

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Gerry Lawlor RIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)		
1st February 2026	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Kathleen, Francis, Theresa & Andrew Skinner RIP
MONDAY	Presentation of the Lord	
	9.15 am	Eileen Corking RIP
TUESDAY	St Anne Line, Martyr	
	10.15am	Patrick & Kathleen Watters RIP
WEDNESDAY	9.15am	Gemma McKenna RIP
THURSDAY	<i>No Parish Mass</i>	
FRIDAY	SS Paul Miki and Comps, Martyrs	
	9.15 am	Anne Cunnane RIP
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	John Thomson RIP (Anniv.)
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)		
8th February 2026	9.00 am	Miss Bridget Mary Stevens RIP
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 5pm this Sunday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place this Sunday (1st February) at 5pm in the church. It's also available to watch via our livestream by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/2-HbvdFmlR0?feature=share> During the recitation of the Rosary we will be praying for the success of our Prayer Ministry initiative which begins this weekend.

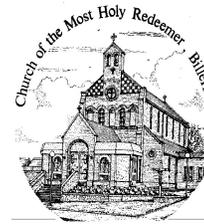
Confessions: There will be no Confessions next Saturday 8th February due to GIFT taking place.

Parish Family Life Co-ordinator Kristin De Freitas
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Hall Bookings The booking officer is Anna Sloper who can be contacted by e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)

1st February 2026



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

A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

Matthew's gospel is a gospel of teaching. It celebrates Jesus as the great teacher, who surpasses even Moses. The evangelist sets down five major speeches of Jesus in the course of the gospel, and the first of these is the famous Sermon on the Mount.

Jesus, like Moses, goes up the mountain. He sits down and begins to speak. The beatitudes, which open the Sermon, are a type of saying already found in the Old Testament and adopted by Jesus. The beatitudes of Jesus present a radical challenge to commonly accepted ideas. Jesus proclaims that the poor are 'blessed' or 'happy', not the rich. It is the gentle, the meek, who will inherit the earth, not those who are violent.

Eight beatitudes describe eight qualities or situations, such as those who mourn, those who show mercy, those who are persecuted. Each of these qualities or situations is described by Jesus as a special channel of God's favour. Jesus presents what we might call the 'scandal' of the gospel, a profound challenge which invites us to reconsider and to change the way we think and the way we behave.

The passage ends with a final beatitude, this time spoken directly to the disciples of Jesus: 'Blessed are you'. How can we possibly consider persecution and abuse to be blessings? If we can unite our own sufferings with those of Christ, we can begin to know God's presence in an entirely new way. With His very first words of teaching, Jesus calls us to radical change.

Is it absurd to look upon personal suffering as a gift from God?

What should our attitude be to the suffering of others?

We ask for the strength to transform our attitudes and behaviour.

We pray for all those who are persecuted and abused.

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 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/Y7NVg8dUvno?feature=share>

9am 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/VuOZqbqOS0Y?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.

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

Sheila McNally RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sheila McNally. Sheila's Requiem Mass is going to be at 1.15pm on Friday, 13th February. May she rest in peace.

Dr Richard Dungu RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dr Richard Dungu, the husband of Ann and father of Tanya, Jason and Carol, who died during the week. Funeral arrangements are still to be confirmed but will be announced in the newsletter and the weekly email. May he rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Diana Hopes, Mary Mulchrone, Margaret Stevens, Patrick Moyne, Terence Stannard, Teresa Holben, Molly Lazaro, Alivera White, Jan Pawlowski, Lisa Ann Sharpe, Sarah Blogg, Annette Denby-Brewer and John Thomson.

Clergy: Fr Joseph Burns, Fr Enda Keenan and Fr Francis Richardson.

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 above and it will take you straight to the link!



KIDS' CORNER

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time

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Crowds

Disciples

Gentle

Thirst

Heaven

Glad

God

Jesus

Speak

Mourn

Merciful

Rejoice

Reward

Great

Hill

Happy

Hunger

Pure

Sons

Poor

Night

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.

Prayer Ministry: Beginning this Weekend

We are delighted to announce the launch of Prayer Ministry in our parish after all masses this weekend (31st January/ 1st February) and monthly thereafter.

Prayer Ministry is an offering where two trained Prayer Ministers pray with and for a person to facilitate healing, bring comfort and guidance. Prayer ministry will take place in a corner of the church after mass. Music will be playing to ensure privacy. Two prayer ministers will ask what you would like prayer for. They will then pray with you for 3-5 minutes and invite the Holy Spirit to minister over you and your situation. Sometimes the minister will have a bible verse or a picture to share with you. It can be a moving and uplifting experience and most people leave feeling touched by the presence of God. We encourage you to give it a try!

Please note that in most situations what is said in prayer ministry remains confidential unless there is anything shared that indicates that the person who is being prayed for or someone else is at risk of harm. In this instance there will be a duty to follow diocesan safeguarding procedures and inform the relevant authorities.

Presentation of the Lord: Monday, 2nd February This Monday at the 9.15am Mass we are celebrating the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The Mass will begin with the blessing of candles in the church porch. After the celebration of the Feast the crib in the Lady Chapel will be taken down. Thank you to all of you who have supported the work of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society through your crib donations.

Ash Wednesday: Wednesday, 18th February Ash Wednesday marks the start of the Season of Lent and is an opportunity for us to receive the blessed ashes on our foreheads. This year, Ash Wednesday is during the school half term which means that families should make a special effort to come to one of the parish Masses because there won't be any school liturgies. Masses on Ash Wednesday are at 10.30am, 1pm and at 8pm. Please note the additional Mass at 1pm.

Mass of Healing: Saturday, 21st February At 3pm on Saturday, 21st February we will be celebrating a Healing Mass in the church. This Mass is for those who are experiencing illness and those who desire to experience God's healing love through the sacrament of anointing.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold its next meeting on Monday 9th February at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. All are welcome. Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783.

Use of Wet Wipes in the Pastoral Centre: Please could all hall users make sure that they never flush wet wipes down any of the toilets in the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre. We are having to get a drainage company to come in once a month to clean the drains and to avoid blockages in the toilets in large part because hall users are still flushing wet wipes down the toilets and blocking the drains. If you need to dispose of wet wipes we have installed a bin in the disabled toilets specifically for the disposal of wet wipes.

Youth Hub is the Parish project to transform Meeting Room 1 in the Pastoral Centre into a Youth Hub. If you would like to donate to the Youth Hub fund you can do so by bank transfer using the following details:

Name of Payee: *Catholic Church Billericay*

Bank: *HSBC High Street, Brentwood Essex*

Sort Code: *40-13-22*

Account Number: *91019902*

Reference: *YOUTH HUB*

Please remember to **add the reference** so that we can allocate your donation appropriately.

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 Cathedral Young Adults Group. Are you aged between 18 – 35 and interested in meeting like minded individuals in a relaxed and social environment? The Brentwood Cathedral Young Adults Group meet on the first Sunday of each month after the 6.30 p.m. Sunday Mass at Brentwood Cathedral. We walk to a nearby Pub after Mass for some food or drink and for the opportunity to meet and support each other spiritually and socially, wherever you are on your Faith journey. For more information please email cathedral@brcdt.org

Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus! You are warmly welcomed to an evening of praise and worship, including mass and adoration. Next date will be 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).

Spiritual Reading: Bible Alive (£6) for March & April is in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box. Bible Alive is now published every two months.

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.

Lourdes with our Diocese Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes this summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026. Bookings will open shortly at <https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>

BCCS Afternoon Tea The Brentwood Catholic Children Society is delighted to kick off the year with an invitation to Afternoon Tea. Hosted in the opulent surroundings of the Roslin Beach Hotel in Southend-on-Sea on Tuesday 17th February 2026 (13:30-15:30). Set in the elegant ballroom of this prestigious venue, this fundraising event promises an experience of true luxury. Tickets are £35 per person - for more information or to book your place search [//www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/) or contact Julie (jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912277413).

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood 2026 Networking Day This is an opportunity to connect, share ideas and learn from others passionate about social action, including the wide variety of charitable organisations below. Whether you're a parishioner, volunteer, member of clergy, school staff member or simply passionate about making a difference in the Diocese of Brentwood, this event is for you. Saturday, 7th March 2026 (1pm - 5pm) Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall, Cambridge Park, Wanstead E11 2PR For free registration, go to: www.caritasbrentwood.org/network Keynote Speaker, Jenny Sinclair Together for the Common Good Founder & Director.

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