

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Ida & George Zarb RIP (Anniv)
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)		
23rd Feb 2025	9.00 am	John Hasson RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	The People of our Parish
MONDAY	9.15 am	Bridget Mary Stevens RIP
TUESDAY	10.15 am	Intentions of The Padre Pio Prayer Group
WEDNESDAY	9.15 am	Intentions of Brigid Edwards (Harper)
THURSDAY	No Parish Mass Today	
FRIDAY	9.15 am	Barney O'Neil RIP (Johnson)
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	The People of our Parish
EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) Day for the Unemployed		
2nd March 2025	9.00 am	Kitty Keane RIP (Anniv)
	11.00 am	Cathy Woodham RIP

Weekday Masses this week are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday & Friday and at 10.15am on Tuesday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (23rd February). It's also available to watch via our livestream by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/E-GqDv1Q0Ho?feature=share>

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

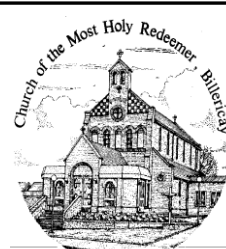
Diocesan Safeguarding Representative Simon Moules 01277 265234

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 February are in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.

Hall Bookings The booking officer is Anna Sloper who can be contacted by e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) 23rd February 2025



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

From Fr Adrian Graffy:

In this Sunday's Gospel, we continue reading from St Luke's collection of the teachings of Jesus known as the 'Sermon on the Plain'.

The essence of this reading is found in verses 27 and 28. There is a radical new commandment here, given to all the disciples of Jesus, that we should love our enemies. This commandment is found in Matthew and Luke, in their respective collections of Jesus' teaching, and in both gospels this new precept challenges the opinions of the contemporaries of Jesus: 'I say this to you.'

The commandment is elaborated in the following verses and repeated in verse 35. We are called to be like God, because we are children of God. Throughout Luke's gospel Jesus reveals the compassion of God, and the call is for us to 'be compassionate as your Father is compassionate'.

The vocation of the Christian is not to 'treat others as you would like them to treat you', but, in a far more demanding manner, to 'do as God does'.

To what extent do I live the gospel command to 'love your enemies'? Is compassion a guiding factor in my dealings with others?

Let us pray that we may truly imitate the love of Christ.

Let us pray for generosity of heart in all we do.

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, 22nd February (Seventh Sunday of Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/5XfNHI1mBEU?feature=share>

9am on Sunday, 23rd February (Seventh Sunday of Year C)

<https://youtube.com/live/sgd8g9JT4oE?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: Catherine Moyne, Marie Liddall, Helen Butler, Joseph Fallon, Patricia Stocks, Olga Gladwin, Michael Mulchrone, Conrad Grant, Michael Thurlow, Ian Brand, Joan Papa, Gertrude Bradshaw, Harry Folkard, George Court, Vittoria Clayton, Kitty Keane, Imelda Kirk, Rhona Sullivan.

Clergy: Deacon Dwight Hayter, Canon Aloysius Roche, Fr Gerard Murphy, Mgr Canon ules van Meenen, Fr Clifford Beecroft, Fr David Chapman, Fr John Wall.

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

Online Petition opposing the Assisted Dying Bill: If you would like to sign an online petition opposing the proposed Assisted Dying Bill which is currently going through Parliament please follow this link: <https://spuc.org.uk/campaign/yes-to-our-hospices/>

KIDS' CORNER

7th Sunday of Year C

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LOVE	ENEMIES	SLAP
CHEEK	CLOAK	TUNIC
GIVE	PROPERTY	THANKS
SINNERS	LEND	HOPE
REWARD	JUDGE	COMPASSIONATE
CONDEMN	PARDON	GIFTS
MEASURE	RECEIVE	UNGRATEFUL

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

Vacancy: Parish Secretary – Billericay Due to upcoming retirements within our Parish office staff, a vacancy has arisen for the position of a part-time Parish Secretary. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills. The post will be part-time working 20 hours per week with hours planned to suit the requirements of the parish. The salary is £12.46 per hour. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV and cover letter by email to billericay@brcdt.org **Closing date: 25th February 2025**
[JOB DESCRIPTION PARISH SECRETARY.doc](#)

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

Headteacher – St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford. Our current Head, Mrs Waterfield, is retiring after 20 years. The Governors are seeking to appoint a Headteacher to begin in September to continue the excellent work at this caring, friendly and diverse two form entry primary school. Visits from prospective applicants are warmly encouraged, and can be arranged at a time to suit you. Full details: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>. Salary Group 3 L18-24a (depending on experience). Closing date for applications: Monday 17th March

Caritas Development Officer. This new role within the Diocese will help develop and strengthen our charitable action and ministry. Working alongside the Director of Caritas, the successful applicant will have excellent digital media, organisation and presentation skills, and a heart for Catholic Social Teaching, helping to share this valuable work in schools and parishes, supporting existing volunteers. £24,000 - £27,000pa depending on experience. Full time, including some evenings and weekends. Closing date 31st March at noon. More information and application details: caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service - Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 19th – 26th July 2025 Open to anyone in school year 10 and above. Join the BCYS for our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, supporting the adult pilgrimage in a week of prayer, service and fun! All details can be found at www.bccys.net/events. Funding and bursary opportunities are available.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025: Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Friday 18 to Friday 25 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes Pilgrimage - Tangney Tours](#)

Lent 2025: The Season of Lent begins on **Wednesday, 5th March** with **Ash Wednesday**. On Ash Wednesday the parish Masses will be at 10.30am and at 8pm. Next weekend we will be distributing Lent leaflets listing all of the different events and activities that are taking place in our parish during the season of Lent.

Life in the Spirit Seminars: Please save the date for the upcoming Life in the Spirit Seminars, being held in Brentwood Cathedral Large Hall, over 6 Tuesday evenings (29th April - 3rd June). Come along to hear inspiring speakers, be filled with the Holy Spirit and travel through your own '*Holy Door*' as we celebrate this Jubilee Year. More details will follow shortly.

Lent Lectures at Brentwood Cathedral: There will be a series of Lenten talks at **Brentwood Cathedral** on the power and significance of the Holy Eucharist in our lives of faith, entitled, "Those who believe, don't leave."

Brendan Thompson will be speaking on Wednesday 12th March.

Fr Philip Caldwell will be speaking on Wednesday 19th March.

Bishop Alan Williams will be speaking on Wednesday 26th March.

Fr Stephen Morrison (O Pream), will be speaking on Wednesday 2nd April.

Each talk starts at 7.30pm in the Cathedral.

Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) We're excited to announce that we're starting a new family faith formation programme called GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) in September. Monthly sessions will be available for families with primary school children in school years 3-6. The sessions will focus on growing in faith and community. We are meeting on Monday, 24th of February at 7pm in the Pastoral Centre to start planning the sessions. We invite you to come along to the meeting in February if you are interested in helping with this. We would love to have you on our team! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kristindefreitas@brcdt.org

Parish Pilgrimage to Clacton: Change of date to Saturday, 7th June

Thank you to everyone who has indicated that they are interested in coming on pilgrimage with the parish to visit the National Shrine of Our Lady of Light in Clacton in June. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond our control it is no longer possible for us to visit on Saturday, 14th June. Instead the pilgrimage will now take place on **Saturday, 7th June**. Apologies to anyone who signed up for the original date and is now unable to come on the 7th. If this applies to you then please speak to Father Dan or contact the Parish Office so that we can take your name off the list. The plan is for us to leave Billericay by coach at 9am and to return by 5pm. There is a charge of £10 for adults and £5 for children to help cover the cost of hiring the coach. You will also need additional money for the fish and chips!

Mission Appeal: Next weekend, 1st/2nd March, we welcome Br John Deeney from the **Catholic Missionary Union – Lasallian Projects**. Br John helps to organise aid for Church education in poorer parts of the world – sponsoring basic school buildings in several different countries to make education viable for deprived communities where there are still huge needs to meet. Please be as generous as you can in the second collection.

Repository We now have copies of the new translation Sunday Missals (£25) in stock.

Coffee Morning for Baptism families: Monday 17th March Parents of children being Baptised in our parish or have recently been Baptised are warmly invited to join the Baptism Welcome Team for a coffee morning. Refreshments will be in the Lounge of the Pastoral Centre after the 9.15am Mass on Monday 17th March. Some toys will be available for babies/toddlers.

Parish Parent and Baby Group: Babies and toddlers up to age two with their parents or carers are very welcome at our **Parish Parent and Baby Group**. We meet every Thursday morning **during term time** in the Small Hall. Drop in any time between 9.30 and 11.30am for a cuppa, a chat, and playtime for your little ones. Free of charge. We would love to see you!

Halls Booking Officer: Please note that our new Halls Booking Officer is Anna Sloper. If you want more information about the halls in our Pastoral Centre you can email Anna at canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

Holy Week Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 13th April – £849 pps, includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, B&B, lunch on three days, all entertainment, excursions and transport. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, outdoor Passion Play at Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Contact 01268 762278, 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) is delighted to host a Shrove Tuesday Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 4th March. All are welcome. Tickets £35 per person and are available to purchase via the BCCS webpage <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> If you have any dietary requirements, please contact Julie once you have purchased your tickets, at jabbott@bccs.org.uk Guests will be seated at tables of 12, please email Julie to let us know your preferred seating arrangements.