

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Robert Sims RIP
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)		World Communications Day
12th May 2024	9.00 am	Jill McCarthy RIP (1 st Anniv)
	11.00 am	The People of our Parish
MONDAY	St Erconwald, Bishop	
	9.15 am	Intentions of Maura Conway (Lawlor)
TUESDAY	St Matthias, Apostle	
	11.00 am	Fr George Towler RIP Requiem Mass
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Angela Harris RIP (Hales)
THURSDAY	<i>No Parish Mass today</i>	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Margaret & Peter Lunny RIP (Galligan)
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Tony Lidlow RIP (Anniv)
PENTECOST SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)		
19th May 2024	9.00 am	Frank & Dorothy Johnson RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	The People of our Parish

Weekday Masses: This week parish Masses are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There is no 10.15am Parish Mass on Tuesday because we have the Requiem Mass for Father George Towler on that day.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (12th May) It is also available to watch via our livestream by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/2S96fTEFkiA?feature=share>

Saturday Morning Confessions: Due to the First Holy Communion Masses taking place on Saturdays, 11th and Saturday, 18th May there won't be Saturday morning Confessions on these dates. **Confessions resume on Sat, 25th May.**

Parish Safeguarding Representative Adrian Scantlebury Tel: 01277 623325

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 May 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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B

12th May 2024



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

From Fr Adrian Graffy:

Chapter 17 of the Gospel of John contains a lengthy prayer of Jesus, set, just like the gospel readings of the previous two Sundays, in the context of the Last Supper.

John's contribution to the gospel tradition here is unique. This is a deep and intimate prayer, focused on the disciples, but also focused on us, as Jesus leaves us to return to the Father. Jesus prays that we be kept true to His name.

It is easy to show enthusiasm at the beginning, but the life of faith has its good times and bad. Jesus speaks of the one who chose to be lost. The reference here is clearly to Judas, who freely turned against Jesus. God does not reject us, seeking the opportunity to condemn us. God yearns for our positive response of love. We can only lose ourselves.

Jesus is to leave this world, but He shares his joy with us, the joy of the resurrection which no one can take from us. But Jesus knows that the world is not a comfortable place for people of faith. We do not belong to the world, just as Jesus did not belong to the world. Nevertheless, He came into this world to bring freedom and truth. As Jesus goes to the Father, we are sure that through the Spirit, the Advocate, we can maintain our faith and consecration in the truth.

What do I do to maintain my love for Jesus, and increase my understanding of his truth?

Do I allow the values of the world to deceive me so that I lose sight of the values given by faith?

Let us pray for those seeking direction and meaning in their lives, that they may be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We pray especially for those recently baptized and received into the Catholic Church, that they may persevere in fidelity to the truth revealed by Jesus.

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 11th May (Seventh Sunday of Easter Year B):

https://youtube.com/live/6W6NGeQFp_E?feature=share

9am on Sunday 12th May (Seventh Sunday of Easter Year B):

<https://youtube.com/live/uu44LMwD32w?feature=share>

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.

Parish Grotto Opening: The Parish Grotto is now open every day from 8am until mid-afternoon.

Prayer for the Israel-Gaza Conflict:

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us you are our Heavenly Father. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen

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:

Father George Towler RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Father George Towler. Bishop Alan Williams will be celebrating the Requiem Mass for Father George Towler this Tuesday, 14th May, at 11am. The Mass will be livestreamed and is available to watch via this link:

<https://youtube.com/live/o9NoHWMEw38?feature=share>

Please note that there will be priests and people coming from all over the diocese and so it is likely that the car park will be full on the day.

Eric Hollingworth RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eric Hollingworth, father of Ian. Eric will be received into the church at 4pm on Wednesday, 29th May and his Requiem Mass will take place at 10am on Thursday, 30th May. May he rest in peace.

Georges Chauveau RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Georges Chjauveau, father of Jeannine Watson, who died on Sunday 5th May in France at the age of 97. His funeral will take place on Monday 13 May. May he rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Joan Stevenson, Margaret Hunt, Ron Morton, Catherine Exley, Josephine Murphy, Kevin Murphy, David Barry, Creinne Chiappe.

Clergy: Fr Jim McCormack, Fr John William Hayes, Fr Paul Dynan.

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

PARISH REGISTRATION:

A big thank you to all of you who have already completed the online parish registration form. We have already had over 430 entries! 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!



KIDS' CORNER

Seventh Sunday of Easter (B)

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BOOK
WORLD
LOVE
FAITH
TRUTH
PRAISE
GIFTS

PSALMS
APOSTLES
SPIRIT
JOY
WORD
PRAYERS
BELIEVERS

MINISTRY
BLESSINGS
TESTIFY
PROTECT
CONSECRATE
MATTHIAS

Most Holy Redeemer Children's Choir (MHRCC) Our Children's Choir rehearsals take place in the Most Holy Redeemer Church on Thursday afternoons from 4.30pm to 5.15pm, during term time. We sing at the 6pm Saturday evening Mass twice each term and give a musical presentation for parents and friends at the end of each term. If you have a child in Years 3 – 6 and they are interested in joining our enthusiastic choristers, please email Bernadette via the Parish Office: office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk and we will pass your details on.

Gift Aid and Standing Orders – PLEASE COLLECT YOUR ENVELOPES FROM THE CHURCH PORCH – even if you have a standing order.

By Gift Aiding your donations it means that for every £1 that you give to the parish we are able to claim an extra 25p. If you are a tax payer you are able to join our Gift Aid scheme by downloading the Gift Aid form from the Parish website (<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php>) or by collecting a Gift Aid form from the Church Porch. This then needs to be returned to the Parish Office and you will be issued with a Gift Aid number which you will use whenever you make a donation to the church.

We would also encourage you to consider setting up a **Standing Order** to the parish if you haven't already done so. Standing Orders enable us to budget more effectively and they mean that you don't need to bring money with you when you come to Mass. You can set up a Standing Order electronically through your banking app. If you email the Parish Office we will be able to provide you with the Sort Code and Account Name for the parish or alternatively you can download a Standing Order form from the parish website (<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php>) and take it to your bank.

Contactless Payments: As fewer and fewer people are carrying cash we have introduced a new way for people to donate to the parish. In the entrance to the church we now have installed a contactless donation system which enables you to donate directly to the parish using your credit or debit card. If you are a taxpayer you also have the option of gift aiding your donation. You will only need to fill in your contact details once and then the machine will automatically gift aid any subsequent donations provided you use the same payment method.

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

CAFOD's ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

Billericay Foodbank The green box remains in the church porch, all donations continue to be gratefully received. Thank you

Mass for all Parish Volunteers: On Friday, 5th July at 7.30pm we will be having a Mass of Thanksgiving for all of those who volunteer in our parish in whatever capacity. Please put this date in your diary and if you are interested in getting involved with any of the groups or ministries that we have within our parish please email The Parish Office: office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk.

First Holy Communion Masses: Please pray for all of our children who will be celebrating their First Holy Communion in our parish this weekend and next weekend. Some of the children will be celebrating their Communion in the 6pm and 11am Parish Masses so please be aware that these Masses may be busier than usual.

Confirmation: Please pray for all of our young people who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, 19th May at 5pm in the church. In advance of the Confirmation Mass there is a rehearsal and Reconciliation Service which will take place at 7.30pm this Wednesday (15th May). **All candidates need to attend this.**

Pentecost Challenge: On Pentecost Sunday (18th/19th May) at all of the parish Masses we will be inviting parishioners who feel that they have grown in their faith over the last year to stand up. If you have attended Alpha or Life in the Spirit, or if you are a member of a Connect Group or you have celebrated a sacrament within the parish and feel that this has enabled you to grow in your relationship with the Lord, we would love for you to consider taking part in the Challenge at Pentecost

Called and Gifted Teaching Day: On Saturday, 14th September from 9am to 4.15pm in the Pastoral Centre we are going to be running a Called and Gifted teaching day which we would love for you to take part in. "Called and Gifted" is a discernment process developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute which enables everyone to understand the gifts and the charisms that God has given to them so that they are able to share these gifts with others. Those who have taken part in the Called and Gifted process have found that their faith has deepened and that they have been able to discover new ways of serving God in their parish and the wider community. As well as the teaching day, participants are invited to complete an online "Gifts Inventory" prior to the day, as well as having a 1-1 Zoom session with a member of the Called and Gifted team. The total cost of the process including the Teaching Day is **£50** (for MHR parishioners only) which includes online access to the Gifts Inventory as well as a Resource book which will be given out during the Teaching Day. In order to secure your booking please register your interest before Thursday, 1st August either by emailing the Parish Office or speaking to Father Dan. If you would like more information about Called & Gifted please visit their website: <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>

Rome and Assisi Pilgrimage Meeting: Sunday, 9th June The next meeting for those who are going on our November parish pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi will take place at 7pm on Sunday, 9th June in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre. At this meeting we will be finalising the details of the trip and giving you more information about some of the places we will be visiting.

Sponsorship: Two of our parishioners, Alison Connolly and Alison Golder are walking the Camino de Santiago at the end of May for The Brain Tumour Charity to raise awareness and support for the charity and their dear friend and parishioner Natalia Iriso. If anyone would like to contribute please donate through www.justgiving.com/team/alicaligcamino2024 Thank you. Ali C and Ali G

Missio Red Box Donations Collection Envelopes for your donations will be available in the Church porch at all masses over the weekend of 4th/5th May. Please collect your envelope and return it with your donation to the presbytery during the following week. Most Holy Redeemer parish Red Box and Direct Debit donations to Missio totalled £2,582.44 for 2023! Thank you for your continued support of Missionaries and their communities throughout the world!

VACANCIES: at The Diocese of Brentwood:

Health and Safety Co-ordinator Full time. Candidates must have H&S experience and H&S qualifications including NEBOSH. Closing date: 14th May.

Choral Director to assist the Director of Music in the establishment and delivery of the Diocese of Brentwood Schools Singing Programme, and to continue the development of Sacred Music in the parishes of the Diocese, including the Cathedral. To deliver choral provision primarily in schools. Closing date: 16th May.

Assistant Secretary – Cathedral House (Bishop's Office) Full time. The primary purpose of the role is to assist the Bishop's Secretary with providing office management and secretarial support to the Bishop. Closing date: 22nd May.

All details of the above vacancies can be found on the Diocesan website:
[Vacancies - Brentwood Diocese \(dioceseofbrentwood.net\)](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net)

Retreat Manager for Walsingham House at Abbotswick: Walsingham House are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager for Walsingham House. The Retreat Manager will work to ensure the smooth and efficient running of retreats and leading the volunteer team. This is a live in position and ideal for someone with previous experience in youth ministry. Full details, including background information and how to apply, can found at www.bcys.net/news/vacancies/ The closing date is Friday 24th May.

Programme Leader for Walsingham House at Abbotswick: Walsingham House are seeking to appoint a Programme Leader. The successful applicant will work alongside the Retreat Manager helping to lead retreats for the schools and parishes of our diocese. Full details, including background information and how to apply, can be found at www.bcys.net/news/vacancies/ The closing date is Friday 24th May.