

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	Tony Lidlow RIP (Anniv.)
<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)</b>		
<b>11<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Ints of Cathy Love
	<b>11.00 am</b>	For Vocations
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>St John Houghton, Priest &amp; Martyr</b>	
	<b>9.15 am</b>	David Thompson, Cliff & Dora Deane RIP
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>St Erconwald, Bishop &amp;</b>	
	<b>Secondary Co-Patron of Brentwood Diocese</b>	
	<b>11.00am</b>	David Hill RIP <b>Requiem Mass</b>
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>ST MATTHIAS, Apostle</b>	
	<b>9.15 am</b>	Eugene P. Ring RIP
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<i>No Parish Mass today</i>	
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>9.15 am</b>	Rose & Joe McMonagle RIP
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	John Flannery RIP
<b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)</b>		
<b>18<sup>th</sup> May 2025</b>	<b>9.00 am</b>	Frank & Dorothy Johnson RIP
	<b>11.00 am</b>	People of the Parish

**WEEKDAY MASSES** This week Masses will be at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Please note that there is no 10.15am Parish Mass on Tuesday because of the Requiem Mass of David Hill.

**No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday** Please note that there is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for the next 2 weeks. Exposition will resume at 5pm on Sunday, 25th May.

**Diocesan Safeguarding Representative** Simon Moules 01277 265234

**Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas:** Email address: [kristindefreitas@brcdt.org](mailto:kristindefreitas@brcdt.org) Mobile number is: 07492 910138

**Hall Bookings** The booking officer is Anna Sloper who can be contacted by e-mail [canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com)

**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.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

11<sup>th</sup> May 2025



### A message 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*

## 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.

**Prayer for Pope Leo XIV** Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd Leo a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

**WEEKEND MASSES** this week take place at 6pm on Saturday and at 9am and 11am on Sunday.

**6pm Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C – Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> May**

[https://www.youtube.com/live/OP5GQ\\_z4aCM](https://www.youtube.com/live/OP5GQ_z4aCM)

**9am Fourth Sunday of Easter Year C -Sunday, 11<sup>th</sup> May**

[https://youtube.com/live/g\\_eyJ1VEG-I?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/g_eyJ1VEG-I?feature=share)

**Confessions this Saturday take place in the church from 11-12 noon.**

### Change of email address:

Please note that our email address is changing to [billericay@brcdt.org](mailto: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.

**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:**

**David Hill R.I.P.** Please pray for the repose of the soul of David Hill. David will be received into the church at 4.30pm on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> May and his Requiem Mass will take place at 11am on Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please note that this Mass will replace the usual 10.15am Parish Mass. May he rest in peace.

**John Sheridan RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Sheridan who died recently. John's funeral arrangements are still to be confirmed. May he rest in peace.

**Peter Kosky RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Kosky. Peter's Funeral Service will take place at 11am on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> May. May he rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Marie Dickinson, Henry Allen, Joan Stevenson, Margerat Hunt, Ron Morton, Catherine Exley, Josephine Murphy, Kevin Murphy and David Barry.

**Clergy:** Fr Augustin Davison, Mgr Canon John Howell, Fr John Boyle, Fr Staley Joynes, Fr James (Jim)McCormack, Fr John William Hayes and Fr Paul Dynan.

**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!



**Contactless Machine in the church porch:** We now have a contactless machine in the church porch. 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.

# KIDS' CORNER

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter C

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BELONG	FOLLOW	JESUS
KNOW	LIFE	ME
NEVER	JOHN	GIVE
PRAISE	GLORY	HOLY

**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.

**Good Shepherd Sunday** This Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday. Please pray for all vocations: for those engaged to be married and married couples; priests and those considering priestly vocation; those who are committed to the Religious Life and those who live a single life. Posters and prayer cards will be available to pray especially for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

**First Holy Communion weekends** On the 17th and 18th and the 24th and 25th May we will be celebrating First Holy Communions at 11am on Saturday and at some of the parish Masses. Please pray for all of the children and their families who are making their First Holy Communion and please note that these Masses might be busier than usual.

**Feast of the Ascension: Thursday, 29th May** On Thursday, 29th May we are celebrating the Feast of Jesus' Ascension into Heaven which is a Holy Day of Obligation. Please note that on this day Masses will be at **9.15am** and at **8pm**.

**Online Safeguarding Training** Thank you to all who attended our parish safeguarding training on Tuesday. We would ask that all volunteers working with children and vulnerable adults in our parish should complete the online safeguarding training which is provided by the diocese.

You will need to register in order to access the resource. You can do so by following this link: <https://training.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/>

**Eastertide Preaching Series on "God's Gifts"** Our preaching series on "God's Gifts" continues this weekend. If you would like to watch the first part of the series you can do so by following this link to last Sunday's Mass: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFsMnHN\\_AIM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KFsMnHN_AIM)

**The Padre Pio Prayer Group** will hold its next meeting on Monday 12th May at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783.

**A Musical Date for your Diary** A concert of varied pieces of differing musical styles by 'Birdsong' a small musical ensemble, directed by Stephen Rumsey and featuring several members of our own MHR Choirs, plus guest Stevie Wishart on hurdy-gurdy and violin. Sunday 18th May at 5pm in the church.

**Thanksgiving Mass for Parish Volunteers:** Friday, 27th June On Friday, 27th June at 7.30pm we will be having a Mass of Thanksgiving for all of our parish volunteers followed by a gathering in the hall afterwards. If you assist in the parish in any way and would like to come to the Mass please contact the Parish Office for catering purposes.

**GIFT Launch Event** 7.30pm on Wednesday, 11th June On Wednesday, 11th June at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre we will be holding a launch event for GIFT (Growing in Faith Together), our new faith formation programme for families with children between the ages of 7-11 (school years 3-6) which will be beginning in September.

This pathway will enable families to work together with the GIFT team, at their own pace, to decide the best time for your children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. This pathway will also focus on building faith and relationships through engaging activities and offer a way for families to connect beyond First Holy Communion preparations.

For more information about GIFT please go to the GIFT section on our parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/seasonal.php?page=gift>

**WeBELIEVE FESTIVAL** Celebrate the Jubilee at WeBelieve, a festival of Catholic Life gathering the Church to share the hope that we have in Christ. From 25th-28th July, join us for four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship at St Mary's College, Oscott, Birmingham. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Msgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, & many more. Early Bird Tickets available now at [www.webelievefestival.com](http://www.webelievefestival.com)

**Online Condolence Book for Pope Francis:** The Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have set up a condolence book for the late Pope Francis, please follow the link if you wish to contribute. <https://popefrancistributes.com/>

**The Acts of the Apostles** Throughout the Easter period we read each day in the Liturgy from the Acts of the Apostles. Talks by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park, are available on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Please go to 'Faith Talks' and scroll down to 'Acts of the Apostles' and 'Paul in Acts'.

**Consubstantial with the Father – A Study Day** This year we celebrate seventeen-hundred years since the Church Council held at Nicaea, which drew up a statement of faith which is the basis of the Nicene Creed we recite at Mass. Dr Ken Carleton, Deacon of the Brentwood diocese, who has a doctorate in Church History, will explore the issues debated at the Council. The study day will be held on Saturday 7th June 2025 from 11am until 2 pm at the parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Coffee available from 10.30. Please bring your own lunch. In-person attendance is encouraged but you can also watch on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) No prior booking necessary for this free event. A recording will be available subsequently on the website.

**BCCS Summer Luncheon** Join us for an elegant afternoon on Friday, 13th June, at The Lawn – a stunning Grade II listed Georgian manor house in Rochford. Enjoy exclusive use of the venue as we serve a delicious two-course luncheon in the Orangery, overlooking beautifully landscaped gardens. Date: Friday, 13th June Venue: The Lawn, Rochford Time: 12.30 to 3.30pm Seating: Tables of 10 Price: £37.50 per person. Tickets are available now! Reserve your place by visiting our website: [www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/) Or simply scan the QR code below to purchase your tickets directly.

**The Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** led by Bishop Alan, will be from Friday 18 July – Friday 25 July 2025. The flights will be Southend to Lourdes. Details, including how to book, will follow.

**Brentwood Catholic Youth Service - Summer Lourdes Pilgrimage, 19<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> 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.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events). Funding and bursary opportunities are available.

**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](mailto:cathedral@brcdt.org)

**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!

**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

**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](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)