

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Sheila Saldanha RIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)		Day of Prayer for Vocations
8th May 2022	9.00 am	Paddy Reardon RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	For Vocations (Billericay Catenians)
MONDAY	9.15 am	Denzil & Louise Reeves RIP
TUESDAY	10.15 am	Maureen Tall RIP (Anniv) (Johnson)
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	David Clarke RIP (Watters)
THURSDAY	<i>No Parish Mass today</i>	
FRIDAY	St Erconwald, Secondary Co-Patron of Diocese	
	9.15 am	Intentions of Ann Hasson (Waters)
SAURDAY	6.00 pm	Catherine & Robert Exley RIP (Anniv)
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (C)		
15th May 2022	9.00 am	Frank & Dorothy Johnson RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	Denise Fallon RIP

Weekday Masses next week will be on Monday Wednesday and Friday at 9.15am. and Tuesday at 10.15am.

Confessions take place every Saturday morning in the church from 11am to 12pm and by appointment.

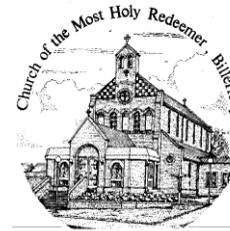
Parish Safeguarding Representative Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: There is no Exposition this Sunday (8th May). Exposition will resume the following Sunday (Sunday, 15th May) at 5pm.

My Day by Day for Easter (up to 31st May) is available from the Parish Office at an increased price of £1.15

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

8th May 2022



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

Reflection from Fr Adrian Graffy

Having listened to the accounts of the appearances of the risen Jesus in the Gospel of John we now consider some of the words of Jesus from earlier in the gospel, which richly illustrate His mission and identity. We read from the Gospel of John throughout the Easter period due to its profound insights into the person and work of Jesus. It is most appropriate to reflect on these deep truths and rich images as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and His gift of new life to us.

Today's passage is taken from the tenth chapter of the gospel, which is renowned for Jesus' words: 'I am the good shepherd'. In fact, the chapter includes various sayings of Jesus relating to the image of the shepherd and his sheep. The use of this image, or parable, takes us back into the books of the Old Testament, where God is on several occasions described as a shepherd who has care for the sheep. The most famous instance of this is of course Psalm 22 (23), which begins with the words 'The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I shall want.'

Despite the brevity of today's passage from John's gospel, several important themes of the gospel occur. 'Belonging to Christ' as sheep to a shepherd presupposes hearing and accepting the word. In John's gospel we know Jesus himself as 'the Word'. Finally, Jesus speaks of His relationship with the Father. 'The Father and I are one' is a statement of enormous importance in helping us to understand the person of Jesus and the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

How do I respond to the call to follow Christ as my shepherd?

What consolation does this gospel passage provide?

We pray for a deeper sense of belonging to the world-wide 'flock of Christ'.

We pray for reverence and love for the mystery of God, who is Three in One.

YouTube Links for weekend Masses:

6pm on Saturday, 7th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

<https://youtu.be/zyGIGPAufgI>

9am on Sunday, 8th May – Fourth Sunday of Easter

<https://youtu.be/HeGc6xC9fkM>

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.

Weekday Livestreamed Masses:

If you'd like to watch livestreams of the Weekday Masses you can either follow the link from our parish website or subscribe to our parish YouTube channel

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

Toddler's and Children's Liturgy: We are still very short of catechists at the 11am Masses which is the reason why we are currently only able to run the liturgies at these Masses once a month. If you are able to help with the Liturgies at the 11am Sunday Masses please email or phone the Parish Office. Please note that because these positions involve working with children you will be required to apply for an enhanced DBS clearance.

VACANCIES:

Deputy Headteacher at St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay. Each and every child is cherished and expected to achieve their very best. We deliver our mission statement by enabling our pupils and the wider community to love and learn, together with Jesus and develop a love of learning in the process. The Christus Catholic Trust and the Governors of St Peter's School invite applications from enthusiastic and suitably qualified, practising Catholic leaders to join our Trust and the leadership team at St Peter's to continue to build on our successes. For more information contact:

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=74639>

Closing Date: 12th May.

Biology Teacher (Maternity cover) at Sacred Heart of Mary Girl's School, Upminster required for September 2022. E.mail admin@mary.havering.sch.uk for further information. Closing date 18th May.

Housekeeper – Our Lady & All Saints, Basildon part time (15 hours Tues-Thurs) in Holy Trinity Presbytery and Hall, St Therese Hall and occasionally in St Basil's Presbytery in Basildon Parish. Application forms can be obtained by contacting Father Sabu via the Parish email basildon@dioceseofbrentwood.org Closing date: 27th May.

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:

Gwen Carrigan R.I.P. Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gwen Carrigan, mother of Jackie Phillips, who passed away recently. The funeral arrangements are still to be confirmed. Our prayers go out to Jackie and the family. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Dr Vincent Murphy, Elizabeth Fee, Charles Tall, Jane Durand, Wilfred Harper, Wilfred Stevens, Marie Dickinson, Henry Allen, Joan Stevenson, Margaret Hunt, Ron Morton, Catherine Exley.

Clergy: Canon Brian Grady, Canon John Duckett, Fr Augustine Davidson, Mgr Canon John Howell, Fr John Boyle, Fr Stanley Joynes.

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

Standing Orders: A very big "thank you" to all 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 this link:

https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/includes/pages/parish/giftaid/gift_aid_declaration.pdf and return to the Parish Office. 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.**

Any queries please phone or email the Parish Office.

Support Group for Ukrainian families and their hosts: As our community receives women and children from Ukraine, it is important that we can create a social network for these families to connect and support each other.

A couple of parishioners are planning to start a **weekly social session in the small hall of the Pastoral Centre on Thursdays from 2-4pm.**

If you could give up a few hours to help with these afternoons or would be willing to bake cakes then please contact Julie Hayes on 07906 652810

The Coffee, Cake and Chat session will begin this Thursday, 12th May at 2pm. All hosts and guests are welcome so if you know of any Ukrainian guests in the area please do let the parish office know so they can be invited. If you have ideas on how we can provide other support please let the office know too.

KID'S CORNER

4th Sunday of Easter C

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KNOW	LIFE	ME
NEVER	JOHN	GIVE
PRAISE	GLORY	HOLY

Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Tuesday: Our Parish Pastoral Council will be having its first meeting this Tuesday (10th May) at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre. Please pray for all of those who have agreed to serve our parish on the PPC and continue to pray for our parish vision which the PPC will be working to implement.

Parish Vacancy: Family Co-ordinator Position:

We are planning to employ a Parish Family Co-ordinator who will work to support the existing families in our parish and to encourage more families to become part of our parish community. Please pray that we will be able to appoint the right candidate for this new position.

Candidates will have a passion for outreach to families and children helping them to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Hours of work: 15 hours per week

Contract: 3 years fixed term.

Closing date: Friday 27th May 2022

Interviews: TBC

To be considered for the role, please send a CV and covering letter (no longer than one side of A4) to office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

Please note that you will need to be eligible to work in the UK to apply for this position. You must provide proof of Right to Work in the UK.

For an informal chat with the Parish Priest and a copy of the Job Description please email office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk

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Fundraising Meal in aid of DKMS (Blood Cancer Support) in memory of parishioner Patricia Harris RIP. The meal will be held at Pontlands Park, Chelmsford. Tickets are £60 per person. Contact Sean Harris on 07545 942785 for ticket enquiries.

Ukraine Appeal:

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood has a webpage dedicated to ways that people can offer practical help and support to the Ukrainian people – through prayer, financial donations, and donations of food, medical supplies and clothing. All the information is at: www.caritasbrentwood.org/ukraine

You can also donate specific items at a donation point organised by Key Lime PR and Marketing in Billericay High Street in the office block next to the Police Station. On arrival, please press the buzzer for Key Lime, donation boxes will be set up for you to put your various items into.

Mass to mark the opening and blessing of our Grotto and Memorial Garden on Friday, 27th May at 7pm: We are going to be having a special Mass to mark the opening and blessing of our new Grotto and Memorial Garden. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan and will take place on Friday, 27th May at 7pm.

Eastertide Preaching Series: The theme of our preaching series is “Who cares and so what?” The series concludes this weekend. You can watch the previous two homilies on our parish YouTube channel by following the links for the respective Masses.

Life in the Spirit Seminar on Wednesday, 11th May at 7.30pm: Our first session will take place this Wednesday (11th May) from 7.30-8.30pm in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre. You can come along from 7:15pm to share a cuppa with fellow parishioners before each session begins.

Dates and Topics:

- 11th May – Session 1 – God’s Love
- 18th May – Session 2 – Salvation
- 25th May – Session 3 – The New Life
- 8th June – Session 4 – Receiving God’s Gifts
- 15th June – Session 5 – Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- 22nd June – Session 6 – Growth
- 29th June – Session 7 – Transformation in Christ

Registration for First Holy Communion children who are currently in Year 3:

Registration for children who are currently in Year 3 and who would like to make their First Holy Communion in our parish next year (2023) will begin from Saturday, 14th May for the next three weekends until Sunday, 29th May. Please note that it will not be possible to email or phone the Parish Office about this. In order to register your child you will need to speak to Father Dan after one of the weekend parish Masses. He will give you a form which will then need to be returned to the Parish Office. It is only possible for you to register your own child – not anyone else’s. If you have any questions please speak to Father Dan after the Mass you usually attend with your children. Spaces are limited and so priority for places will go to practicing Catholic children. If you are not able to come to Mass regularly or you still don’t feel comfortable attending Mass in person then it would be better to defer your application and to apply the following year.

RCIA – Instruction about the Catholic Faith: If you are an adult who isn’t a Catholic, or if you are an adult Catholic who for whatever reason hasn’t made their First Holy Communion or Confirmation, you would be very welcome to join our RCIA programme which will be beginning in the autumn. If this is something that you are interested in finding out more about, please speak to Father Dan after Mass or contact the Parish Office so that we can take your contact details. We would also encourage you to think about taking part in our Alpha Course which will be beginning in September.

Billericay Catenian Circle: Congratulations to David Mullen who this week took over as Billericay Circle President from Mark Nuttall. The Circle is one of the largest and friendliest in the country and would always welcome new members. If you would like to know more about the Catenians please contact our Circle Membership Officer, Tony Wilkins, via wilkins.anthony@hotmail.co.uk

Evangelistic Event in Billericay on Saturday, 9th July 2022

Love Essex in co-operation with Churches Together in Billericay, are putting on an evangelistic event on Sun Corner on Saturday 9 July 2022. The Churches in Billericay are praying for this event under the banner ‘Love Billericay.’

Volunteer Sign-ups

If you are able to assist with the organisation of this event there is a sign-up link for Volunteers: <https://forms.office.com/r/eVbDVY5ihP>
The event is from 2-7.30pm. Some of the volunteer areas are only in the morning for set-up or only after the event in the evening for tear-down. Most of the volunteer times will be split into different shifts. There is also a required volunteer training prior to the event on 30/6/22 at 7pm. For more information please contact: lisa@love-essex.com

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: Bp Alan will lead the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from 24 – 29 July; a time to pray at the Grotto of Our Lady and enjoy the opportunities of this experience. You can book now on-line: www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood For further information, please contact Cathy O’Connor, the Administrative Director: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

BCYS Youth Gather 22nd - 23rd October, Mersea Island. Stay in cabins and try a brilliant range of outward bound activities from climbing high ropes, archery, zip wires and much more to keep you challenged and entertained, with guest speakers and workshops which will give you fresh insights into yourself, and your faith, by telling their stories. Open to all those in years 9 and above, book NOW at www.bcys.net/events