

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Tommy Casey RIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) 25th April 2021	9.00 am	Vocations Sunday Ellen & Harold Peniston RIP (Anniv) & Alana RIP
	11.00 am	For Vocations (Billericay Catenians)
MONDAY	9.15 am	Labbett Family's intentions
TUESDAY	10.15 am	Derry O'Sullivan RIP (Hayward)
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Ina Heffron RIP
THURSDAY	<i>No Parish Mass today</i>	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Howard Watson RIP (Bell)
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Fr Erwin Lazrado,S.J. RIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B) 2nd May 2021	9.00 am	Grace Gilpin RIP (Regan)
	11.00 am	Gauder Family's intentions (Labbett)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Prayer to St Joseph:

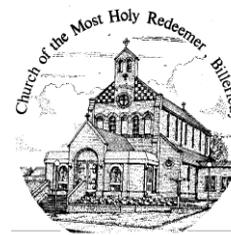
**Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you, Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.**

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (B)

25th April 2021



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

Reflection from Fr Adrian Gaffy

The description of Jesus as a shepherd adopts an image which is often used in the Hebrew Scriptures. The shepherds of Palestine provided for their sheep in so many varied ways that the image was used of the loving care of God for the people.

In the Fourth Gospel the same image is elaborated in new ways. Jesus is the good shepherd who gives his very life for his sheep. He contrasts his commitment to the sheep with the behaviour of the hired ones who flee at the first hint of danger. Jesus was fearless in the face of death in order to save his sheep. Jesus knows the sheep. His knowledge of them, his familiarity with them as he enfolds them in his loving care, reflects the close relationship between the Father and the Son.

The image of the shepherd is developed here with an extraordinary richness. He will bring new members into his fold. The flock of Jesus Christ is not composed only of those who were first called. The mission of the followers of Jesus is limited by no boundaries of race, nation or origin. The unity of all the children of God is the goal of his coming and of his saving death and resurrection. Our passage ends with a focus on the Lord's free and generous self-giving. In doing the Father's will he shows the power of his love, which is fully displayed in his rising to new life.

The Good Shepherd is risen indeed, and shares his new life with us.

Do I value my place in the flock of the good shepherd?

Do I do what I can to attract others to receive new life from the Risen Lord?

Let us pray for all pastors of the Church that they may truly imitate the Good Shepherd.

Let us pray that all those called to priesthood may respond with courage and generosity.

YouTube Links for weekend Masses: This weekend Mass times are at 6pm on Saturday and at 9am and 11am on Sunday. The 11am Mass will also be available to listen to on the telephone link.

The YouTube links for the Third Sunday of Easter are provided below.

6pm on Saturday, 24th April: <https://youtu.be/-RvpRV-tJC0>

9am on Sunday, 25th April: <https://youtu.be/wR509Hoze0M>

Weekday Livestreamed Masses: If you'd like to watch the livestreams you can either follow the link from our parish website

<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/> or subscribe to our parish YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNg5Uaks5YLB6s4MK-yM6GQ>

This week Parish Masses will be livestreamed at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and at 10.15am on Tuesday.

Weekend Mass Bookings for Saturday 1st and Sunday, 2nd May: If you would like to book a place for one of the Masses for next weekend (1st/2nd May) you can do so in two ways:

Online Reservations take place during a 24 hour period from **8am on Thursdays until 8am on Fridays** via the designated MHR page on Eventbrite. This week's link is: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1st2nd-may-masses-5th-sunday-of-easter-year-b-tickets-151936968563>

Telephone Reservations can be made between **9am and 12pm (only) on both Thursdays and Fridays** but most Masses are "sold out" before the end of that time period and so it is best to book on a Thursday to avoid disappointment.

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:

Face Coverings must be worn when you come to the weekend and the weekday Masses. Exceptions are: children under the age of 11 and those who have a medical reason why they are not able to wear a face mask.

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. You do not need to book in order to attend one of the weekday Masses but if the capacity is exceeded then you may be refused admission.

For both the weekday and weekend Masses please make sure that you arrive at least 10 minutes before the start of Mass so that the Stewards can seat you before the Mass begins.

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:

Fr Erwin Lazrado S.J. R.I.P Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Erwin Lazrado, brother of Elvira Crasto, who passed away in India on 17th April. We offer our prayers and sympathy to all the family. May he rest in peace.

Patricia Murphy R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Murphy who has died recently. May she rest in peace. Details of Patricia's funeral will be announced in the newsletter once they have been confirmed. May she rest in peace.

We pray for all their families and friends at this sad time.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Spink, Jessie Routledge, Dick Howell, George Zarb, Edward Hughes, Margaret Parks, Alison Parks, Maria Carmen Cano-Suckling,

Clergy: Fr Myles O'Reilly, Mgr George Stokes, Fr Brian O'Higgins.

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

Red Box Donations: In 2020, our Parish raised **£1,966.75** through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Communities around the world are so grateful that people here in Billericay are supporting them through prayer and our generous donations. The missionaries, and the communities they serve, are living in such difficult circumstances, made even harder by COVID-19. They have asked us to pass on their thanks and tell us that they pray for us all. You can donate in many ways – bank transfer, cheque, phone call or text. Find out more about how to donate at www.mission.org.uk

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new tax year are ready for collection either from the church entrance or from the Parish Office. Please make sure that you know your Gift Aid number when you come to collect them.

Parish Office: The Parish Office is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday from 9am – 12 noon. You should only come to the office if it is an urgent matter or if you have an appointment. Otherwise, we would ask at this time that you email or phone.

Catholic Universe & Catholic Times can be delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you.

KID'S CORNER

4th Sunday of Easter

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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.

Standing Orders: A very big “thank you” to all of you who have been supporting our parish through Standing Orders. Without your support we would be in severe financial difficulty due to the loss of income from the weekly collection.

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. The link is here:

https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/includes/pages/parish/giftaid/gift_aid_declaration.pdf

By gift aiding your donations it means that we are able to claim an extra 25p from the Inland Revenue for every £1 that you give to the parish. **However, please note that if you are part of the Gift Aid scheme you cannot claim more in Gift Aid than you pay in tax.**

If you have any queries about setting up a Standing Order or about joining the Gift Aid scheme please don't hesitate to phone or email the Parish Office.

Weekly Email: A reminder that the best way to keep in touch with everything that is happening in our parish is by signing up to the weekly email that is sent out at the beginning of every week.

If you would like to join the mailing list please follow the Connect With Us link on the parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/register.php>

MHR Youth Newsletter: We have begun sending out a regular e-newsletter for young people in our parish aged between 13-18 with articles and information about events taking place for Catholic young people in our parish and in our diocese. If you would like your child to be on the mailing list please follow this link to the sign up form: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/mhryouth.php>

National Vocations Sunday: Good Shepherd Sunday is traditionally the day when we pray for vocations to the Priesthood and the Religious Life.

The Prayer for Vocations is as follows:

Lord Jesus Christ, You have chosen the Apostles and their successors, the Bishops and Priests of the Catholic Church, to preach the true faith throughout the whole world. We earnestly beseech You to choose from among us in our parishes, priests and religious who will gladly spend their entire lives to make You better known and loved.

It is also possible to have a Mass said for Vocations. The Mass intention envelopes will be available at the end of the weekend Masses.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 5pm this Sunday (25th April):

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place at 5pm this Sunday (25th April) and will be available to watch via the livestream. If you have a specific intention that you would like to be prayed for during the recitation of the Rosary please contact the Parish Office. The link to the livestream is here:

<https://youtu.be/iULBlmUrCE>

Annual Migrants' Mass In the Year of St Joseph, and in honour of St Joseph the Worker, the London dioceses of Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood will celebrate the 16th Annual Mass for Migrants on Saturday 1st May at 11.20am. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Paul McAleenan and live-streamed from St William of York Roman Catholic Church, Forest Hill.

Although we cannot welcome the faithful in person this year, this lively online service will still celebrate of the significant contribution made by migrants to life of our dioceses. Livestream the Mass at: <https://actionnetwork.org/events/migrants-mass>

Pope Francis and the culture of encounter: On Saturday 15th May from 11am until 12.30pm Dr Austen Ivereigh, biographer of Pope Francis, will lead a Gidea Park live stream study day on the theme 'The Culture of Encounter: Can Pope Francis' vision of fraternity counter the politicization of faith?' Dr Ivereigh will explore the importance of the Abu Dhabi declaration, the Amazon Synod, the recent encyclical on fraternity *Fratelli Tutti*, and the March 2021 visit of Pope Francis to Iraq. To access this free live stream event simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org and follow the instructions found there.

Increased Capacity for Weekend Masses after Easter: Due to the continued low levels of new Covid infections in this area we have made a decision to increase the number of spaces available for the weekend Masses by using more of the benches. This means that we will continue to adhere to social distancing guidelines while at the same time giving more people the opportunity to attend Mass in person.

Baptisms: From the 12th April, the number of people who can attend a baptism service has increased from 6 to 15. In order for your child to be baptised at the Most Holy Redeemer you do need to be attending Mass on a regular basis and we would ask that instead of emailing or phoning the Parish Office, in the first instance you speak to Father Dan at the end of one of the weekend Masses.

Pastoral Support: We know that for many people lockdown can exacerbate feelings of loneliness and isolation. If you need support in any way – either spiritual or practical- or you know a parishioner who would appreciate a phone call from Father Dan or a member of the Parish Visiting Group, please don't hesitate to email the Parish Office at office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk or to give us a ring on 01277 624891. Due to GDPR restrictions please make sure the person is happy for their contact details to be passed on to the Visiting Group.

Flower Ladies New members are needed to join the group. We are a friendly band of ladies. You will be given guidance and you won't be required every week. Ring Teresa Hinder on 652573 for more details.

Church Cleaning Our Church Cleaners meet every other week on a **Wednesday or Thursday**. They urgently need more help with keeping our church clean. If you can spare a couple of hours, please contact the Parish Office by email office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk or telephone 01277 624891

Vacancy: Assistant Manager, Walsingham House at Abbotswick We are seeking to appoint an Assistant Manager at Walsingham House at Abbotswick to begin in the late summer. All information can be found on our website: <https://bcys.net/assistantmanager> Closing date for applications is midday on Monday 10th May 2021.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for the **Virtual London Marathon** taking place over 24 hours on 3rd October 2021. This can be run anywhere and on completion, runners will receive the official London Marathon Finisher's medal and New Balance T shirt. They will also have access to the London Marathon App allowing them to plot their run on the official London Marathon course. If you would like one of our places and think you could raise a fundraising total of £300, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk for registration details.

St. Angela's Convent School Old Brownies Association is a very active group. A Mass will be said for all 'Old Brownies' on Saturday 8th May at 3pm, which will be live-streamed from St Antony's Church through the Old Brownies Association Facebook page – they hope to play the school song at the end so people can sing along at home!