

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** People of the Parish

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST THE KING (YEAR C)

23rd November 2025 **9.00 am** Aidan Keane RIP (Anniv.)
 11.00 am Joanne Hayes RIP (Anniv.)

MONDAY *St Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest & Companions, Martyrs*
 9.15 am Dec. Relatives Stevens Family &
 Julian, Jillian & Chris Field RIP

TUESDAY **10.15 am** Suzanne Riley RIP

WEDNESDAY **9.15 am** Ted Kavangh RIP

THURSDAY **11.00am** Julie Anne Mackenzie *Requiem Mass*

FRIDAY **9.15 am** Timothy McKenzie RIP

SATURDAY **6.00 pm** People of the Parish

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (YEAR A)

30th November 2025 **9.00 am** Ros Kelk RIP
 11.00 am David Thomas RIP

WEEKDAY MASSES: This week Parish Masses are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and 10.15am on Tuesday.

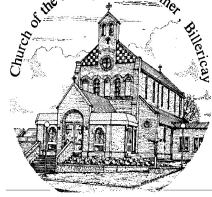
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Confessions Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (23rd November). It is also available to watch via our parish livestream by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/zn1Esk-v6tw?feature=share>
 The prayer intention during the Holy Hour will be for our young people who will be beginning their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Father Dan will be available to hear Confessions during the Holy Hour.
Confessions will take place as usual this Saturday (22nd November) from 11am to 12pm.

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

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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE KING OF THE UNIVERSE (C) **23rd November 2025**



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

A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

It might seem strange that this part of the story of Christ's passion and death is read on the feast of Christ the King. How is it that this gospel reading was chosen?

The debate about whether Jesus is properly called the anointed king or Messiah takes us to the heart of the drama of the gospel. The leaders taunt Jesus: 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God'. The soldiers mock Jesus for claiming to be 'the king of the Jews'. The truth is proclaimed somewhat ironically by the inscription on the cross. But Jesus did not come to win a worldly kingdom, and throughout His public ministry He was wary of any messianic claims made for Him.

It is in the dialogue with the 'good thief', the criminal crucified with Him who is well disposed towards Him, that we come to know the truth about the kingdom of Jesus. His kingdom is not of this world. It is the kingdom of God, where peace and mercy reign, not an earthly kingdom which can be fought over in war and violence. The heart of the message of this gospel is that Jesus welcomes the repentant sinner, no matter how grievous his offence, into the kingdom, into the arms of the loving Father.

This is an appropriate passage with which to end our Sunday-by-Sunday reading of the Gospel of Luke. Jesus has come to 'bring good news to the poor' (4:18), and to 'seek out and save the lost' (19:10). Those who turn to Jesus come into His company in the kingdom of God.

*Have I understood the good news preached by Jesus in the Gospel of Luke?
 What will stay with me particularly from the Gospel of Luke?*

Let us pray for perseverance as we journey towards God's kingdom of love and peace.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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 Feast of Christ the King Year C:

<https://youtube.com/live/Kc3iAkCDWsQ?feature=share>

9am Feast of Christ the King Year C:

<https://youtube.com/live/XShR3J9MuP8?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.

Julie Mackenzie RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Julie Mackenzie. Julie's funeral will take place on Thursday 27th November at 11am. May she rest in peace.

Christopher Smith RIP Please pray for the repose of the soul of Christopher Smith. Christopher's funeral will take place on Thursday 4th December at 11am. May he rest in peace.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Terry Nuttall, Jane Javers, Terence Bolton, Terry Plume, Nora Corcoran, Len Bullard, Maureen Travers, Alice Overs, Martin Stokes, Kathleen Knighton, Alan Hill and Bina Southgate.

Clergy: Mgr Edward Watson, Canon Martin Hancock, Fr Anthony Robson, Fr John Aydon, Fr Patrick Bennett, Deacon Anthony Collings and Fr Francis Branney.

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

Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

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Leader	Christ	People
Saved	Soldiers	King
Criminals	Hanging	Abused
Kingdom	Fear	Jews
Vinegar	Paradise	Man
Inscription	Cross	Mocked
Chosen	Promise	Paying

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 Christmas Fair A big thank you to all of you who helped organise the Christmas Fair and supported it on the day. When we have a final total of how much was raised we will put it in the Weekly Email and the newsletter. If you would like to give a monetary gift towards our Christmas fundraiser, donations can be paid directly into the parish bank account (using the reference FAIR) or dropped into the parish office. Please include your Gift Aid number, thank you!

Feast of Christ the King: National Youth Sunday (22nd/23rd November) This weekend is National Youth Sunday and at the end of all of the Masses Elodie will be talking about the work of the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service in supporting the youth of our diocese. We will also have a second collection to support the work of the BCYS.

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 this 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.

Advent Preaching Series During the Season of Advent we will be having a preaching series entitled: “Ready, Steady, Go – what it means to be a multiplying parish” We will also have written testimonies from parishioners who have examples of what it looks like to multiply faith and to take it beyond the confines of the parish.

Missional Prayer Team We are looking to start up a Missional Prayer Group, meeting once a month to align our prayers with the Holy Spirit’s work, to pray for the fulfilment of our Parish Vision and to ask God to continue to renew and transform lives within our parish community and beyond. Missional Prayer is about relying on the power of the Holy Spirit. It is intentional and focused, as we pray for those in our parish by allowing the Holy Spirit to do His work. In prayer we allow our desires to come into closer communion with that of the Holy Spirit. If you would like to be part of our Missional Prayer Group, please email the Parish Office at billericay@brcdt.org or speak to Fr Dan at the end of Mass.

Advent and Christmas Information If you would like information about what will be happening in our parish during Advent and Christmas you can follow this link: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/seasonal.php?page=Christmas> We will also be distributing an Advent Leaflet which will be given out this weekend.



Gingerbread Bethlehem It's this time of year and Christmas is nearly here. We would love to invite you and your children to come to the Parish Hall on the 13th of December, between 11am and 1pm, to decorate gingerbread houses, one house per family. We need lots of families to

take part as we are recreating Bethlehem. The houses will be collated after the decorating is done and displayed in the parish hall for all to come and see on Sunday the 14th of December after 11am Mass. After the display you can take your house home. If you're interested, please contact me; kristindefreitas@brcdt.org so that I can ensure there are enough houses for everyone. A donation of £5 will cover the cost of sweets and the gingerbread house

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) will be selling their annual draw tickets after each Mass on Saturday 29th and Sunday 30th November to help their work supporting the emotional health and wellbeing of children and young people in schools and with families across the Diocese. The draw takes place next month on Wednesday 17th December and winners will be contacted before Christmas. Thank you and good luck.

We are very grateful for the wonderful, and generous donations of £453 raised at the Ladies Group coffee morning for James and Kirsten Golder's charity for the London Marathon 2026 - The National Brain Appeal. If any other parishioners would like to donate please do so online - <https://2026teslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/kirsten-golder> Thank you, Hilary Gillespie

SUNDAY MISSALS now available in the repository together with Christmas cards and Advent Calendars etc.

November Month of the Holy Souls It has been a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church to pray for our dead during the month of November. If you have a loved one who has died who you would like to be remembered during the Masses in November, please take one of the November Dead Envelopes which are available in the church. Then write the name of the person you wish to be remembered on a piece of paper, place it in the envelope and place the envelope in the basket which will be in front of the altar. If you wish, you can also put a donation in the envelope.

Lourdes with our Diocese Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes next summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Booking details will be available in the new year.

Vacancy St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking an enthusiastic and motivated Midday Assistant to join our team. MDA's create a very positive, happy and secure environment in our playgrounds, dining hall and the school building at lunchtime. Your primary role will be to maintain the safety, welfare and good conduct of pupils during the lunchtime break. For more information about the position and to apply, please visit <https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=114935> Closing date is Midday on Wednesday 3rd December 2025 Visits to the school are welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the school office by phone 01277 653770 or email on admin@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk

Walsingham House Team 26/27 Applications are now open for the Walsingham House Team 26/27. Being on the team is a wonderful opportunity to work with young people from across the diocese, live in community and to share and deepen our faith. Applications are open to those aged 18-23 (current Yr13 and above). For more information including the application form please see the website <https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email michaelkearns@brcdt.org. Applications close on Friday 16th January 2026.

Advent Talk on the Prophets Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will be giving a short talk at 7 pm on Wednesday 3rd December at the Catholic parish of Christ the Eternal High Priest, in Gidea Park. The topic is the Prophets. You may attend in person free of charge, or watch livestream at www.whatgoodnews.org The talk will be available subsequently on the same website.

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! You are warmly welcomed to an evening of praise and worship, including mass and adoration. Save the dates: Friday 16th of January and Friday 13th of February 2026. Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm, including refreshments after. Venue: The Blessed Sacrament Church, 116 Melbourne Avenue, CM12DU, Chelmsford. Bring your friends! Organised by the CDSC (Charismatic Diocesan Service of Communion).

Free Lunchtime PIANO Recital at the Cathedral on Wednesday 26 November at 1pm. This is to be given by Margaret Matcham and David Silkoff whose Programme will consist of the following pieces: Mozart's Sonata in C Major for Piano Duet K521 – Allegro, Bach's Sheep May Safely Graze, Sleepers Awake, Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring, Ravel's Ma Mère l'Oye, Mother Goose Suite, Sleeping Beauty's Pavane, Tom Thumb, Empress of the Pagodas, Conversations between Beauty and the Beast, The Magic Garden and Dvorak's Two Slavonic Dances in E Minor & F Major. Refreshments will be provided in the SONG SCHOOL afterwards.