

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	People of the Parish
FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)		
22nd February 2026	9.00 am	John Hasson RIP (Anniv.)
	11.00 am	Ida & George Zarb RIP
MONDAY	9.15 am	Ints of Padre Pio Prayer Group
TUESDAY	10.15am	Margaret Fuller RIP
WEDNESDAY	9.15am	John, Jullian & Chris Fields RIP
THURSDAY		<i>No Parish Mass</i>
FRIDAY	9.15am	Ints of the Padre Pio Prayer Group
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Joan Donovan RIP
SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)		
1st March 2026	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Ints of Liam & Phil Young: <i>In Thanksgiving for their 60th Wedding Anniversary</i>

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

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (22nd February)
Because Fr Dan will be at the Cathedral with the ABC candidates there won't be Exposition this Sunday.
Exposition will continue on the following Sunday (1st March) at 5pm

No Confessions this Saturday: No Confessions will take place in the church for the next two Saturdays. Confessions will resume on Saturday, 14th March. Reconciliation is available on request.

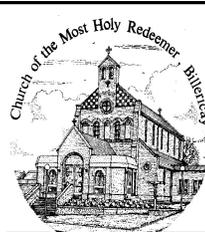
Parish Family Life Co-ordinator Kristin De Freitas
Email: kristindefreitas@brcdt.org Mobile: 07492910138.

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

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

22nd 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:

The readings set before us for the Sundays of Lent are extraordinarily rich. On the first Sunday the gospel is always that of the temptations of Jesus, read from one of the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke). This year it is Matthew's account which is read.

Jesus, filled with the Spirit received at His baptism, is now led by the same Spirit to the place of encounter with the devil. He who was willing to undergo the baptism usually reserved for sinners now submits to the challenge of evil. He who showed solidarity with sinners now confronts the power of sin. There is a profound mystery here. The sinless one, who comes to save sinners, is nevertheless tempted, for Jesus in His humanity has the same power of choice that we have.

While we frequently succumb to the lure of evil, Jesus never does. Three distinct temptations invite Him to abuse His miraculous powers for selfish ends (turning stones into bread), to manipulate His relationship with the Father (leaping from the temple parapet), and to collude with evil to gain dominion over the world (worshipping the devil). Jesus confounds the devil on each occasion by quoting from the Book of Deuteronomy. The Scriptures urge us to pursue what is good and to worship the one, true God.

The behaviour of Jesus in the gospel contrasts sharply with that of Adam and Eve in the reading from Genesis as they succumb to temptation. St Paul, writing to the Romans in the second reading, explains the effects of the disobedience of Adam and the obedience of Jesus.

From where does Jesus derive His strength in his battle with evil?

To what extent do the Scriptures inspire my decisions?

Pray for the courage to unmask the deceptive power of evil.

Pray for the wisdom to reject selfishness and the strength to confront evil.

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 1st Sunday of Lent Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/o31WlcI4RIg?feature=share>

9am 1st Sunday of Lent Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/SvtBEta9Vig?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 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!



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

Maureen O'Sullivan RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Maureen O'Sullivan, the mother of Katherine Parker. Maureen's Requiem Mass will take place at 10am on Thursday, 5th March. May she rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES John Nolan, Margaret Hunter, Caherine Moyne, Marie Liddall, Canon Aloysius Roche, Helen Butler, Joesph Fallon, Patricia Stocks, Olga Gladwin, Michale Mulckrone, Conrad Grant, Michael Thurlow, Ian Brand, Joan Papa, Gertrude Bradshaw, Harry Folkard, George Court, Vittoria Clayton and Kathleen (Kitty) Keane.

Clergy: Deacon Dwight Hayter, Fr Gerard Murphy, Mgr Canon Jules van Meenen, Fr Clifford Beecroft, Fr David Capman and Fr John Wall.

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>

KIDS' CORNER

1st Sunday of Lent

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Spirit	Hungry	Devil
Loaves	Stones	Son
Temple	Mouth	Word
Angels	Hands	Hurt
Splendour	Worship	Foot
Mountain	World	Lord
Wilderness	Nights	Forty

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

After Easter there will be two changes to Mass intentions:

1. Friday Masses Fr Dan will be moving his day off from Thursday to Friday. This will mean that any intentions that have been put on a Friday after Easter will be transferred to the Thursday.

2. Double Mass Intentions it is now permissible to have two people's Mass intentions at one Mass so long as both are in agreement. If you are happy to share your Mass when requesting an intention please make sure to say so. On the new intention envelopes there will be a box that can be ticked to show you are happy to share your Mass date.

Please allow at least eight months' notice for a weekend Mass intention and six months' notice for a weekday Mass intention.

Please pray for all of our ABC Candidates and Catechumens who will be attending the Rite of Election at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday afternoon.

CAFOD Family Fast Day takes place this Friday (27th February) Family Fast Day envelopes are available in the church porch and there will be a second collection for CAFOD at the end of all of the parish Masses on the weekend of the 28th February/1st March

Christian Meditation – Preparation for Lent A series of 5 weekly sessions will be held every Thursday starting 26th February at 12pm. Each session will last between an hour to an hour and a half. The sessions will take place in the upstairs room of the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre. It will be helpful if you would kindly bring your Bible to follow the Scripture reading as well as a notebook and pencil. You are welcome to bring a friend along. Please register your name with the Parish Office to confirm your attendance. For more information please speak to Janet or Ed Harvey.

Lenten Leaflets are available in the church porch listing all of the events and activities that are taking place in our parish during the Lenten Season.

Stations of the Cross: Continuing at 7pm this Friday (27th February) Stations of the Cross take place in the church throughout Lent every Friday evening at 7th continuing this Friday (27th February).

Spiritual Reading: Lent Day by Day (£1.15) is in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.

Prayer Ministry: Saturday, 28th February & Sunday, 1st March We will be offering prayer ministry at the end of all of the Parish Masses next weekend (28th February and the 1st March).

Multiplication Leaflet: Following on from the presentation by members of our Parish Leadership Team of our new Multiplication Leaflet entitled “Becoming a Church on Mission”, this leaflet is also available to view on our parish website by following this link:

<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/media/events/MultiplicationLeaflet.pdf>

If you have any thoughts or suggestions about how we can be a multiplying parish, please email the Parish Office or speak to Father Dan at one of the Parish Masses. You may also want to consider joining our Missional Prayer Group which meets monthly at 7pm on Monday

Brentwood Cathedral Lenten Lectures: The theme of the lectures this year is: What does it truly mean to be Catholic?

1: *“I Believe...” Living and Proclaiming the Catholic Faith.* By Abbot Hugh Allan, O Praem. Wednesday, 25th February

2: *Being Catholic and the call to holiness as seen in the lives of some recently canonised saints* - Rev Msgr Kevin W Hale, VG Wednesday, 4th March.

3: *Prayer as the Foundation of our Catholic Life* by Mr Mauro Iannicelli. Wednesday, 11th March

4: *The uniqueness of Catholicism for British Society* - Rev Msgr John Armitage. Wednesday, 18th March.

All talks take place in the Cathedral Parish Hall and start at 7.30pm.

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. **We will shortly be revealing the new plans for the Youth Hub which will be displayed in the church porch.**

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!

Lourdes with our Diocese Join Bishop Alan and pilgrims from across our diocese in Lourdes this summer: Friday 17th - Friday 24th July 2026.

Bookings are now open, for more information please visit:

<https://www.tangney-tours.com/brentwood>

Project 58.7 Feeding the Homeless - local support. For almost 6 years a solid group of volunteers from Brentwood Cathedral and St Joseph’s Hutton, and lately some from Billericay parish as well, have been providing food for the homeless. Our group of local volunteers help by cooking a main meal or pudding, or by supplying fruit/yogurts or by delivering everything to a venue in Basildon. Volunteers are on the rota roughly once a month and according to your preferences and the days/dates you are available. The volunteer group are great at swapping and helping each other when unexpected things happen! We have a fund to help cover the cost of expenses. If you are interested to know more about what is involved please contact Maddy on 07710 187293.

The Book of Genesis – Lenten Talk On Thursday 12th March at 7 p.m. in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, 410 Brentwood Road, in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) Fr Adrian Graffy will be giving a talk on the Book of Genesis, a book which in different ways figures prominently during Lent. The talk will be preceded by light refreshments from 6.30 p.m. This free, in-person event is also available via live stream at www.whatgoodnews.org

Our Lady of Ransom Parish Pilgrimage to Knock & Co. Mayo Ireland Monday 6th July to Friday 10th July 2026 You are very welcome to join Fr. Paul and fellow pilgrims on our five-day Parish Pilgrimage to Knock & County Mayo. Flights are from Stanstead Airport, price £899 per person based on two people sharing. Package includes four nights dinner, bed & breakfast; all entertainment, excursions and guided tours. For further information and to register your interest, please contact: Shirley Hegewald email: shirley.hegewald16@gmail.com mobile: 07900 396256.

Lunchtime GUITAR Recital Wednesday 25 February at 1pm Oscar On Wednesday 25 February we are much looking forward to welcoming Kacper Dworniczak who graduated with distinction from the University of Music and Performing Arts in Graz Austria in 2025. The previous year he released his debut solo album called JOURNEYS. Kacper’s Programme is as follows, Oscar Hammerstein/ Richard Rodgers: My Favourite Things, Fryderyk Chopin: Prelude op.28 no.4, Harold Arlen: Over the Rainbow arr. Toru Takemitsu, Toru Takemitsu: Equinox, John Mayer: Gravity, Pat Metheny: Medley, Carlo Domeniconi: Toccata in Blue. Refreshments will be available in the Song School afterwards.

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.