

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Christopher Galligan RIP
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (YEAR A)		
22nd March 2026	9.00 am	Dorothy & Frank Johnson RIP
	11.00 am	Anne Feeney-McGarr RIP & Vic Robinson RIP
MONDAY	9.15 am	Sheila McNally RIP (<i>Spurling</i>)
	12.30pm	Adwoa Philipowitz (<i>Requiem</i>)
TUESDAY	10.15am	Mary McNally RIP
WEDNESDAY	<i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	
	9.15am	Teresa Doyle RIP
THURSDAY	<i>No Parish Mass</i>	
FRIDAY	9.15am	Julian, Jillian & Chris Field RIP
SATURDAY	6.00 pm	Freda Barta RIP
PALM SUNDAY (YEAR A)		
29th March 2026	9.00 am	Francine Povel RIP
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

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

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (22nd March) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the church from 5pm to 6pm this Sunday (22nd March). There will also be the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation during the Holy Hour.

Please note that after this Sunday, Exposition will not resume until Sunday, 12th April. If you would like to watch the livestream you can do so by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/3htnplW4Rs?feature=share>

Confessions this Saturday (28th March): Confessions take place in the church from 11am to 12pm this Saturday (28th March).

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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (A)

22nd March 2026



A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

This Sunday's extended passage from the Gospel of John is the story of the raising of Lazarus. Only the central verses are given here. You may wish to complete the whole story by reading verses 1-16 and verses 28-45 from chapter 11 of John in your own Bible.

The words of Jesus to Martha in verse 25 give us the theme: Jesus is the resurrection and the life. No wonder He goes on later in the chapter to restore earthly life to Lazarus as a sign of the life to come. Just as the healing of the man born blind was a 'work of God', inviting faith, similarly the raising of Lazarus shows the 'glory of God' (verse 40) and strengthens faith. All the so-called 'signs' in the Gospel of John do this (See John 2:11).

The raising of Lazarus is the last and greatest of the signs. Both Martha and Mary are ready to witness that Jesus is 'the resurrection and the life'. The story concludes with the statement that 'many believed in him' (verse 45). But this sign also provokes strong opposition from the religious leaders who plot to destroy Jesus. The one who gives life will have life torn from Him in return.

In the other readings too there are clear pointers to the Resurrection to come. The prophet Ezekiel relays God's promise to give the people a new spirit and raise them from their graves. St Paul teaches the Romans about the life-giving Spirit of Christ, the Easter gift of the risen Jesus. The Psalmist cries 'out of the depths' to the Lord with whom there is 'mercy and fulness of redemption'. The prayer is heard by the God of life.

How does this story prepare us for the celebration of the Easter mystery?

In what sense is this the greatest of the signs worked by Jesus?

We pray that we may understand and truly believe that God is the God of life.

We ask for the grace to live the time of Christ's passion and death to the full.

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 5th Sunday of Lent Year A:

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

9am 5th Sunday of Lent Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/Jrxeu999oDc?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.

Adwoa Philipowitz Please pray for the repose of the soul of Adwoa Philipowitz. Adwoa's Requiem mass will take place at 12.30pm this 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 Walter Pease, Con O'Rourke, Delia Carvill, Pat Ferriss, Mareen Guppy, Michael Glaerin, Gertrude Davies, Julia Maltby, Justin White, Linda O'Boyle, Terence Crow, Frank Giorgi and Frank Markey.

Clergy: Canon Arthur Holmes, Fr John Sherlock, Mgr Canon Alfred Gilbey and Fr Denis Hall.

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

5th Sunday of Lent

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Lazarus	Village	Sisters
Mary	Martha	Ill
Ointment	Sick	Wiped
Feet	Hair	Love
Death	Glory	Tomb
Tour	Lives	Prayer
Heart	Stone	Free

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.

† HOLY WEEK SERVICES †

Holy Week Services take place on the following days:

PALM SUNDAY (28th/29th March)

Saturday, 6pm.

Sunday, 9am and 11am

Masses begin with a procession at Sun Corner.

MAUNDY THURSDAY (2nd April)

7.30pm Mass

followed by a vigil in front of the Blessed Sacrament at the altar of repose until Midnight.

If you would like to have your foot washed at this Mass, please speak to Fr Dan or email the Parish Office.

GOOD FRIDAY (3rd April)

10.15am Children's Stations of the Cross in the church.

3pm The Veneration of the Cross

7pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY (4th April)

11am - 12pm Confessions in the Church

2.00pm Blessing of Easter Food in the Church.

This is a tradition in many Eastern European countries where families bring to the church the food that they will eat on Easter Sunday.

Saturday 8pm **Easter Vigil**

EASTER SUNDAY (5th April)

Sunday, 9am and 11am Easter Morning Mass

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

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.

Evangelisation Training with Practical Outreach Event: Saturday 25th April: 10:30am – 3:30pm Following on from our 'Multiplication' training day in January, you are invited to take part in an exciting evangelisation event that will help equip us for missional outreach and live out our discipleship. On Saturday, 25th April, Dr Maria Heath, the Director of Mission from Northampton Diocese, will be leading a day in the Pastoral Centre which will focus on evangelisation with simple tips, tools and methods for sharing our faith with others. If you would like to go please bring a packed lunch or food that can be shared with the other participants. If you would like to know more or to book a place then please speak to Fr Dan or email the Parish Office.

24 Hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday, 15th – Saturday, 16th May From 6pm on Friday, 15th May to the start of the 6pm Parish Mass on Saturday, 16th May, we will be having 24-hour Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the church. After Easter, there will be a sign-up sheet available for you to select one hour which you can choose to spend praying in front of the Blessed Sacrament or alternatively you can email the Parish Office with information about the slot that you would like to cover.

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.

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

Lenten Walk in Aid of Our Youth Hub Fund: This Sunday 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 this Sunday. Starting at midday 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 We look forward to walking with you this Lent!

Easter Crafts Activity for Families: Next 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 **There will be a charge of £5 per Easter basket to cover the cost of the craft items**

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>

