

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Dermot O'Dwyer RIP (Anniv)

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

29th Sept 2024 **9.00 am** John Gaut RIP (1st Anniv)

11.00 am The People of our Parish

MONDAY **St Jerome, Priest & Doctor**

9.15 am Ursula Mills RIP (Anniv)

TUESDAY **St Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin & Doctor**

10.15 am Intentions of The Padre Pio Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY **The Holy Guardian Angels**

9.15 am Ints of Bethan Gaillard-Lynch(Caulfield)

THURSDAY **No Parish Mass Today**

FRIDAY **St Francis of Assisi** **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day**

9.15 am Maggie Wordingham RIP (Kelk)

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** Peter & Teresa Whitcombe RIP

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (B)

6th Oct 2024 **9.00 am** Colleen Worley RIP (Anniv)

11.00 am The People of our Parish

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

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Because of the Civic Service taking place at Emmanuel Church at 3pm on Sunday afternoon there will be no Exposition this Sunday (29th September). Exposition will continue as usual the following Sunday (6th October)

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

Diocesan Safeguarding Representative Simon Moules 01277 265234

Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas: Email address: kristindefreitas@brcdt.org Mobile number is: 07492 910138

Spiritual Reading: My Day by Day (£1.15) and Bible Alive (£3) for October 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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF YEAR B

29th September 2024



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

From Fr Adrian Graffy:

This Sunday's gospel reading contains a collection of different sayings of Jesus. The first speech warns us against the exclusive attitude which says that, unless someone completely shares our opinions and our faith, they can do no good. The next saying seems to confirm this. Any good deed from whatever source, Jesus implies, should be welcomed and will be rewarded.

Jesus then speaks of 'obstacles' placed in the way of believers, the 'little ones' who have faith. The Greek word used here is similar to the word 'scandal'. To scandalise others, to violate their faith, to undermine their pursuit of what is good and right, is plainly wrong.

Jesus then apparently suggests that self-mutilation, cutting off hand or foot, and tearing out the eye, would be better than sinning. What are we to make of this? This is an extreme way of pointing out the seriousness of sin. Christians should understand the strength of what Jesus is saying, but Christian teaching has never condoned self-harm of this magnitude.

Finally, what are we to make of the references to hell and its eternal fire? The Church teaches us that the image of eternal fire is an attempt to express the dreadful pain of losing God and of shutting oneself off from the love of others. This pain is worse than any physical suffering.

*How accepting am I of the goodness of those who do not share my beliefs?
Do I place obstacles in the way of others, undermining their faith and goodness?*

*We pray for the zeal which always seeks what is good.
We pray for confidence in the goodness of God.*

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, 28th September (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B)

<https://youtube.com/live/gI3Q3tKQwxE?feature=share>

9am on Sunday, 29th September (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B)

<https://youtube.com/live/fCR0xNXiBok?feature=share>

Family Mass this Sunday: At the 11am Mass this Sunday (29th September) we will be having our monthly Family Mass with the children leading our readings and assisting with the music.

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 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:

ANNIVERSARIES: Edith Marsh, Terry Routledge, Peter Cairns, Norman Rawlinson, Tony Foley, Gavin Fernando, Mary Nolan, John Johnson, John Gaut, Derrick Skinner, Rose Huggins, Vivienne Coyne, Moira Taylor, Eileen Whitsun-Jones.

Clergy: Fr Bernard Wakeling, Fr Michael Hopkins, Fr Henry Healy, Fr David Logue.

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.

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

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

KIDS' CORNER

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Year B

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CLOUD	MOSES	CAMP
SPIRIT	ELDAD	MEDAD
GLADDEN	HEART	MISERIES
CORROSION	TREASURE	REAPERS
RESISTANCE	JOHN	MIRACLE
SOLEMNLY	OBSTACLE	CUT
MILLSTONE	LAME	KINGDOM

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.

Vacancy: Retreat Manager at Walsingham House: Walsingham House is an integral part of the youth ministry in our diocese. They are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager who can oversee the smooth running and delivery of retreats to our schools and parishes. It is essential that applicants have experience in youth ministry. This is an exciting role and a chance to help shape the future of retreats within our diocese. For more information please see their website <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> The closing date is midday 15th October.

Secondary School Applications: If you have a child who is in Year 6 and you would like them to be considered for a place at a Catholic Secondary School next year you will need to see Father Dan. Please note that when you see him you will also need to bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate. **Father Dan will only be seeing parents applying for Catholic Secondary Schools on Wednesday, 16th October from 4pm-6pm in the Pastoral Centre.** If you are applying for the Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School there is no need to attend because they do not require a Certificate of Catholic Practice.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay, warmly invites parents who are applying for a Reception place for September 2025 intake, to an Open Morning on the following dates: Wednesdays 2nd, 9th October, 6th/20th November at 9.30am. Please contact the school office to book your place 01277 653770.

“Made for a Purpose” – Year 13 Residential Retreat, Walsingham House at Abbotswick, Weds 9th – Friday 11th October. Going into year 13, you may be about to make big or tough decisions about your future, wonder what God may have planned for you or where to go next. This retreat is time to think, pray, chat with those in your year from across Essex and East London, and get a good focus for the future, right at the start of Year 13 and will take place in our beautiful retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick, just outside Brentwood, For just £35, the cost will include meals, accommodation and youth-led formation. Visit www.bcys.net/events/year13 for more information and to apply.

Marriage preparation. Online! Many couples enjoy preparing for their wedding with face-to-face meetings with our trained facilitators. However increasingly young people want to do the course via Zoom or Teams. So, we are looking for 2 or 3 volunteers to join our small, friendly team and be trained to offer the Marriage Care course in this way. The commitment is to offer one hour a fortnight, working from your home via your laptop or equivalent. For a chat to learn more please email Tim Gallagher at tim@tangentesourcing.co.uk or Denise Carter at denise@sunningdalehouse.com

Parish Outreach Group: Joining a new parish can sometimes be a little bit daunting. To help welcome new parishioners to our church, we have a small group of volunteers who 'reach out' to new members of our community. The volunteers will arrange to come and visit you (usually in pairs) in your home at a time that is mutually convenient and chat to you about our parish and share some helpful information leaflets. Hopefully, they can also answer any questions that you might have and point you in the right direction if you have a particular interest in a specific area of parish life. If you would like a member of the Outreach Group to visit, please contact the Parish Office.

ABC Course for adults who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith: If you are an adult who isn't a Catholic, or if you are an adult Catholic who has not made their First Holy Communion or Confirmation, you are warmly invited to consider joining our ABC (About Becoming Catholic) course which will be beginning on **Monday, 7th October at 8pm** in the upstairs part of the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre (the building behind the church). For more information please email the Parish Office and Father Dan will be able to send you the dates of the sessions.

Youth Mass, First Thursday of the Month, Brentwood Cathedral, from 6pm
Join the BCYS to celebrate Youth Mass each month with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese. There will be pizza in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a different input each month - speakers, workshops, prayer and worship, Reconciliation or more! Youth Mass is then celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Next date: Thursday 3rd October

Brentwood Cathedral Young Adults Group. Are you aged between 18 – 35 and interested in meeting like minded individuals in a relaxed and social environment? The Group meets on the first Sunday of each month after the 6.30 Sunday Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. We walk to a nearby Pub after Mass for some food or drink and to meet and support each other spiritually and socially, wherever you are on your Faith journey. Details email cathedral@brcdt.org

Youth Gather, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea, 26th – 27th October For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer and more, alongside the opportunity to try high ropes, archery or climbing at the amazing Essex Outdoors in East Mersea. **Applications are now open** and you can apply and find all information at www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/

A Day With Mary is taking place at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 12 October (9.45am to 5.00pm). Further information is available at <https://www adaywithmary.org/> or <https://eventcatholic.com/>

CAFOD Family Fast Day - Friday 4th October. Your donations help support people like Daniel, a young man from Democratic Republic of Congo. By joining a local carpentry training project funded by CAFOD Daniel now has his own workshop. Your donations help fund training, tools and safe spaces to help people learn new skills and continue to fulfil their God-given potential. **There will be a retiring collection next weekend, 5/6th October.** Cheques payable to **Catholic Church Billericay (NOT CAFOD)** and donations can be gift aided.

Baby Loss Awareness Week begins in October and on Tuesday 15th October, 8pm, we are offering a special service. It is for anyone who has lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago. Extended family and friends are also welcome. If you would like to attend, please email the office office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk so we can get an idea of numbers for catering the service, or if you would like to find out more

SAVE THE DATE! Parish Gift Day Saturday, 23rd November It might seem a long way off but we need to start planning and preparing for our annual Parish Gift Day. If you would like to be involved please contact the Parish Office.

Our **Parish Parent and Baby Friendship Group** is now open to welcome families with babies or toddlers up to 18 months old. We meet every Thursday morning in term time from 10am until midday in the Pastoral Centre. Come along for a tea or coffee, a chat, toys and singing for the little ones, and a chance to make new friends.

Art Exhibition: We will be holding an exhibition of art work by our parishioner, Terry Ludden, on **Saturday 5th October, 2.30pm-5pm** in the Canon Roche Hall. The paintings will be for sale, all proceeds to the Parkinsons Society and the Local Foodbank. There will be light refreshments and live music. Feel free to pop along.

Open House Event on Saturday, 12th October: On Saturday, 12th October we will be hosting an Open House event on parish renewal with Clergy and parishioners from across the country coming to hear about some of the initiatives that we have been implementing in our parish over the last three years. Bishop Alan Williams has very kindly agreed to celebrate a Mass at 12pm on this day to which you are all invited. Please pray for the success of this event and for all of the parishes which will be in attendance.

Singers/Musicians: As we start a new Term now is the time to consider joining one of our friendly music groups. If you are interested in singing/playing for one of our three Masses then please don't hesitate to contact either Kathy or Alison to find out more. Contact details from the Parish Office. New members are always welcome

Free: A parishioner has a walking frame in pristine condition which he would like to offer to anyone who could make use of this. Contact David Rowe 07977505077