

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| <b>SATURDAY</b>                       | <b>6.00 pm</b>                               | Anne Freeney McGarr RIP<br>& Vic Robinson RIP |
| <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)</b> |  |   |
| <b>15<sup>th</sup> March 2026</b>     | <b>9.00 am</b>                               | People of the Parish                          |
|                                       | <b>11.00 am</b>                              | Fred Daly RIP                                 |
| <b>MONDAY</b>                         | <b>9.15 am</b>                               | Ints of Johnny, Denis, Marco & Ledizia        |
| <b>TUESDAY</b>                        | <b>St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</b> |   |
|                                       | <b>10.15am</b>                               | Peter McMannon RIP                            |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>                      | <b>9.15am</b>                                | Breege McDermott RIP<br>& Catriona Hanley RIP |
| <b>THURSDAY</b>                       |  | <i>No Parish Mass</i>                         |
| <b>FRIDAY</b>                         | <b>11am</b>                                  | Michael Nash ( <i>Requiem</i> )               |
| <b>SATURDAY</b>                       | <b>6.00 pm</b>                               | Christopher Galligan RIP                      |
| <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)</b>  |  |   |
| <b>22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026</b>     | <b>9.00 am</b>                               | Dorothy & Frank Johnson RIP                   |
|                                       | <b>11.00 am</b>                              | People of the Parish                          |

**Weekday Masses:** This week Parish Masses are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and at 10.15am on Tuesday. There is no 9.15am Parish Mass on Friday because of the Requiem Mass for Michael Nash.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (15th March)**  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church from 5pm to 6pm this Sunday (15th March). There will also be the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Holy Hour.  
If you would like to watch the livestream you can do so by following this link:  
<https://youtube.com/live/90pWM6Mva-U?feature=share>

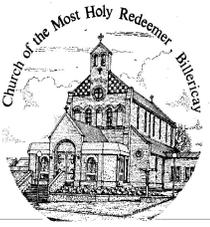
**Confessions this Saturday (21st March):** Confessions take place in the church from 11am to 12pm this Saturday (21st March).

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

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

15<sup>th</sup> March 2026



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

### **A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:**

Once again this week we have a lengthy passage from the Gospel of John, the story of the man born blind.

This is another story of a journey in faith, which invites us to consider our own journey. The words of Jesus at the very start (verse 5) give us the theme: Jesus is the light of the world. Like the man born blind, we too have the opportunity of seeing again, seeing with greater clarity.

Even in the opening verses given above the man has already had to defend the reality of the healing. Yes, he is indeed the man who was blind from birth and he has indeed been given his sight. As the chapter continues he bears witness to Jesus more and more strongly and more and more indignantly. In the end it is clear that there are none so blind as those who will not see.

The religious leaders refuse to see that Jesus brings light into the world. They refuse to acknowledge their own blindness. It may seem strange that we have the story of David's anointing as king in the first reading. This reminds us that, as we were given the light of faith in baptism, we were also anointed for God's service. St Paul tells the Christians of Ephesus in our second reading: 'You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord.'

*What might we learn from the courageous witness of the man born blind?  
Am I to some extent still blind and unwilling to see?*

*We pray for those who are still seeking the light and discouraged by darkness.*

*We pray for all those to be baptised at Easter.*

## 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 of Lent Year A (Laetare Sunday):**

<https://youtube.com/live/G4J8duOL4ks?feature=share>

**9am 4th Sunday of Lent Year A (Laetare Sunday):**

[https://youtube.com/live/Ei\\_zyf5oAy8?feature=share](https://youtube.com/live/Ei_zyf5oAy8?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.

**Michael Nash RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Nash, the husband of Pauline Nash. Michael's Requiem mass will take place at 11am this Friday (20th March). May he rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

**Adwoa Philipowitz** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Adwoa Philipowitz. Adwoa's Requiem mass will take place at 12.30pm on Monday 23rd March. May she rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

**Mavis Kennedy RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mavis Kennedy. Mavis' Requiem Mass will take place at 10am on Wednesday, 15th April. May she rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

**Derek 'Rick' Galliers RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Derek Galliers. Derek's Requiem Mass will take place at 11am on Friday, 17th April. May he rest in peace and rise to eternal glory.

## WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

**ANNIVERSARIES** Mollie Hosegood, Lillian Cox, Philip Parks, Patrick Fernando, Mary McGarr, Ernest Hales, Dorothy Wheeler, Greg Cairns and Paul Whitehouse.

**Clergy:** Canon Martin Horkan, Fr Donal Donegan and Fr Sidney Williams.

**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

## 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

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| Sabbath    | God     | Signs  |
| Pool       | Prophet | Man    |
| Born       | Looking | Driven |

**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. When there are two intentions at one Mass, the money given for the second intention will be donated to either Catholic Education Service Fund or the Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund.  
*Please allow at least eight months' notice for a weekend Mass intention and six months' notice for a weekday Mass intention.*

**Mothering Sunday** A very Happy Mother's Day to all mums, grandmothers and great grandmothers.

**Stations of the Cross: Continuing at 7pm this Friday (20<sup>th</sup> March)** Stations of the Cross take place in the church throughout Lent every Friday evening at 7pm continuing this Friday (20<sup>th</sup> March).

**Easter Week:** Please note that the Parish Office will be closed and there won't be any weekday Masses from Monday, 6th to Friday, 10th April. The weekend Masses will be as usual on the weekend of the 11th and 12th April.

**Coffee Morning for Baptism Families: Monday 23rd March** Parents of children being Baptised in our parish or have recently been Baptised are warmly invited to join the Baptism Welcome Team for a coffee morning. Refreshments will be in the Lounge of the Pastoral Centre after the 9.15am Mass on Monday 23rd March. Some toys will be available for babies/toddlers.

**Easter Crafts Activity for Families** On Saturday, 28th March from 11am to 1pm, Kristin, our Family Co-ordinator, will be holding an Easter crafts session for families in the Large Hall of the Pastoral Centre. Families will be invited to create Easter baskets filled with crafts & goodies including decorative eggs, easter biscuits, chocolate nests and rosary keyrings. These baskets will then be blessed by Fr Dan at 2pm on Holy Saturday (4th April) If you would like to take part in this please make sure that you email Kristin at [kristindefreitas@brcdt.org](mailto:kristindefreitas@brcdt.org) **There will be a charge of £5 per Easter basket to cover the cost of the craft items.**

**Lenten Walk in Aid of Our Youth Hub Fund** Faith in Action warmly invites you to lace up your walking boots (or wellies!) and join us for a special Lenten Walk in support of our very own Youth Hub on Sunday 22nd March Starting at midday after the after the 11am Mass from The Most Holy Redeemer. We will walk together around Mill Meadows before finishing at the Pastoral Centre, where hot dogs and refreshments will be served. The walk will take approximately one hour and is suitable for both adults and children — everyone is welcome! (not suitable for pushchairs) Children can take part in a fun walking adventure, searching for riddles hidden along the route. Solving the riddles will reveal a mystery word and medals are awarded to those detectives that can solve this mystery! A suggested donation of £5 per person or £10 per family will support our parish in creating a dedicated youth space — somewhere our young people can feel welcomed, valued, and encouraged to stay connected to their church community. Our hope is that this space will become a true home from home for them, where faith, friendship, and belonging can flourish. If you would like to take part, please email [kristindefreitas@brcdt.org](mailto:kristindefreitas@brcdt.org) We look forward to walking with you this Lent!

**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.

**Christian Meditation – Preparation for Lent** A series of 5 weekly sessions will be held every Thursday 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.

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

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

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

**Life in the Spirit Seminars 2026** An Opportunity for Encounter, Growth in Discipleship and Faith Formation Journey with us from Easter to Pentecost - Come, Participate and Be Encouraged With a mix of Live Speakers and films from ‘The Gift’, come and explore these inspiring and practical Seminars that help people encounter the Holy Spirit and share their faith together.  
Speakers: Michelle Moran, Father Paschal Uche and Reverend Wayne Dulson.  
In the fifth week, there is an opportunity for people to receive prayer for the Baptism in the Holy Spirit or an Infilling for a deepening and strengthening of the graces of Baptism and Confirmation. This session will be led by Internationally renowned speaker Michelle Moran.  
While the Seminars are mainly intended for practicing Christians, they are open to all people from every walk of life, including those who currently have no involvement with the Church. Invite family and friends to come and join us too.  
<https://mostholyredeemerchurch.churchsuite.com/events/6ehdypgb>



**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.

**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 187292.