

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

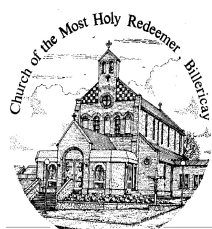
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	John Flannery RIP (1st Anniv.)
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)		
17th August 2025	9.00 am	George & Philomena Robertson RIP
	11.00 am	People of the Parish
MONDAY	9.15 am	Julian, Jillian & Chris Field RIP
TUESDAY	10.15am	Ints of Tom & Valerie Sheridan
WEDNESDAY	<i>St Bernard, Abbot & Doctor</i>	
	9.15am	Zakeria Nersay RIP
THURSDAY	<i>No Parish Mass</i>	
FRIDAY	11am	Josephine Kirwan (<i>Requiem</i>)
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Madge Caulfield RIP
TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)		
24th August 2025	9.00 am	Grace Gilpin RIP
	11.00 am	People of the Parish
MONDAY	10 am	Tony Twomey RIP
TUESDAY	10.15am	Jacqueline Foreman RIP (Anniv.)
WEDNESDAY	9.15am	Jean Adshead RIP (<i>Johnson</i>)
THURSDAY	11am	Eileen Finnagin (<i>Requiem</i>)
FRIDAY	<i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	
	9.15am	Michael Bowes RIP
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Graham & Anne Lewis RIP
TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)		
31st August 2025	9.00 am	Teresa Ellerby RIP
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

Confessions take place in the church as usual from 11am to 12pm on Saturdays.

There will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

20th & 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)

17th & 24th August 2025



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

A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

The words of Jesus in the gospel can sometimes be quite shocking. How is it possible to believe that Jesus has come to bring not peace, but conflict? The prophet Jesus uses blunt and challenging language. His words convey a profound truth, for the consequence of His preaching will be division, even within families. His uncompromising preaching about God and human life produces opposition and division, which both Jesus and His followers have to face.

Fire is nevertheless a disturbing image. It is used in the Jewish Scriptures to symbolise punishment and destruction. Jesus is using the strong language common among His contemporaries to speak of the judgement of God in stark terms. He speaks also of His coming baptism. In Christian baptism we undergo a kind of dying in order to reach new life. Baptism for Jesus is the baptism of the cross, His death leading to resurrection. Jesus is anxious to continue His journey to Jerusalem and to complete His mission.

Jesus explicitly says He has not come to bring peace. These words speak of the inevitable consequence of His message. Divisions are foreseen, and divisions and conflicts have been a constant reality because the Christian gospel makes great demands. The challenge is to continue to speak the truth with love in spite of opposition.

The reading about the prophet Jeremiah which accompanies this gospel illustrates the persecution often faced by the prophets. Jeremiah's intentions are misrepresented: he 'does not have the welfare of this people at heart'. He is thrown into a well and sinks into the mud. He is eventually rescued by someone who is willing to stand with him and risk persecution himself. As the Letter to the Hebrews says, we are supported by 'a great cloud of witnesses' as we continue the race of faith which we have begun.

Am I willing to speak the truth even when it might cause unpleasantness?

Am I prepared to suffer for my faith?

We pray for those who preach the good news despite opposition and persecution.

We pray for peace in the Church and in the world

WEEKEND MASSES for the next two weeks will take place at 6pm on Saturday and at 9am and 11am on Sunday.

The YouTube Links for this weekend's Masses are here:

6pm 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:

<https://youtube.com/live/ak34OWTWZAY?feature=share>

9am 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:

<https://youtube.com/live/SIR21dzF34s?feature=share>

The YouTube Links for next weekend's Masses are here:

6pm 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:

<https://youtube.com/live/zqf4nc7bWWs?feature=share>

9am 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:

<https://youtube.com/live/Itm8v6U5LQ4?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.

Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas: Email address: 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

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:

Josephine Kirwan RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Josephine Kirwan. Josephine's Requiem Mass will take place at 11am on Friday, 22nd August. **The funeral will replace the 9.15am Parish Mass on this day.** May she rest in peace.

Eileen Finnigan RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Finnigan. Eileen's Requiem Mass will take place at 11am on Thursday, 28th August. She will be received into the church at 4pm on Wednesday, 27th August. May she rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES Julia Pritchard, Sarah Barry, Louise Harper, Felicitas Lopez Nunez, Tracy Harte, Isobel Doyle, Charlotte Treter, Madge Caulfield, Christina Hickey, Patrick (Terry) Cregg, Ernest McCarthy, George Nunzio-Silver, Eamonn McCanny, Aaron Kumar, Matthew Bion, Banbana Beams, Graham Lewis, Teresa Ellery, Kathleen Warner, Reese Belgira, and Maureen Bewick.

Clergy: Canon Peter Prendergast, Canon Vincent Hurley, Fr Andrew Hurley, Fr George Gresley, Fr Sean Sheils, Canon Vincent Cameron, Fr Bernard Collings and Canon John Sloane.

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

20th SUNDAY of ORDINARY TIME C

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Master	Door	Kingdom
Jerusalem	Teaching	Journeying
House	Prophets	Salvation

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.

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until Sunday, 7th September: Please note that there will be no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament over the summer until Sunday, September 7th.

Parish Office Closed: Monday, 18th to Wednesday, 20th August Please be aware that the Parish Office will be closed from Monday, 18th to Wednesday, 20th August. Please also note that the Parish Office is closed every Tuesday during a normal working week.

Alpha 2025 Our new Alpha Course is going to be beginning at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 3rd September in the Pastoral Centre. If you would like to take part please visit the Alpha section of the parish website and click on the button to register: <https://mostholyredeemer.org.uk/courses.php?page=alpha>

ABC Course If you are an adult who isn't a Catholic or if you are an adult Catholic who has not made their First Holy Communion or Confirmation, you are warmly invited to consider joining our ABC (About Becoming Catholic) course which will be beginning on Monday, 6th October at 8pm in the upstairs part of the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre (the building behind the church). For more information please email the Parish Office or speak to Fr Dan.

Request for accommodation for a German Parish Youth Worker We are hoping to invite a German Parish Youth Worker to work in our parish from November 2025 to June 2026. In order to do this we need to have a host family who would be prepared to accommodate her during her stay in the U.K. If you would be able to assist with this please email the Parish Office or speak to Fr Dan and he can give you more information about what this will involve.

Fun Fundraiser Hello, my name is Matthew and I am an altar server at the church and I go to St Peter's. I am doing a fundraiser to raise money for the British Heart Foundation. It is on *Sunday 31st August at 10 am - 4 pm*. There will be refreshments and fun games such as hook a duck, hoop toss, basketball etc. It would be great if you could come along to *10 Longtail, Billericay, CM11 1EJ*, to join in the fun and help raise money for the British Heart Foundation.

Blessing of Backpacks for Reception Children: Sunday, 7th September For those children who are going into Reception in September we will have a special blessing of school backpacks at the 11am Mass on Sunday, 7th September (Education Sunday). Please make sure that you bring your child's backpack with you to this Mass so that Father Dan can bless it at the end of Mass

GIFT is our new faith formation pathway for children in school years 3-6 which is intended to provide encouragement to families both before a child has celebrated the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion and afterwards. The focus in the GIFT sessions is on building faith and relationships through engaging activities and offering ways for families to become more involved in our parish community.

Our first session will take place on Saturday, 6th September from 9am to 11am in the Pastoral Centre. All families need to come at 9am to the September session and then subsequent sessions will take place from 9am to 11am or 1pm to 3pm depending on which slot you have indicated on the registration forms.

In order to attend the GIFT sessions you do need to have completed and returned the registration form to Fr Dan or to the Parish Office. For more information about GIFT please go to the GIFT section on our parish website:

<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/seasonal.php?page=gift> or pick up the GIFT leaflets which are available at the back of the church.

Last Chance to Apply: Altar Servers Training for new altar servers will take place on the following Saturdays: 13th, 20th & 27th September, 4th, 11th & 18th October. If anyone in Year 4 and above, who has made their First Holy Communion, is interested in becoming a server, please contact Sarah Dean at s.c.billeric7%dean@hotmail.com as soon as possible to secure a place.

Youth Meeting about Summer Lourdes: 7pm Sunday, 14th September If you are going to be in Year 10 or above in September and you are interested in going to Lourdes with the BCYS next summer you are warmly invited to come to a gathering in the Pastoral Centre at 7pm on Sunday, 14th September. Over pizza and drinks we will talk about fundraising events and how we can help each other to be able to make the pilgrimage to Lourdes next summer. For more information please contact Kristin, our Family Co-ordinator, at kristindefreitas@brcdt.org

The Chaplain at Mountnassing Court Hospital in Billericay is looking to recruit a “Pastoral Visitor” (Chaplaincy Volunteer) who could offer 2 hours per week to visit patients as a befriender/listening ear. You would receive initial training and ongoing support and supervision. This might suit a retired person but, is open to anyone who might be suitable. Mountnassing Court Hospital is run by North East London NHS Foundation Trust and is a Community Rehab Unit offering physiotherapy to patients who have largely come on from one of our main hospitals. The role requires an initial interview with the chaplain followed by 4 training sessions. Part of the process would include ID checks, references and a DBS, in accordance with NHS safeguarding governance. If interested, please contact Paul McNamara on 07713 709428.

The Most Holy Redeemer Safeguarding Officer is Angela Sparke. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Angela at: safeguarding-billericay@brcdt.org

DBS Update Service has changed its renewal process. Individuals must now log into their DBS Update Service account and actively renew their subscription *annually*, thereby ensuring subscribers actively confirm their continued participation a service. Subscribers will receive an email reminder 30 days before their renewal date, prompting them to renew their subscription. *If a subscription is not renewed before the expiry date, it will lapse, and the individual will need to apply for a new DBS.* Please could anyone on the update service look out for the reminder email around your renewal, to avoid having to replicate the entire DBS application. safeguarding-billericay@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!

Connect Groups Connect Groups are small faith sharing groups made up of parishioners who meet together regularly to pray and to support each other. If you would like to find out more about joining a Connect Group please email the Parish Office at billericay@brcdt.org or look at the Connect Groups noticeboard in the church porch.

Celebrating Vatican II As the sixtieth anniversary of the conclusion of Vatican II approaches Fr Adrian Graffy will lead a study day entitled ‘Vatican II and its Popes’. The event will take place at the Catholic parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) on Saturday 20th September from 10.30. Entrance is free, and a recording of the talk will be available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org

Spiritual Reading: My Day by Day (£1.15) and Bible Alive (£3) for August are in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.

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