

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Anne O'Sullivan RIP (Anniv.)
TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)		
5th October 2025	9.00 am	Harold & Ellen Peniston RIP
	11.00 am	John Thompson RIP (Anniv.)
MONDAY	9.15 am	Berry Walsh RIP
TUESDAY		<i>No Parish Mass</i>
WEDNESDAY	<i>St Osyth, Religious</i>	
	9.15am	Sheila Waters RIP (Anniv.)
THURSDAY		<i>No Parish Mass</i>
FRIDAY	9.15am	Grace Gilpin RIP
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Peter & Teresa Whitcombe RIP
TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)		
12th October 2025	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Heather Parish RIP (1 st Anniv.)

WEEKDAY MASSES: This week parish Masses are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There is no 10.15am Parish Mass on Tuesday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place this Sunday (5th October) at 5pm in the church. It is also available to watch via the parish YouTube channel. If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Holy Hour Fr Dan will be available to do so. The link to the livestream is:
https://youtube.com/live/Xairn8_2EfY?feature=share

No Confessions this Saturday (4th October): Please note that because of the GIFT sessions this Saturday there won't be Confessions from 11am to 12pm this Saturday (4th October).
 Saturday Confessions will continue on Saturday, 11th October. If you wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before then there will be opportunities during the Sunday Holy Hour or by request.

Parish Family Life Co-ordinator Kristin De Freitas
 Email: kristindefreitas@brcdt.org Mobile: 07492910138.

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

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (C) 5th October 2025



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

A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

We continue reading the teachings of Jesus as He makes His way to Jerusalem. There are two themes in these verses: faith and service. In both cases Jesus seems to be giving a warning about great expectations in the life of discipleship. We are not called upon to be high achievers in the life of faith and love. We are not told why the apostles suddenly ask Jesus to help their lack of faith. Jesus' reply is striking and hardly encouraging.

The mustard seed, as Jesus teaches elsewhere, is the smallest of the seeds. Astonishingly, Jesus implies that the apostles do not have faith even that small. If they did, then they could do extraordinary wonders. Perhaps what Jesus is teaching is that faith is part of a completely different order, in which different rules apply. The desire for faith, the sense that one's faith needs to increase, is already something precious. The presence of God in a person's life is more important than striving for a deeper faith.

A short parable follows. The true disciple is to look upon himself as a 'useless servant'. This is the literal translation of verse 10. This would surely have sounded strange to many of the disciples of Jesus. Once again the words of Jesus are challenging. Is it right that we should consider whatever we do simply as a duty? The point here is to realise that God does not demand huge achievements from us. To seek to serve is all that is necessary, for Jesus himself came to serve and not to be served. The love of God in a person's life is far more important than striving for great achievements even in the service of God.

Does faith in God lie at the very heart of my life?

Am I content to be a 'useless servant'?

Let us pray for openness to the words of Jesus, especially when they challenge us and perplex us.

Let us pray for the gifts of true faith and true love.

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 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:

https://youtube.com/live/_8dOu8S1kYo?feature=share

9am Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C:

<https://youtube.com/live/3ivOjgS98Wk?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.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

Graziano 'Nello' Santinelli RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Graziano Santinelli who died recently. Nello will be received into the church at 4pm on Monday, 20th October and his Requiem Mass will take place at 11am on Tuesday, 21st October. Please note that this Mass will replace the 10.15am Parish Mass on that day.

ANNIVERSARIES Moira Taylor, Eileen Whitsun-Jones, Patrick Breen, Louise Reeves, Breda Richards, Leonard Sole, Harold Perniston, Leonie Owles, Margeret Daniels, Delia Driscoll, Mary Wilding, Robert Maltby, John Mullin, Maria Pawlowska, Peter Whitcombe, Heather Parish, Marie Saliba, Helen Smith and Mary Cawood.

Clergy: Fr Henry Healy, Fr David Logue, Canon Edward Heery, Fr Harold Cahill, Fr Alfred Clements and Pope Pius XII.

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

PARISH OFFERTORY

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>

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 and it will take you straight to the link!



KIDS' CORNER

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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.

CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal this Harvest Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection at the end of all of the parish Masses this weekend. By doing so you are helping to build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelopes in church, donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/fundraise/parishes/virtual-envelope> or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

Baby Loss Awareness Week begins in October and on Tuesday 14th October, 8pm, we are offering a special service. It is for anyone who has lost a baby in pregnancy, at birth or in early years, whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago. Extended family and friends are also welcome. So we can get an idea of numbers for catering the service, please email the church office at billericay@brcdt.org - if you would like to attend or find out more

The New Revised Weekly Missal is now on sale in the Repository, price £50.

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 **this 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..

Confirmation Information Evening at 7pm on Sunday, 23rd November If you are in school Year 9 or above and are interested in making your Confirmation in our parish next year, there will be an information evening taking place at 7pm on Sunday, 23rd November in the Pastoral Centre. You will be able to collect application forms and find out about the content of the course. For more information please speak to Father Dan after Mass.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Billericay warmly invites parents who are applying for a Reception place for September 2026 intake, to an Open Morning on the following dates: Tuesday 11th November, Tuesday 18th November and Thursday 8th January at 9.15am. Please contact the school office to book your place 01277 653770.

9am Choir Performance at Westminster Cathedral On Saturday 25th October the 9.00 am choir will be singing for the 6.00 pm Mass at Westminster Cathedral. A Coach will be leaving The Most Holy Redeemer at 10.00 am. There are a few seats still available on the Coach. If you are interested in travelling to London with the Coach to attend the Mass, then please contact Kathy Underhill as soon as possible on 07810123122. First come, first served!

SAVE THE DATE! Parish Gift Day Saturday 22nd November It might seem a long way off but we need to start planning and preparing for our annual Parish Gift Day. If you would like to be involved, please contact the Parish Office

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.

Silent Weekend Retreat "Be Holy, for I am holy" at Sion Catholic Community, Brentwood. Dates: Friday 10th - Sunday 12th October 2025. Our theme focuses on the universal call to holiness. We are ALL called to be saints whatever rank or status. We may assume that this is a vocation reserved to the chosen few without understanding that each and every one of us is called to be holy and live a life of holiness. But what does living a life of holiness mean? How can we embrace this call and learn to live it as a reality? Our guest speaker for the weekend is Fr Emmanuel Mansford, CFR (Franciscan Friars of the Renewal). This silent weekend retreat offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, guidance & ministry included. For more information or to book, visit <https://sioncommunity.org.uk/adults/#SilentRetreat> or email admin@sioncommunity.org.uk

Archbishop Saint Óscar Romero Archbishop John Wilson (Archbishop of Southwark), will be giving a Talk and Presentation on Saint Óscar Romero, in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall on Wednesday 8th October at 7.30pm. Titled: 'Preacher of Hope, The Life and Witness of St Óscar Romero.' Archbishop John has written a spiritual book on Saint Óscar entitled the 'Romero Rosary.' Copies will be available for purchase, and Archbishop John will sign them.

Wine Tasting in aid of The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Come along and sample wines from all over the world at a fun evening in the Canon Roche Hall on Friday 7th November at 19.30. (Cheeses and Nibbles will be provided). Tickets at £25 per person – scan the QR code to book. For any queries, please contact Ray Keilthy (07789 885804 raykeilthy@talktalk.net) or Millie at BCCS (07986 841178 communications@bccs.org.uk)



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!

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Christmas Craft and Gift Fair Join us for a festive day of fun at the BCCS Christmas Craft and Gift Fair on Sunday, 16th November at the Mill Arts and Events Centre in Rayleigh. All proceeds from the event will go directly to support our work with children and families. At the fair, BCCS will have a stall selling quality bric-a-brac, and we would be very grateful for any good quality items you might be able to donate - unfortunately, we are unable to accept books or DVDs. Donated items can be dropped off at our office — 133 High Street, Billericay — between 9.15am and 4pm, Monday to Friday. If you have several items and would prefer them to be collected, please contact Damian at 07912 308000 or ddillon@bccs.org.uk and he will be happy to arrange a pickup.

SJV Dinner & Dance As the autumn nights draw in, all are invited to the fabulous St John Vianney Catholic Church Dinner & Dance on Saturday 18 October at the Forest Row Centre, 241 Lodge Lane, Romford RM5 2LD. Doors open at 5pm, dinner will be served at 6.30pm. The evening will include music, dancing, a raffle, an auction, good food and wine, all for £50 adults, £25 under 16s. Everyone always has a great time at this annual event. For tickets, which must be bought in advance (for catering purposes), please phone Francis on 07950 657777.

Celebrating Sixty Years of the Second Vatican Council An edited recording of the study day entitled 'Vatican II and its Popes', marking sixty years since the closure of the Council, is now available from the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org The day was given by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park on September 20th. Unfortunately, the second study day, planned for Saturday 11th October, 'From Vatican II to a Synodal Church', has had to be cancelled due to the sickness of the speaker, Dr Peter de Mey, Vice-Dean for International Relations at Leuven.

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

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.

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

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

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

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

Billericay Foodbank Appeal for Help The trustees, volunteers and the families and individuals who receive our help each week, are hugely grateful for the support that the churches in Billericay have given to us over the years. This support has been given with time from those who volunteer and with food and finance from regular donations. However, we are currently facing new challenges, in recent months we have seen a decrease in donations from all sources and an increase in demand. If you can help with a donation of either money or foodstuffs, it would be much appreciated.

How to Donate: We are grateful to receive donations of tinned and packet foods, basic toiletries, and household items. These can be placed in the donations box in the church porch.

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

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.

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.

Diocesan Safeguarding Representative Simon Moules 01277 265234

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