

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS):

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is a children's charity for Essex and East London based in Billericay. They believe that every child should be loved and supported. Some children experience great hardship and suffering and so the BCCS provides counselling for children and young adults whose wellbeing, and mental and emotional health, could be at risk.

If you would like more information about the expert help that BCCS offers please visit their website: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/>

Sunflower Club

Members of the Sunflower Club meet at 2pm on the first Thursday of the month in the Lounge of the Pastoral Centre. The club is open for anyone to join. For more information contact the Parish Office.

Contact Details:**Parish Office:**

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Parish Vision Statement:

At the Most Holy Redeemer we strive to become disciples of Christ by deepening our understanding of our Catholic Faith, living this out by working together and growing in love and fellowship. By inviting everyone to intentionally follow the path of discipleship, we are all encouraged to use the gifts that God has given us to serve His Church and the World.

**Pastoral Care at the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay**

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds” (Hebrews 10: 24)”

Pastoral Care:

Jesus calls all of us to care for and to be “present” to each other. “Pastoral Care” is simply sharing the love of God with one another, in encouragement and support, and by showing practical concern. Pastoral Care is expressed when we pray for one another, when we offer a listening ear or when we visit someone at home, in nursing homes or in hospital.

Most of the care and prayer at the Most Holy Redeemer happens informally and spontaneously through existing connections that parishioners have with each other. But in addition to this, we also have a number of groups within our parish which have a specific role to play in offering pastoral support to individuals and families.

Feedback to the Parish Office from all those involved in pastoral care at any level is essential. Please do not assume that Father Dan already knows that you or others are in need of support and please don't refrain from contacting the Parish Office because you believe that Father Dan is “too busy”.

If, for any reason, you decide that you would prefer not to continue coming to Mass in person at the Most Holy Redeemer, we would appreciate it if you could let us know either by email or face to face. This gives us an opportunity to update our parish records and to identify those areas in which we could improve what we are currently offering as a parish.

Prayer:

We carry each other's burdens when we pray for one another. We would love to pray for you, whatever your need e.g. if you are experiencing illness, worry, fears, loneliness, bereavement, debt or problems of any kind. If you have a particular prayer request please complete the Prayer Request card which can be found in the church porch and post it through the letterbox of the Priest's House (next door to the church)

Parish Visiting Group:

The Parish Visiting Group offers support and friendship particularly to those who find it difficult to leave their homes or perhaps have no family living locally. Members of the group meet fortnightly and are allocated a weekly visit.

If you would like someone from the Parish Visiting Group to be in contact please phone or email the Parish Office.

Parish Help Scheme:

The Parish Help Scheme assists parishioners who need transport to doctor or hospital appointments and the collection of prescriptions in emergencies. The group also offers lifts to Mass on a rota basis.

If you would like someone from the Parish Help Scheme to be in contact please phone or email the Parish Office.

Connect Groups:

We have a number of small Connect Groups meeting on a regular basis. The purpose of the Connect Groups is to offer an opportunity for parishioners to meet and to pray for and to support each other.

If you would like to find out more about the Connect Groups that we have in our parish please contact the Parish Office.

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion:

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion take Holy Communion from the Sunday Masses to parishioners who are housebound.

If you would like to receive Holy Communion at home from an Extraordinary Minister of Communion, please contact the Parish Office.

Parent and Baby Friendship Group

Our Parent and Baby Friendship Group meets on Thursday mornings in term time in the Pastoral Centre. We support parents and carers of babies up to eighteen months to meet, relax and make friends in a caring and welcoming setting.

For more details please contact the Parish Office

Catenian Association:

Our Catenian Circle is made up of Catholic men who are committed to serving the Church and supporting each other through prayer, friendship and social and charitable activities.

If you would like to know more about how to join the Billericay Catenians please contact the Parish Office

Hospital Stays:

If you, or a loved one, are going into hospital for an extended period of time please contact the Parish Office or speak to Father Dan so that they can arrange a visit by a member of the Chaplaincy Team. Due to data protection laws we only know that parishioners are in hospital if we are informed by the relatives. When you are contacting us please give the full name of the patient and which hospital or ward they are in.

In danger of death, please make sure that the nursing staff on the ward contact the on-duty Catholic Chaplain so that they are able to administer the Sacrament of the Sick.

Padre Pio Prayer Group:

Formed in 1982, we are a prayer group within the parish which has a great devotion to Saint Pio of Pietrelcina. We meet monthly on the second Monday of the month from 10 am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre to pray in thanksgiving and to petition for the needs of the Group, our parish and the wider world. We are particularly conscious of the power of prayer for the sick and holy souls.

For more information about joining the Padre Pio Prayer Group please contact the Parish Office.