

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Catherine Price RIP (Anniv)
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE		
24th Nov 2024	9.00 am	Terry Nuttall RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	The People of our Parish
MONDAY	9.15 am	Margaret Andrews RIP (Warren)
TUESDAY	10.15 am	Joanne Hayes RIP (Anniv)
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Timothy McKenzie RIP (Anniv)
THURSDAY	<i>No Parish Mass Today</i>	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Ethel & Len Reason RIP
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	The People of our Parish
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (YEAR C)		
1st Dec 2024	9.00 am	Ros Kelk RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	Lena Smith RIP (Mills)

Weekday Masses this week are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday & Friday and at 10.15am on Tuesday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resumes at 5pm in the church this Sunday (24th November). It is also available to watch via our parish livestream by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/kAXnZnynPq8?feature=share>

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 Advent are in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.
Walk With Me Advent Calendars for children: Free

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE 24th Nov 2024



From Fr Adrian Graffy:

The final Sunday in our liturgical year is the feast of Christ the King. The theme of the kingship of Christ should not be misunderstood. Jesus is not king in an earthly sense. The acclamations of the crowds on Palm Sunday and the enthusiastic endorsement of the disciples that Jesus is the Messiah might mislead us.

Jesus is king, Jesus is Messiah, because He is the anointed one of God, who comes to do the will of God. For the evangelist John, Christ's kingship is revealed above all on the cross. In the dialogue with Pilate in the Fourth Gospel Jesus points Pilate in the right direction: His kingdom is not an earthly one. He came 'to bear witness to the truth'. Those who seek the truth are members of His kingdom, which our liturgy today describes in the Preface as 'a kingdom of truth and life, a kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace'.

Pilate's dismissive answer to Jesus will be 'Truth, what is that?' Reading the gospels throughout the liturgical year we are presented with a choice, whether, like Pilate, to pursue earthly values or, alternatively, to pursue the truth. In each of the four gospels Jesus bears witness above all to the truth that God is a God of love to be loved without reserve. We see that above all in His triumph on the cross. Our second reading today from the Book of the Apocalypse speaks of Jesus as one 'who loves us and has washed away our sins with His blood'. His death brings us forgiveness and is our liberation. He is king because he leads us to the fulness of life and to the truth. He has made us 'a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father'. The vocation of each one of us is to lead others to the truth we have come to know through Jesus and to make of our lives a gift of service to our loving God.

In what sense is Jesus a king?

Do I realise that at Baptism I became a member of the kingly and priestly people of Christ?

Let us pray that we may always be faithful to the truth we have learnt from Christ. We pray that, with our brothers and sisters who have gone before us in faith, we may come to share in God's kingdom of truth and love.

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, 23rd November (Feast of Christ the King Year B)

<https://youtube.com/live/r7j6AKzq8f4?feature=share>

9am on Sunday, 24th November (Feast of Christ the King Year B)

<https://youtube.com/live/I0Ccc3bbb54?feature=share>

Change of email address:

Please note that our email address is changing to billericay@brcdt.org. This is to bring us in line with other parishes across the diocese. While this change is taking place the old office email address is still active.

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: Terence Bolton, Terry Plume, Nora Corcoran, Len Bullard, Mauren Travers, Alice Overs, Martin Stokes, Kathleen Knighton, ALn Hill, Bina Southgate.

Clergy: Fr Anthony Robson, Fr John Aydon, Fr Patrick Bennett, Deacon Anthony Collings, Fr Franis Branney.

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. Please donate any **NON-PERISHABLE** food ONLY, and food that is 'in date'. 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

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

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Gingerbread Bethlehem

It's this time of year and Christmas is nearly here. We would love to invite you and your children to come to the Parish Hall on the 14th of December, between 11am and 1pm, to decorate gingerbread houses, one house per family.

We need lots of families to take part as we are recreating Bethlehem. The houses will be collated after the decorating is done and displayed in the parish hall for all to come and see on Sunday the 15th of December after 11am Mass. After the display you can take your house home.

If you're interested, please contact me; kristindefreitas@brcdt.org so that I can ensure there are enough houses for everyone.

A donation of £5 will cover the cost of sweets and the gingerbread house.



Primary School Applications: If you have a child who will be eligible for primary school next year and you would like them to be considered for a place at a Catholic Primary School, 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. Appointment sheets are available at all of the parish Masses this weekend (23rd/24th November). **Please note that this will be the last chance to book an appointment.** Make sure that you write down the time and the date of your appointment. All of the appointments will be in the Pastoral Centre behind the church.

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: Wednesday 27th November and 9th January at 9.30am. Please contact the school office to book your place 01277 653770.

World Youth Sunday This Sunday is World Youth Sunday, a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church. Find out more at <https://bcys.net/> searching @brentwoodcys or if you are able to donate online, please visit www.bcys.net/donate

Confirmation 2025: The deadline for returning all of the Confirmation application forms is this Sunday (24th November). Please note that after this date it will no longer be possible to join the course.

Connect Groups Retreat Day: Saturday, 30th November We are holding a retreat day in the Pastoral Centre for members of Connect Groups and those who are interested in joining a Connect Group. The retreat will take place from 10am to 12pm on Saturday, 30th November followed by a shared lunch. Please bring food to share with you.

The Repository will be open after all Masses next weekend (30th November/1st December) for the sale of Christmas cards and Advent calendars etc. We also now have copies of the new translation Sunday Missals (£25).

Carols By Candlelight will be held at Our Lady & St Joseph Church, Stock, December 7th at 7.30pm and sung by our 9am Choir. Tickets are £12.00 (includes glass of Prosecco and mince pies) Please call Martin Gurnett 07802 155897. All are welcome

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.

Our **Parish Parent and Baby Friendship Group** is keen to welcome more families. We are now meeting at the slightly earlier time of 9.30am to 11.30am every Thursday morning in term time in the Pastoral Centre. Parents or carers with babies or toddlers under two years of age are very welcome. Come along for tea or coffee, chat, toys and singing.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is celebrating its 40th year, and they will be selling their anniversary **draw tickets after each Mass on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December** to help support their work with children's mental health. If you would like to buy tickets that weekend then a card reader will also be available too. Thank you.

VACANCY St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Hutton are looking to appoint a deputy headteacher for April 2025. For more information and a full advert, visit our school website: <https://st-joseph-the-worker-catholic-primary-school.secureprimarysite.net/recruitment-1/>
Closing date for applications: Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 12 Noon. Visits welcome. Please contact Mrs Lesley Willats on 01277 227282 or admin@stjosephworker.essex.sch.uk for an application pack or to arrange a visit.

Walsingham House Team 25/26: applications are now open for the volunteer retreat team at Walsingham House. If you are in Yr13 or finishing university and enjoy working with young people then a year on the retreat team could be the perfect next step. Live and work as part of a young Catholic Christian community, sharing your faith and helping to run retreats for the young people of Brentwood diocese. For more information then please see the website: www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

Sweet Treats Event: Faith in Action would like to thank you so much for your generous contribution to the 'Sweet Treat' event on Sunday. We raised an amazing **£759.50** for Mary's Meals! Because of your generosity we can feed 38 children in schools every day for a whole year. Faith in Action is delighted!

We are so grateful to all of you who baked or contributed in some way to make this event so special. 26 nationalities were represented and we celebrated our diversity in style with flags, hats and banners. It was lovely to see our community coming together for a great cause whilst also learning more about each other's backgrounds. Children were still talking about tasting sweets from all over the world on Monday at St Peter's, so a big heartfelt thank you from us.

Foundation Governor Vacancies have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email your expression of interest to governanceappointments@brcdt.org.