

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00pm	John Kavanagh RIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, (YEAR A)		
3rd May 2026	9.00 am	Arthur Sparke RIP
	11.00 am	People of the Parish
MONDAY	THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	
	10.30 am	Peter Mills RIP & Mary Josephine Mills RIP
TUESDAY	10.15am	John McCarthy RIP & Deceased members of the McCarthy Family
WEDNESDAY	St John Payne, Priest, Martyr	
	9.15am	Bridget Ginty RIP & Michael Ruane RIP
THURSDAY	9.15am	Kathleen Keane RIP
FRIDAY	<i>No Parish Mass</i>	
SATURDAY	6.00pm	Fred Daly RIP
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, (YEAR A)		
10th May 2026	9.00 am	Wilfred & Iset Harper & Mrs Teresa King RIP
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

Weekday Masses: Weekday Masses this week are at 10.30am on Monday (Bank Holiday), 10.15am on Tuesday and at 9.15am on Wednesday and Thursday.

No Confession this Saturday: Please note that there are no Confessions from 11am to 12pm this Saturday (9th May) because of the GIFT sessions. Confessions will resume again on Saturday, 16th May from 11am to 12pm in the church. If you would like to celebrate the Sacrament in the meantime, you can either make an appointment by contacting the Parish Office or come to the Exposition and Holy Hour on Sunday.

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (3rd May):
There is no Exposition this Sunday (3rd May).

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR A)

3rd May 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 account of the last evening of Jesus with His disciples in the Gospel of John includes several speeches, punctuated from time to time by interventions of the disciples. It is most appropriate that these passages are read during the second half of the Easter season as we approach the feast of the Ascension and the return of Jesus to the Father.

Jesus' first words in today's passage are words of reassurance which contrast strongly with His earlier prediction of Judas' betrayal and Peter's denial.

Thomas asks about the way to the place where Jesus is going. 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,' says Jesus. The words of Jesus in John's gospel constantly underline that in Him truth and life are to be found. Philip, on the other hand, is impatient to see the Father. Jesus' reply echoes the constant teaching of this gospel that 'the only Son has made God known' (John 1:18). Both the answer to our searching and the satisfaction of our longing are found in Christ. To know Jesus is to know the Father. To see Jesus is to see the Father.

Do I recognise Jesus as the Way or do I reduce Him to a talented prophet and healer?

How often do I give in to despondency and anxiety?

Pray for a deeper faith in the person of Jesus, our Lord and our God.

Pray for confidence in the continuing presence of Jesus in his Church.

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:

Please note that the Masses won't be livestreamed this weekend because Father Dan is away.

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.

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.

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

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Patricia McClintock, Henry Wilks, Elizabeth Paolillo, Peter Mills, David Mahony, Aileen Fleetwood, Alfred Bunker, Desmond Lowry, Peter Clegg, Frank Kavanagh, Peddy Peardon, Elizabeth Fee, Dr Vincent Murphy, Charles Tall and June Durand.

Clergy: Canon Thomas Norris, Fr Feargus Saurin, Fr Andrew Dorricott, Canon Patrick Palmer, Canon Basil Booker, Fr John O'Callaghan, Canon Brian Brian Grady and Canon John Duckett.

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 Easter

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Enters	Shepherd	Flock
Voice	Calls	Leads
Stranger	Parable	Run
Freely	Pasture	Steal
Destroy	Life	Hear
Jesus	Solemnly	Safe

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.

Spiritan Appeal this weekend: We welcome Fr Sombu to our parish. Fr Sombu is a member of the Spiritan Religious Order and will be talking about the work of the Order at all of the Masses this weekend. There will be a second collection at the end of the Masses.

Prayer Ministry will be taking place at the end of all of the parish Masses this weekend. If there is anything that you would like to be prayed for then please go to the Prayer Ministers who will be located around the church.

Feast of the Ascension: Thursday, 14th May The Feast of Jesus' ascension into Heaven is a Holy Day of Obligation and on this day Masses will be at 10.30am and at 8pm.

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. There is a sheet available at the back of the church for you to select one hour in 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. billericay@brcdt.org

Mass for Migrants You are warmly invited to join the Dioceses of Brentwood, Southwark, and Westminster for the 20th annual Mass for Migrants on Bank Holiday Monday, 4 May 2026, at St Antony of Padua Catholic Church. The celebration will begin at 12.00 pm with a procession of banners. This year, the Mass is hosted by the Diocese of Brentwood. Celebrated for the Feast of St Joseph the Worker, the Mass is prepared by the Caritas and Ethnic Chaplaincies of the three dioceses and gives thanks for the contributions made to faith, life and work in the UK by all those who have come from other countries to make their home here. The preacher will be Archbishop Richard Moth, and the celebrant will be Bishop Alan Williams, SM.

Car Park: Sadly, from time to time, parishioners tell me that their cars have been damaged while they have been attending Mass. It shouldn't need to be said that if you damage another person's car when entering or leaving the church car park, you have a responsibility either to report it to us or to leave a note with your contact details on the car that has been damaged. The car park is covered by CCTV and we will always hand over the footage when requested by insurance companies.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold its next meeting on Monday 11th May at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. All welcome. Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783.

Spiritual Reading: May Day by Day and **Bible Alive** are in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.

Garden volunteers for Walsingham House at Abbotswick: Walsingham House at Abbotswick is set in 14 acres of land which require a lot of care. There is an amazing team of grounds volunteers who help every Tuesday to maintain the gardens and keep everything thriving. It would be wonderful to extend the team, so if you have some free time on a Tuesday, whether it's an hour or two or a whole day and would like to get involved please contact clairebailey@brcdt.org or just come along on a Tuesday morning and get involved!

Gift Aid Envelopes: Gift Aid Envelopes for the new financial year are available for collection in the church porch. Thank you to all of you who Gift Aid your donations and who pay by Standing Order. If you are a taxpayer and you would like some information about the benefits of Gift Aiding your donations, please visit the Gift Aid section on the parish website:

<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php>

By gift-aiding your donations it means that we are able to claim an additional 25p for every £1 that you give to the parish. If you haven't already done so, we would also strongly encourage you to consider setting up a Standing Order with the parish. Standing Orders mean that you don't have to bring cash with you when you come to Mass and they also enable us to budget more efficiently.

Safeguarding Training for Parish Volunteers: The Diocese has advised that anyone volunteering in a role that requires a DBS is asked to complete the Level 2 training. The training can be accessed through the Diocesan Safeguarding page: <https://www.brentwoodsafeguarding.org/training>. When you start your training, you will be asked to register, to allow the Diocese to keep a record of those who have completed their training

The Legacy of St Francis of Assisi As we mark 800 years since the death of St Francis (3rd October 1226), Fr Alban McCoy OFM Con will speak about how Francis changed the Church of his day, and can help us to renew the Church in our own times. The event will take place in the hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) from 11 am until 1 pm on Saturday 2nd May. Refreshments available from 10.30. Everyone is welcome to this free event, which is also available by live stream on www.whatgoodnews.org No booking necessary.

Our next session of Maranatha will be in the parish of St. Thomas of Canterbury, 16 East Thurrock Road, Grays, RM17 6SR on **Friday 15th May** at 7pm Led by Fr. Paschal Uche. Join us for a joyful evening of praise and worship followed by Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is welcome. There will be refreshments afterwards.

BCYS Youth Mass The next Youth Masses will take place at Brentwood Cathedral on Thursday 7th May, 4th June and 2nd July. It is open to any young people from around the Diocese to enjoy pizza, prayer, workshops and celebrate Mass together! For more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events

St John Bosco Children's Camp Summer 2026 Applications are now open for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9-12 in August 2026) to spend a week at camp. 25th July – 1st August or 1st – 8th August. Activities include archery, fishing, AquaPark visit, football, kayaking and much more. The camp is especially for children who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but full bursaries are available. All application details are at <https://boscocamp.co.uk>. Places are likely to go quickly – early applications are encouraged.

Billericay Talks: A new group in Billericay for older people who are missing intellectual and social stimulation. Interesting speakers on a range of subjects. Open to all, but designed to be particularly suitable for people living with dementia. Meetings on 2nd Friday of every month, held at The Chantry Centre, CM11 2BB. For more information please email Billericay@Uniteinkindness.co.uk

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!

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 the Sick & Retired Clergy Fund.

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