

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| <b>SATURDAY</b>                                       | <b>6.00 pm</b>                                        | Ints of Kathy Smith (Waters)                                                |
| <b>TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)</b>  |                                                       |                                                                             |
| <b>7<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>                  | <b>9.00 am</b>                                        | Ints of Sandy & Iain Allen<br>on their 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary |
|                                                       | <b>11.00 am</b>                                       | People of the Parish                                                        |
| <b>MONDAY</b>                                         | <b><i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i></b> |                                                                             |
|                                                       | <b>9.15 am</b>                                        | Nora Mackin and<br>Mary & Anthony Carty RIP                                 |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                                        | <b>10.15am</b>                                        | Ken Mills RIP (Anniv.)                                                      |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                                      | <b>9.15am</b>                                         | Ray Edwards RIP                                                             |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                                       | <i>No Parish Mass</i>                                 |                                                                             |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                                         | <b>9.15am</b>                                         | Rita Burl RIP                                                               |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                                       | <b>6.00 pm</b>                                        | Canon Patrick Sammon RIP (Anniv.)                                           |
| <b>TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)</b> |                                                       |                                                                             |
| <b>14<sup>th</sup> September 2025</b>                 | <b>9.00 am</b>                                        | Keith Warren RIP (Anniv.)                                                   |
|                                                       | <b>11.00 am</b>                                       | People of the Parish                                                        |

**WEEKDAY MASSES** will be at 9.15am on Monday and Wednesday and Friday and 10.15am on Tuesday.

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

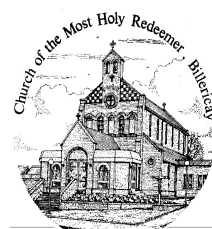
**Parish Family Life Co-ordinator - Kristin De Freitas:** Email address: [kristindefreitas@brcdt.org](mailto:kristindefreitas@brcdt.org) Mobile number is: 07492 910138

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

**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.

**23<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C)**

**7<sup>th</sup> September 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 start of this Sunday's gospel should remind us that Jesus is on His way to Jerusalem. Luke tells us that many people were willing to follow Him.

His journey from Galilee to Jerusalem began in chapter 9. It is a journey to face the cross and is filled with teaching for those who are willing to take up their crosses as disciples of Jesus.

Once again Jesus uses the stark language of the prophets. To hate one's closest relatives should not be interpreted literally, but in the sense of preferring nothing and nobody to following Jesus. The second section of the gospel concerns prudence. Jesus tells two short parables, about the man building the tower, and another about a king going to war.

Discipleship involves both the heart and the mind. We need to count the cost of discipleship. There is an apparent contradiction here for the passage ends with another radical statement of Jesus: 'None of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.' Each person must calculate the cost and give what God inspires through heart and mind. God does not demand what is impossible for a person to give. Detachment is the key.

The first reading praises the gift of Wisdom, which comes from God. Jesus is this true Wisdom, who guides, inspires and challenges us on the road to the fulness of life.

*Do I manage to put God above all else in my life?*

*Do I use my intelligence to make decisions about discipleship?*

*Let us pray for the gift of the Holy Spirit to guide our detachment to generosity.*

*Let us pray for courage in following Jesus to Jerusalem, to the cross and to new life.*

## 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.

**WEEKEND MASSES** 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 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:**

<https://youtube.com/live/zZdIdwa22PY?feature=share>

**9am 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:**

<https://youtube.com/live/sjEBEAwx7c?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.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL OUR SICK AT HOME, IN HOSPITAL AND THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME.**

**Please Pray for Fred Daly** who is currently unwell and in hospital. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

**WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:**

**Catherine Crerar RIP** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Catherine Crerar. Catherine's Requiem Mass will take place at 12.30pm on Wednesday 1st October. May she rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES** Ron Chitty, Violet Woodrow, Margaret Fleming, Ray Edwards, Annie Rogens, Jill Field, Martin Stokes, Marie Wheeler, Peter Fordham, Carlo Walker and Terence Watts.

**Clergy:** Mgr Canon Michael Wilson, Fr Charles Johnson, Fr Conrad Smith, Fr Theophilus Borer, Abp George Andrew Beck, Canon James Hemming and Deacon Arthur Woods.

**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.

**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>

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## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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| ONLOOKERS   | POSSESSIONS | TOWER     |

**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.

**11am Mass this Sunday (7th September)** Please note that the 11am Mass this Sunday will be busier than usual because we will be having the blessing of backpacks for Reception children as well as the participation of our GIFT children. If you are going to be attending this Mass please walk if possible or consider leaving extra time in order to find a parking space.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament resuming on Sunday, 7th September

Please note that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be resuming at 5pm on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> in the church and via the livestream.

We will be marking the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis during the Holy Hour.

**Church Cleaning** this week will take place on Wednesday after Mass, any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

**Applications for Catholic Secondary Schools** If you are applying for a place at a Catholic Secondary School and you require a Certificate of Catholic Practice please speak to Father Dan after one of the parish Masses to arrange an appointment to see him. Appointments for Primary School Applications will be announced at the end of September.

**Presentation of Parish Finances and Gift Aid** On the weekend of the 13th and 14th September we will be having a presentation of the parish finances from the last financial year (2024-2025). A big thank you to all of you who are members of the Gift Aid scheme. By Gift Aiding your donations we were able to claim an extra £26,236 from the Inland Revenue. If you are a taxpayer and would like to join the scheme you can do so by picking up a form in the church or by following this link on the parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php>

**Alpha 2025** Our new Alpha Course continues at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 10th 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 for adults who are interested in finding out more about the Catholic Faith** 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.

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

**Ladies Group** We are a friendly, chatty group of ladies who meet once a month on a Wednesday on the 3rd week of the month (except August). We have a retreat day at Walsingham House in May, on occasions we have a garden party and we have a Christmas meal in December. Our meetings are held in the Lounge of the Pastoral Centre from 9.45am to 12.00 and you can pop in any time during this time. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 17th September and we would love to see any ladies who are interested. God Bless, Linda

**The Most Holy Redeemer Macmillan World's Largest Coffee Morning** will take place on Friday 26th September from 9.30am-12pm in the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre (lounge) behind the church. Please come and show your support towards a very worthy cause. There will be a large selection of cakes, a raffle and most importantly tea and coffee. We would be grateful for any donations to the raffle and most importantly **HOMEMADE** (or shop bought) **CAKES**. (Please bring to the hall in the morning). For those unable to attend, donations can also be sent via <https://cm25.macmillan.org.uk/fundraising/CM25047821>

**The Padre Pio Prayer Group** will hold its next meeting on Monday 8th September at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783

**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](mailto:safeguarding-billericay@brcdt.org)

**The Most Holy Redeemer Safeguarding Officer** is Angela Sparke. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Angela at: [safeguarding-billericay@brcdt.org](mailto: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](mailto:billericay@brcdt.org) or look at the Connect Groups noticeboard in the church porch.

**Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Youth Gather, 25th – 26th October**  
Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, meeting friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. There will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost, as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply now at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

**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](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**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)

**Spiritual Reading: Bible Alive (£6) for September & October** is in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box. Bible Alive will be published every two months going forward.