

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **YouTube** Jack McGeachie RIP (Byrne)
 6.00 pm Charlie Turner RIP (Qurrey)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

2nd August 2020 **9.00 am** Jean & David Weedall RIP (Anniv)
 11.00 am The People of our Parish

MONDAY 9.15 am Keith Warren RIP (Keane)

TUESDAY **St John Mary Vianney, Priest**
 9.15 am Ints of Padre Pio Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY 9.15 am Vera Dunne RIP

THURSDAY **Transfiguration of the Lord**
 9.15 am Con & Esther Galligan RIP

FRIDAY 9.15 am Patrick Keogh RIP (Patterson)

SATURDAY **YouTube** Matthew Bion RIP (Johnson)
 6.00 pm Jennifer Ryan RIP (1st Anniv)

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

9th August 2020 **9.00 am** Kathleen & Patrick Patterson RIP
 11.00 am The People of our Parish

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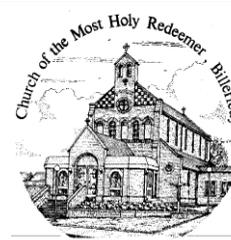
Coronavirus Prayer: God our Father, Creator of the world, almighty and merciful, out of love for us You sent your Son into the world as the doctor of our souls and our bodies, look upon your children who, in this difficult time of confusion and dismay in many regions of Europe and the world, turn to you seeking strength, salvation and relief, deliver us from illness and fear, heal our sick, comfort their families, give wisdom to our rulers, energy and reward to our doctors, nurses and volunteers, eternal life to the dead. Do not abandon us in the moment of trial but deliver us from all evil. We ask this of Thee, who with the Son and the Holy Spirit, live and reign for ever and ever. Amen. Mary, mother of health and hope, pray for us!

11am Mass Dial In Service: If you would like to listen in to the Sunday 11am Mass you can do so by **phoning 0333 0112 308**
Enter Room Access Key: 158 558 54# Followed by PIN Code: 5286#
Do make sure that you press the mute or silent button on your phone to cut down on background noise. Please note that there will just be one Mass broadcast live via the Masslink.

Parish Safeguarding Representative Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

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

I have to confess that I am not a great fan of face masks or coverings. I don't like wearing them and I don't particularly like seeing people wear them.

However, one of the things that I've had to get used to over the last three months is coming to terms with the fact that the decisions that I make as a Parish Priest can't be based on my own personal preferences but instead on what is best for our parish and what is rooted in best practice.

When I look at it this way then there are several very good arguments for requiring the wearing of face masks when we come to church.

Firstly, the wearing of face coverings is now mandatory when you go shopping or travel on public transport.

Secondly, by requiring people to wear face coverings it means that we will be able to give more people the opportunity to attend the weekend Masses which are currently heavily oversubscribed. Instead of having to ensure a 2 metre distance between individuals we would be able to reduce this to 1 metre plus which could allow an extra 20 people the opportunity to attend each of the Masses.

Thirdly, while the weather is good we are able to keep the church doors open but as we begin to enter into the autumn it will become much more difficult to keep the church ventilated while the Masses are taking place.

For all of these reasons, after much prayer and reflection and based on the latest guidance from the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales which states: "People are also strongly encouraged to wear face coverings in enclosed public spaces where there are people they do not normally meet, such as a church", and also following Boris Johnson's announcement on Friday, it has been decided that **from Saturday, 8th August onwards the wearing of face masks or coverings will be required for the weekend and the daily Masses.** On the first weekend (8th/9th August) if you do not have a face mask we will provide you with one but after that it will not be possible to attend one of the Masses if you do not have a face mask or face covering. **Fr Dan**

Face Coverings at Mass:

From Saturday, 8th August you will be required to wear a face mask or a face covering when you come to the weekend and the weekday Masses. For more information please read the front of the newsletter.

Church Closed 10th-14th August: The church will be closed from the 10th to the 14th August to allow maintenance work to take place. During these dates there will not be any daily Masses.

Father Dan away 17th-21st August:

Please note that Father Dan will be away from the parish from the 17th to the 21st of August. While Father Dan is away there will not be any weekday Masses during these dates.

MHR Holiday Kids Club 2020:

Sadly, we are not going to be able to run the Holiday Kids Club this year because of the current situation. However we are intending to run it again in August 2021.

Easy Fundraising:

The Most Holy Redeemer is now registered with easyfundraising, an organization which means that you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 4,000 shops and sites will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself.

If you would like to sign up to this all you need to do is go on the easyfundraising website by following this link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mostholyredeemerchurchbillericay/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-e1

Baptisms:

We have begun celebrating baptisms but at the present time you cannot have more than one child baptised in the service and the total number of attendees (including the celebrant and the child) is 30.

If you would like to have your child baptised at MHR and you have not already contacted us please email or phone the Parish Office. Please note however that due to the backlog of baptisms caused by the pandemic it may be some time before your child's baptism service can take place.

In order for your child to be baptised at MHR you do need to be a practicing Catholic.

Catholic Papers:

We have copies of the Magnificat (monthly £5) and The Tablet (weekly £3.80). If you would like a copy, contact the Parish Office and we can arrange for a time for you to pick one up.

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:

Des Harte R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Des Harte who passed away on Friday 31s July in Basildon Hospital. Funeral details pending. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Bridget Heath, Mary Whittlesey, Ron Dowden, Edward McBride.

Clergy: Deacon Frederick Wall, Fr Henry Tilley, Fr David Coghlan & Fr Hugh Verity.

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

Parish Office: Because of the Government regulations regarding travel, the Parish Office will no longer be staffed regularly. You can still email or phone the office but it may take longer for us to get back to you.

Private Prayer:

As the church is now open for weekday and weekend Masses we will no longer be opening for private prayer from 12pm – 2pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Thank you to all of the Stewards who made it possible for us to offer this over the last two weeks.

Standing Orders:

A very big “thank you” to all of you who have been supporting our parish through Standing Orders. Because the church has been closed for the last three months it has meant that our offertory collection has dropped considerably.

If you would like to set up a Standing Order you can find the forms on the parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php>

This form needs to be returned to your bank or building society.

If you are a tax payer and you are not currently part of our parish Gift Aid scheme, you can also print off a Gift Aid form from the website which needs to be returned to the Parish Office.

Gift Aid envelopes:

If you do know your gift aid number you can collect your gift aid envelopes before the start of the Mass you are attending or from the Parish Office on Thursdays and Fridays from 9am-1pm.

KID'S CORNER

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CORROSION

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JOHN

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CAMP

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Act of Spiritual Communion Prayer: This prayer is to be said during Communion while watching or listening to the Mass.

My Jesus,

I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things,

and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,

come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there

and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Times of Weekend Masses:

Masses take place every weekend at the following times:

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am and 11am.

There will not be a Sunday evening Mass for the time being and we will continue to upload the recorded Mass on to You Tube every week.

The 11am Mass will also be available to listen to via the telephone link.

Due to social distancing requirements we have a maximum capacity of 50 people for each Mass.

If you would like to make an appointment to come to one of the weekend Masses you will need to phone the Parish Office (01277 624891) on Thursday or Friday between 9am and 1pm stating your name and contact details and whether you will be going by yourself or in a group.

To assist with the booking process, **the online sales will now be a 24 hour period from 8am on Thursdays until 8am on Fridays** via our parish website <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/news.php?page=2020-07-31%2011:00:24&type=events>

Telephone bookings can still be made from 9am until 1pm on both Thursdays and Fridays but most Masses are "sold out" before the end of that time period. Should a Mass be seen as "sold out" online please call the Parish Office during the above times to see if there is still space available:

If you reserve a place and decide that you will not be coming to Mass at the weekend please let us know as soon as possible so that we can re-allocate your space(s) to other people.

For those who are retired or who are not working it may be preferable to attend one of the weekday Masses. From Monday, 6th July Masses will be at 9.15am every weekday (Monday to Friday). **You do not need to make an appointment in order to attend one of the weekday Masses.**

YouTube Subscriptions: If you want to make sure that you don't miss any of the videos that we are uploading to the parish YouTube channel, do consider subscribing to our parish YouTube channel. All you need to do is to click on the red "subscribe" button which is just below the videos.

Online Alpha beginning in September:

Alpha is a course designed for people who are interested in exploring questions about their faith. If you would like to know more about it you can watch two short videos from people who have been on Alpha. You will also be able to register your interest by filling in a short online form which can be found by following this link: <https://mostholyredeemer.org.uk/courses.php?page=alpha>

Connect With Us:

We would love to be able to stay in contact with you during this period of lockdown. If you would like to receive a weekly email listing all of the things that are taking place in our parish please fill in the sign up form on the parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/register.php>

For more information you can also watch Father Dan's video "Only Connect" which is available on the parish YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNg5Uaks5YLB6s4MK-yM6GQ>

If you have signed up and you are not receiving the weekly emails in your inbox do make sure that you check your spam or junk box in your email.

Vacancy: Caritas Diocese of Brentwood – Development Officer. If you are passionate about supporting local volunteers, and have strong experience in training and networking in the charitable sector, this could be your perfect job! Please visit <https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/developmentofficer/> for the Job Description and full details of this significant new role, which will help enhance our Gospel mandate to serve and recognise Christ in the poor, and in those on the edges. The deadline to apply is October 2nd 2020 and the start date is January 2021.

The Friends of St Peter's school are delighted to present our exciting virtual balloon race!! With the loss of this year's Summer Fayre and various other fundraising events, we are looking at alternative ways to raise money! Race your friends and family by purchasing a virtual balloon, the more you purchase the greater chance of winning! Prizes to be announced! The race is to take place on the 21st to 25th September and tickets are £3 for one or £2.50 each if you buy more than one! Please follow the link below to buy and customise your balloon!

<https://buytickets.at/virtualpta/395381>

Lourdes in your Living Room – hundreds of people from across the Diocese watched and prayed at Masses and liturgies last week, and enjoyed the social content too. Everything is on www.youtube.com/c/brentwoodcys, in case you missed it. **Thank you** for great generosity as over £4500 was raised by the "18 hour challenge" to be split between the BCYS, and CAFOD's coronavirus appeal, "Summer of Hope".