

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Kathlen, Francis, Theresa & Andrew Skinner RIP
THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (YEAR C)		
2nd Feb 2025	9.00 am	The People of our Parish
	11.00 am	Philomena Carr RIP (Hall)
MONDAY	St Anne Line, Martyr	
	9.15 am	Anne O'Callaghan RIP (Casey)
TUESDAY	10.15 am	Kathleen & Patrick Watters RIP (Anniv)
WEDNESDAY	St Agatha, Virgin & Martyr	
	9.15 am	Intentions of Karen Cooper (Byrne)
THURSDAY	<i>No Parish Mass Today</i>	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Patsy Brennan RIP (Tansey)
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Vic Robinson RIP & Anne Feaney-McGarr RIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)		
9th Feb 2025	9.00 am	Matthew Nash RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	Walterio Andrade RIP (Anniv)

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church at 5pm this **Sunday (2nd February)**. It's also available to watch via our livestream by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/bJT6ynr7mVg?feature=share>

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

Diocesan Safeguarding Representative Simon Moules 01277 265234

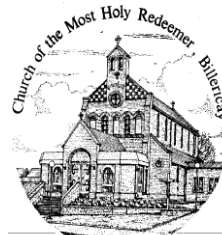
Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas: Email address: kristindefreitas@brcdt.org Mobile number is: 07492 910138

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

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD YEAR C

2nd February 2025



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

From Fr Adrian Gaffy:

The lengthy gospel reading that we hear for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord completes for us the mystery of Christmas.

Jesus becomes 'completely like his brothers'. He is brought to the Temple to begin a life of service. His future path is foreseen by Simeon and Anna. His mother's pain is also foretold.

He is subject to his parents in the secret life of Nazareth. But, as Simeon already proclaims, He is set to be a 'sign of contradiction', 'a light for all the nations and the glory of His people Israel'.

How does this feast reconnect us with the Christmas mysteries?

What deeper significance does Jesus' coming to the Temple contain?

Consider on this feast of Candlemas how light is a recurring theme in Bible and liturgy.

We pray for all fathers and mothers that they may treasure their children as gifts 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, 1st February (Presentation of the Lord Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/1eMLZuk-EA8?feature=share>

9am on Sunday, 2nd February (Presentation of the Lord Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/594u8ZGqGzg?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: Mary Mulchrone, Margaret Stevens, Patrick Moyne, Terence Stannard, Teresa Holben, Molly Lazaro, Alivera White, Jan Pawlowski, Lisa Ann Sharpe, Sarah Blogg, Annette Denby-Brewer, John Thomson, Bridget Stevens.

Clergy: Fr Enda Keenan, Fr Eric Bindloss Smith, Fr Francis Richardson, Fr Alan Wilcox.

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

Missalettes: If you attend the Saturday evening or 9am Sunday Masses please can you make sure that you return the Missalettes at the end of Mass so that they can be used by parishioners at the later Masses.

KIDS' CORNER

The Presentation of the Lord

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**CHRIST
PRAISE
REVELATION
HOMAGE
CHILD
GOLD**

**LIGHT
TRIBUTE
PROPHETS
BRIGHTNESS
MARY**

**RADIANT
GIFTS
APOSTLES
DEVOTION
STAR**

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

Parish Health & Safety Co-ordinator - Volunteer: We are looking for somebody who could take on the role of Parish Health and Safety Co-ordinator. If you have some experience of Health and Safety in your workplace or as a volunteer please speak to Father Dan or contact the Parish Office at billericay@brcdt.org

St Helen's Catholic Infant School Vacancy: Learning Support

Assistant: 8.45am - 3.15pm (term-time only)

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and well-motivated person to join our staff in either April or September 2025. Please contact the school office for further information and an application pack: office@st-helens-inf.essex.sch.uk

Deadline: Tuesday 25th February 2025

Vacancy: Secondary School Link Adviser Opportunity. The Diocese of Brentwood

is seeking to appoint a Secondary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however, consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time opportunity. The Secondary Link Adviser will report to the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director. Further details and an application form can be obtained by emailing: victoriabarnes@brcdt.org
Closing date for applications is 25th February.

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

Can you volunteer at the St John Bosco Children's Camp next summer?

Applications are now open for anyone aged 17+ to volunteer for a week at the end of July 2025. From helping in the kitchen to running sports and other activities, your skills will mean that 100 children have a wonderful holiday. For most of the children, it is their only summer holiday. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Brentwood. More information can all be found at www.boscocamp.co.uk. Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the Spring

Mass of Healing: 3pm on Saturday, 15th February This Mass is open to everyone and marks the World Day of the Sick and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Mass will include the Sacrament of Anointing and is timed so that our ill and housebound parishioners are able to attend. If you would like to go to this Mass and require a lift please get in touch with the Parish Office on 01277 624891. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre.

What is a Jubilee Year? This year the Church is celebrating a Jubilee of Hope which began with Pope Francis opening the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica in Rome and will end on the Feast of the Epiphany in January 2026. The concept of Jubilee or "Holy Year" has its roots in the Old Testament where a shofar, or ram's horn, would be blown to mark the beginning of a sacred year. This year would be marked by forgiveness of debts, land redistribution and the proclamation of justice. In the Catholic Church, the first Jubilee was declared by Pope Boniface VIII in 1300 AD. Since the 1500's, these have occurred every 25 years. In 2025 the theme of this Year is "Pilgrims of Hope" and is a year of hope and trust for a world that is still suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the Covid-19 pandemic and the increased threats to the climate. The aim of this year is to encourage a time of conversion and the forgiveness of sins.

Lenten Reflections: During Lent we would like to encourage parishioners to consider writing a short reflection for this email and the parish newsletter on the themes that we find in the Lenten readings. If you would like to take part in this please email the Parish Office and you will be allocated one of the weeks during Lent. The reflections should be no more than 250-300 words long.

Parish Pilgrimage to Clacton: Saturday, 14th June On Saturday, 14th June we are planning to organise a parish pilgrimage to visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of Light in Clacton. Clacton, along with the Cathedral in Brentwood, is one of the churches in our diocese which have been identified as places of pilgrimage during the Holy Year. After celebrating Mass and having a tour of the church we will then be going to Frinton in order to visit the town and have some fish and chips! If you are interested in taking part in this please write your name and contact number on the sheet at the back of the church. Once we have confirmed numbers we will then be able to give you an estimate of the cost of the coach.

Vespers for Ukraine at Brentwood Cathedral There will be a special Vespers in Brentwood Cathedral on **Wednesday 26th February at 6pm** to pray for peace in Ukraine on the eve of the third anniversary of the Russian invasion. The service will feature a mixture of Ukrainian music and familiar English church music, including a contribution by Ukrainians who are now part of our local community. We will be privileged to be joined by the Ukrainian Eparchy (Bishop) for Great Britain, Rt Rev Kenneth Nowakowski, who will preach at the service. Refreshments available in the Parish Hall after the service. All welcome

The Padre Pio Prayer Group next meeting is on Monday 10th February at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783

Parish Parent and Baby Group: Babies and toddlers up to age two with their parents or carers are very welcome at our **Parish Parent and Baby Group**. We meet every Thursday morning during term time in the Small Hall. Drop in any time between 9.30 and 11.30am for a cuppa, a chat, and playtime for your little ones. Free of charge. We would love to see you!

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is delighted to host a Shrove Tuesday Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 4th March. All are welcome. Tickets £35 per person and are available to purchase via the BCCS webpage <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> If you have any dietary requirements, please contact Julie once you have purchased your tickets, at jabbott@bccs.org.uk Guests will be seated at tables of 12, please email Julie to let us know your preferred seating arrangements.

Opening the doors to freedom from Human Trafficking The National Justice and Peace Network are delighted to invite you to their first event of this Jubilee Year: Thursday 6th February, 7.30-9pm via Zoom. Facilitated by Brian O' Toole, who is a member of the National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN), Act to Prevent Trafficking (APT Ireland), the Religious in Europe Networking Against Trafficking in Europe (RENATE) and Talitha Kum. At this event you will learn a little more about the insidious issue of Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery in the UK and importantly what we can do as "Pilgrims of Hope" during this Jubilee Year to help victims of Human Trafficking as we shine a light on this important issue. Register your interest by emailing admin@justice-and-peace.org.uk and a Zoom link will be sent out to you nearer the time.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service - Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 19th – 26th July 2025 Open to anyone in school year 10 and above. Join the BCYS for our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, supporting the adult pilgrimage in a week of prayer, service and fun! All details can be found at www.bcys.net/events. Funding and bursary opportunities are available.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18 to Friday 25 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours](#)

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrimage to Italy The parish of **Our Lady and All Saints, Basildon** is arranging a pilgrimage to Italy. 30th August–4th September 2025 Superior 4* Hotel Accommodation. Adults and children over 9 years: £775; Children (2-9 years): £730. Single room supplement £220. For more details and to book your place, email: frsabupariyadan@brcdt.org.