisms that God has given to them so that they are able to share these gifts with others. Those who have taken part in the Called and Gifted process have found that their faith has deepened and that they have been able to discover new ways of serving God in their parish and the wider community.

As well as the teaching day, participants are invited to complete an online “Gifts Inventory” prior to the day, as well as having a 1-1 Zoom session with a member of the Called and Gifted team.

The total cost of the process including the Teaching Day is **£50** (for MHR parishioners only) which includes online access to the Gifts Inventory as well as a Resource book which will be given out during the Teaching Day.

In order to secure your booking please register your interest before Thursday, 1st August either by emailing the Parish Office or speaking to Father Dan. If you would like more information about Called & Gifted please visit their website:

<https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>

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.

Weekday Masses: This week the weekday Masses are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please note that there is no 10.15am Parish Mass this Tuesday (23rd July) because of the Requiem Mass for Brendan Raftery at 11am on that day.

The following week (week beginning Monday, 29th July) weekday Masses will be at 10.15am on Tuesday and 9.15am on Wednesday and Friday. There is no 9.15am Parish Mass on Monday.

First Holy Communion 2025 – Registration closed: Please note that the registration for this year's First Holy Communion course is now closed. Parents who have registration forms need to make sure that they return them to the Parish Office by Sunday, 28th July at the latest. Please pray for all of our children and their families who will be preparing for this important sacrament.

Alpha: A big thank you to all of our parishioners who gave personal testimonies last weekend about their experiences of being part of the Alpha Course. Our new Alpha sessions will begin on Wednesday, 11th September in the Pastoral Centre. The full set of dates can be found in the Alpha section of the parish website: <https://mostholyredeemer.org.uk/courses.php?page=alpha> If you're interested in joining this year's course please email the Parish Office or speak to Father Dan.

Walsingham House Anniversary Mass: This year marks 60 years since the opening of Walsingham House and 40 years since the first volunteer team took residence. There will be a **Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 31st August at midday** celebrated by Bishop Alan in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotwick. Everyone is very welcome to attend with a special invite to those who have been part of the Walsingham House team over the last 40 years. After Mass you are welcome to stay for a picnic in the grounds.

YOUTH 2000 Summer Festival 2024 Our annual youth 2000 summer festival will take place from Friday 23rd August - Monday 26th August in the beautiful surroundings of Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire. This festival is an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) from across the UK to grow in their relationship with God, form friendships and be inspired to live out their faith! The programme will include input from incredible speakers, a wonderful variety of workshops, and loads of opportunities to be with Jesus and encounter His love. Visit <https://www.youth2000.org/events> for information and tickets (which include food and accommodation).

No Toddler's and Children's Liturgy for the summer:

From this weekend (20th/21st July) there will be no toddler's and children's liturgies at the 9am and 11am Masses until the beginning of September.

Car Park Closure: Monday, 29th July Please note that on Monday, 29th July the car park will be closed all day so that it can be re-lined. To allow this work to go ahead there will also be no 9.15am Parish Mass on Monday, 29th July. Thank you for your co-operation.

Altar Servers Training for new altar servers will take place on the following Saturdays: 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th September, 5th & 19th October. If anyone in Year 4 and above, who has made their First Holy Communion, is interested in becoming a server, please contact Sarah Dean (s.c.dean@hotmail.com) by 4th August.

Parish Parent and Baby Group Our new Parent and Baby Friendship Group will begin on Thursday mornings in the Pastoral Centre on Thursday 12th September. This is a social group for parents or carers of babies from birth to 18 months. Come along to relax with your baby, make friends, and enjoy a tea or coffee in a friendly and welcoming space. Sessions will run from 10 to 12 am every Thursday in term time. To register your interest, please email the Parish Office or Karen Lawrence at karenlawrence40@gmail.com. Book your space online, free of charge, at <https://parentandbabygroup.eventbrite.com>

Walsingham House Retreat Manager: Walsingham House at Abbotwick, the youth retreat centre for the Diocese of Brentwood, are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager. The Retreat Manager will work to ensure the smooth and efficient running of retreats, leading and training the volunteer team, and developing the programmes on offer to schools and parishes. Walsingham House has an excellent reputation for the quality of the retreats offered and after a year to rebuild we are keen to develop this further. This is not necessarily a "live-in" role but accommodation can be provided if required. For more information please see: <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> Closing date is Friday 30th August.

Saturday Confessions: from 11am to 12pm.
Confessions are also available by request.

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

Hall Bookings The booking officer is Jane Maddocks who can be contacted by e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

Diocesan Safeguarding Representative Simon Moules 01277 265234

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