

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Denis Daly RIP	
SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)			Peace Day
19th Jan 2025	9.00 am	Brigitte Cronin RIP	
	11.00 am	The People of our Parish	
MONDAY	9.15 am	Margaret Mary Ellul RIP	
TUESDAY	St Agnes, Virgin & Martyr		
	10.15 am	Jack & Edith Hinchliffe RIP (Anniv)	
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Padraic Kirrane RIP (Thurs Cleaners)	
THURSDAY	<i>No Parish Mass Today</i>		
FRIDAY	<i>No Parish Mass Today</i>		
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Brendan Raftery RIP (Quinn)	
THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)			
26th Jan 2025	9.00 am	The People of our Parish	
	11.00 am	David Clarke RIP (Anniv)	

Weekday Masses this week are at 9.15am on Monday & Wednesday and at 10.15am on Tuesday. There is no 9.15am Mass this Friday

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (19th January)
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Exposition will resume at 5pm on the following Sunday (26th January)

Saturday Confessions: from 11am to 12pm - also available by request.

Diocesan Safeguarding Representative Simon Moules 01277 265234

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 January 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR C

19th January 2025



From Fr Adrian Gaffy:

This Sunday's gospel shows our reluctance to leave the Christmas season behind. It tells of the third of the "manifestations" of Jesus associated with the Christmas season, the others being the Epiphany and the Baptism of the Lord.

The key to understanding the place of today's gospel in our liturgy is the statement that "He let His glory be seen." The gospel of John contains seven major signs by which the true identity of Jesus, His glory, is made known. The transformation of the water into wine tells us that Jesus brings a new time, a time of richness and fulfilment. An enormous amount of wine is provided. Although the "hour" of Jesus, the hour of His death and resurrection, has not yet come, this sign is a pointer towards the "glory" of Jesus.

The role of the mother of Jesus, who is addressed by Jesus as "Woman", is significant. As in the stories of Jesus' birth, so here in John, she collaborates with God's ways in a humble and self-giving manner. She is the woman of the new covenant, as Eve was the woman of the old.

***What is the role of the mother of Jesus in the events of our salvation?
What do I take away from the Christmas season as ordinary time takes over?***

***Pray for the vision to see the hidden glory of God in today's world.
Pray for those who are searching for the signs of God's presence.***

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, 18th January (Second Sunday of Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/g8eYIfwCIP4?feature=share>

9am on Sunday, 19th January (Second Sunday of Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/Jemm-vVyUGE?feature=share>

Change of email address:

Please note that our email address is changing to billericay@brcdt.org. This is to bring us in line with other parishes across the diocese. While this change is taking place the old office email address is still active.

Gift Aid: A big thank you to all of you who are members of the Gift Aid scheme. If you are a taxpayer and you would like to join the scheme you can do so by picking up a form from the church or following this link on the parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php>

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.

Mass Bags for Children. We have Mass bags available at all of the weekend parish Masses for children aged 1-3 and children aged 3 and older. The bags contain colouring books, pencils and soft toys. Please speak to the Welcomers before Mass if you would like to have one of the bags, specifying which bag you would like, and please make sure that at the end of Mass they are returned to the church porch so that other families are able to use them.

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

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:

ANNIVERSARIES: May Glen, Bridget Lydon, Anne Layland, Mary Porter, Molly Chambers, Gerry O'Shaughnessy, John Purcell, Brigitte Cronin, Catherine Tatnall, Gladys Cregg, Jeannie Vincent, Fred Elerby, Michael Kelley, Dorothy Hales, David Willats, Anthony Busuttill, Jill Foote, Vic Robinson.

Clergy: Mgr Canon David Donnelly, Fr Jon Meehan, Bishop Bernard Ward, Fr Christopher Quirke, Pope Benedict XV, Bishop Arthur Doubleday, Fr John Sullivan, Fr John Hibbert.

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

PARISH REGISTRATION:

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!



New Contactless Machine in the church porch: We now have a new contactless machine in the church porch which should be quicker and more reliable than the previous one. If you normally gift aid your donations you will need to submit your details the first time you use the machine and then it will remember your information every time you use it subsequently provided that you use the same debit or credit card. Thank you to all of you who have donated to the parish using this method. To date this has raised over £11,000.

Billericay Foodbank The green box remains in the church porch. Please donate any **NON-PERISHABLE** food ONLY, and food that is 'in date'. Thank you

Missalettes: If you attend the Saturday evening or 9am Sunday Masses please can you make sure that you return the Missalettes at the end of Mass so that they can be used by parishioners at the later Masses.

KIDS' CORNER

SECOND SUNDAY OF YEAR C

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Galilee	Mother	Invited
Wedding	Cana	Wine
Woman	Servants	Hour
Water	Jews	Idea
Best	Drink	Glory
Bridegroom	Brothers	Seen
Tasted	People	Filled

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

Parish Health & Safety Co-ordinator - Volunteer: We are looking for somebody who could take on the role of Parish Health and Safety Co-ordinator. If you have some experience of Health and Safety in your workplace or as a volunteer please speak to Father Dan or contact the Parish Office at billericay@brcdt.org

Vacancy: St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Hutton are looking to appoint a deputy headteacher for April 2025. For more information and a full advert, visit our school website: <https://st-joseph-the-worker-catholic-primary-school.secureprimarysite.net/recruitment-1/>

Closing date for applications: Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 12 Noon. Visits welcome. Please contact Mrs Lesley Willats on 01277 227282 or admin@stjosephworker.essex.sch.uk for an application pack or to arrange a visit.

Vacancy: Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is looking to recruit a Communications and Fundraising Administrator to provide effective administrative and communications support to the Marketing and Fundraising Team. The post requires someone who can manage a high degree of responsibility and who is confident working independently and creatively. Candidates must have excellent organisational skills and be proficient at managing their time and priorities effectively. The role is based at their head office in Billericay High Street and ideally would be a full time position (37 hours per week) although some flexibility may be available for the right candidate. Full details can be found in the Job Description on the BCCS website: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/> If you think you have the skills needed for the role and would welcome an informal chat, please contact BCCS Head of Voluntary Income Julie Abbott by email jabbott@bccs.org.uk or phone 07912 277413. Otherwise, please apply directly to her with your CV and covering letter before 31st January 2025.

Walsingham House Team 25/26: applications are now open for the volunteer retreat team at Walsingham House. If you are in Yr13 or finishing university and enjoy working with young people then a year on the retreat team could be the perfect next step. Live and work as part of a young Catholic Christian community, sharing your faith and helping to run retreats for the young people of Brentwood diocese. For more information then please see the website: www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

Mass of Healing: 3pm on Saturday, 15th February This Mass is open to everyone and marks the World Day of the Sick and the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. The Mass will include the Sacrament of Anointing and is timed so that our ill and housebound parishioners are able to attend. If you would like to go to this Mass and require a lift please get in touch with the Parish Office on 01277 624891. Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Pastoral Centre.

TALK: Why do people no longer come to Church? The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre are hosting a talk by Rev Dr Liam Hayes at New Hall School. The talk, followed by discussion, starts at 7pm on Wed Jan 22nd. Refreshments will be served from 6.30pm. No cost to attend. All are welcome but need to register via the following link <https://canonesses.co.uk/event/why-do-people-no-longer-go-to-church-wed-22-jan-2025/>

Vespers for Ukraine at Brentwood Cathedral There will be a special Vespers in Brentwood Cathedral on **Wednesday 26th February at 6pm** to pray for peace in Ukraine on the eve of the third anniversary of the Russian invasion. The service will feature a mixture of Ukrainian music and familiar English church music, including a contribution by Ukrainians who are now part of our local community. We will be privileged to be joined by the Ukrainian Eparch (Bishop) for Great Britain, Rt Rev Kenneth Nowakowski, who will preach at the service. Refreshments available in the Parish Hall after the service. All welcome

Parish Outreach Group: Joining a new parish can sometimes be a little bit daunting. To help welcome new parishioners to our church, we have a small group of volunteers who 'reach out' to new members of our community. The volunteers will arrange to come and visit you (usually in pairs) in your home at a time that is mutually convenient and chat to you about our parish and share some helpful information leaflets. Hopefully, they can also answer any questions that you might have and point you in the right direction if you have a particular interest in a specific area of parish life. If you would like a member of the Outreach Group to visit, please contact the Parish Office.

Churches together in Billericay Prayer and Praise evening at Billericay Baptist Church on Sunday 19th January at 7pm. This is part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity which takes place from 18th -25th January.

Cathedral Young Adults Group. Are you aged between 18 – 35 and interested in meeting like minded individuals in a relaxed and social environment? The Group meets on the first Sunday of each month after the 6.30 Sunday Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. We walk to a nearby Pub after Mass for some food or drink and to meet and support each other spiritually and socially, wherever you are on your Faith journey. Details email cathedral@brcdt.org

Caritas Brentwood Networking Day: You are warmly invited to the 2025 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, taking place on Sunday, 9th February, from 2–6 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford RM1 4AT. This event is an opportunity to explore the Catholic response to pressing issues such as homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, supporting those affected by the Cost of Living Crisis, and addressing climate change. Join us to find inspiration during this Jubilee year, exchange ideas and best practices with parishioners across Essex and East London, and learn about the charities and resources available to support your efforts. Free registration - Details: www.caritasbrentwood.org/network.

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER at the St John Bosco Children's Camp next summer? Applications are now open for anyone aged 17+ to volunteer for a week at the end of July 2025. From helping in the kitchen to running sports and other activities, your skills will mean that 100 children have a wonderful holiday. For most of the children, it is their only summer holiday. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Brentwood. More information – including training date and DBS requirements, along with volunteering FAQs - can all be found at www.boscocamp.co.uk. Applications for children to come to Camp will open in the Spring

Foundation Governor Vacancies have arisen at a number of Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry. The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment. Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community as a whole. Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration. Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service. If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email your expression of interest to governanceappointments@brcdt.org.

Jubilee 2025 - Pilgrimage to Italy The parish of Our Lady and All Saints, Basildon is arranging a pilgrimage to Italy visiting the holy places along with some tourist attractions. The jubilee year 2025 is inviting us to visit a holy place and obtain plenary indulgence by entering through the holy door. We will visit The Vatican, Rome, Assisi, Padua, Venice & Pisa. date: 30th August–4th September 2025 (6 days). Superior 4* Hotel Accommodation. Adults and children over 9 years: £775; Children (2-9 years): £730. Single room supplement £220. For more details and to book your place, email: frsabupariyadan@brcdt.org.