

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY** 6.00pm Mary Foley RIP (Anniv.)

### **PENTECOST (YEAR A)**

**24<sup>th</sup> May 2026** 9.00 am Eugene P. King RIP  
& Carmen Andrews RIP  
11.00 am People of the Parish

**MONDAY** **Mary, Mother of the Church**

10.30 am Tony Lidlow RIP (Anniv.)

**TUESDAY** **St Philip Neri, Priest**

10.15am Mavis Kennedy RIP (Hasson)

**WEDNESDAY** **ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY**

9.15am Mr Kwasnieski RIP

**THURSDAY** **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

### **THE ETERNAL HIGH PRIEST**

11.30am Carmel Ellul (Requiem)

**FRIDAY** *No Parish Mass*

**SATURDAY** 6.00pm Marie Chichibnoud RIP

### **THE HOLY TRINITY (YEAR A)**

**31<sup>st</sup> May 2026** 9.00 am People of the Parish

11.00 am Mary Furey RIP

**Weekday Masses:** Weekday Masses this week are at 10.30am on Monday, 10.15am on Tuesday and at 9.15am on Wednesday. There is no 9.15am Parish Mass on Thursday because of the Requiem Mass for Carmel Ellul.

**Confession this Saturday:** Confessions take place this Saturday (30th May) from 11am to 12pm in the church.

### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (24th May):**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church from 5pm to 6pm this Sunday (24th May). It is also available to watch via our parish YouTube channel by following this link:

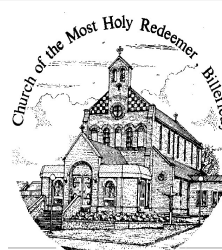
<https://youtube.com/live/qlUhayhghvA?feature=share>.

**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)

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

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24<sup>th</sup> 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 gospel reading for the Feast of Pentecost has already been read, in a more extended form, on the Second Sunday of Easter. It was read then to include Jesus' encounter with Thomas 'eight days later'.

On the Feast of Pentecost we have the opportunity to focus on the earlier verses, in which Jesus brings the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. The account of the day of Pentecost is found in our first reading, from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. Fifty days after the resurrection there was a spectacular manifestation of the power of the Spirit. Jews and proselytes, gathered from the nations for the Jewish feast of Pentecost, witness the power of the Spirit and hear the preaching of the apostles each in his own tongue. This event launches the mission to the whole world.

Our gospel teaches that the Holy Spirit was also given by the risen Christ before the events of Pentecost. This is a quieter and more intimate demonstration of the power of the Spirit. It is related to the preaching of forgiveness and the possibility of new life for those who ask for it. The disciples are empowered to bring the forgiveness of Christ, but it is possible for people to reject this forgiveness. This seems to be the sense of the final verse, that some have their sins retained.

This is the final day of the Easter period. The Lord who died on the cross has shown Himself in His risen body. He has taken our humanity into the presence of the Father. He is no longer visibly present, but His Spirit is with us to remind us of Jesus and to lead us into all truth. That Spirit, as St Paul writes to the Corinthians, bestows gifts in abundance for the benefit of the whole Church.

*Do I allow the Holy Spirit to transform my life?*

*Do I seek the peace and forgiveness offered to me through prayer and the sacraments?*

*Pray for the whole church, that Christians everywhere will be enlivened by the Holy Spirit. Pray that the Easter gifts of Christ will always be with us.*

## 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:

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**6pm Feast of Pentecost Year A:**

<https://youtube.com/live/gytCS7V8ffk?feature=share>

**9am Feast of Pentecost Year A:**

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

**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](mailto: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.**

**Carmel Ellul RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Carmel (Charlie) Ellul. Carmel's Requiem Mass will take place at 11.30am this Thursday (28th May). May he rest in peace.

Please note that this Mass replaces the normal 9.15am Parish Mass.

**Philip Ellis RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Philip Ellis. Philip's Funeral Service will take place at 11am on Monday, 1st June in the church. May he rest in peace.

**WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:**

**ANNIVERSARIES** Anna Sapsford, Mary Mitchell, Eileen Seal and Mabel Christie.

**Clergy:** Fr Charles Carless, Fr Austin Thorburn and Fr John Timmins.

**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

## Pentecost Sunday

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EVENING	DAY	WEEK
JESUS	PEACE	HANDS
SIDE	REJOICE	HOLY
SPIRIT	FORGIVE	SINS
FATHER	LOCKED	DOORS
DISCIPLES	RETAIN	JEWS
BREATHED	STOOD	LORD

**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.

**Youth Hub Fundraising Auction** In the next few weeks, we are launching an online auction of promises to raise money for our Youth Hub. Can you donate a skill, a service or a unique experience which we can auction to the highest bidder? For example, gardening, baking a birthday cake or delicious meal, a handmade craft, use of a holiday home, tickets to a sporting event or to the theatre, IT support, shopping or beauty voucher etc... If you have any ideas or wish to donate a promise or voucher, please contact [clarelouisewallis@gmail.com](mailto:clarelouisewallis@gmail.com).

**Church Cleaners Needed** Are you able to give up a couple of hours to keep our church looking beautiful? We have two cleaning teams which clean the church on alternate weeks and both are looking for more people.

If you are able to help please contact the parish office at [billericay@brcdt.org](mailto:billericay@brcdt.org) and we can give you more information about what is involved. Marigolds will be provided!

**Bishop Alan's Visitation: Wednesday, 10th June** On Wednesday, 10th June we will be welcoming Bishop Alan to our parish. During the course of his visit, Bishop Alan will be confirming our young people during a Confirmation Mass at 7.30pm in the church followed by a reception in the Pastoral Centre afterwards. Please pray for all of our young people who are going to be confirmed by Bishop Alan.

**Evangelisation Training & Outreach Follow Up: Saturday, 13th June from 9.30am-11.30am.** For all of those parishioners who attended the Evangelisation Training Day with Maria Heath on Saturday, 25th April, you are invited to come to a follow up event from 9.30am-11.30am on Saturday, 13th June in the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre. On this day we will be sharing our experiences of faith sharing and considering what we can do to build on the momentum that was generated on the 25th April.

**Parish Volunteers Thanksgiving Mass: 7.30pm on Friday, 3rd July** On Friday, 3rd July at 7.30pm we will be having a Mass of Thanksgiving for all of our parish volunteers followed by a gathering in the Pastoral Centre afterwards. If you assist in the parish in any way and would like to come to the Mass please contact the Parish Office for catering purposes.

**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.

**Spiritual Reading: June Day by Day** is in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.

**Kids Club 2026** Due to building works taking place at the Youth Hub during the summer break, it has been decided that Kid's Club will not run this summer. We appreciate that this may be disappointing, and we sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may cause. However, we are excited about the long-term benefits these improvements will bring. Our hope is that, by creating a dedicated youth space where children and young people can stay connected, we will be able to serve our families even more effectively in the years ahead. We believe this new space will become a central part of our work. Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

If you would like to support the Youth Hub project 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.

**The WeBelieve Festival is back for 2026!** The WeBelieve Festival brings thousands together to encounter Christ in His Church. It's an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God. Join us from Friday 24 – Monday 27 July at St Mary's College, Oscott for this amazing Catholic festival. There will be a wide-ranging programme including Mass, talks, workshops, prayer, music and opportunities to connect with others from across the UK. Whether you come for a day or the whole weekend, all are welcome." Find out more: [www.webeliefestival.com](http://www.webeliefestival.com)

**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](mailto:Billericay@Uniteinkindness.co.uk)

**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](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or just come along on a Tuesday morning and get involved!

**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 likeminded 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](mailto:cathedral@brcdt.org)

**World Youth Day 2027 (Seoul, South Korea)** Be part of something extraordinary at World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea. Travel with the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service to join hundreds of thousands of young Catholics from around the world, gathered with Pope Leo for this global celebration of faith. Open to those currently in Year 13 and above. Details and applications: [www.bcys.net/events/wyd27](http://www.bcys.net/events/wyd27)

**Hospital Lay Chaplain- Basildon Hospital** A vacancy has arisen for a Hospital Lay Chaplain. All applicants should have strong communication skills and be able to deal with the private and confidential nature of the role. The post will be part-time working 5.25 hours per week – during the hours of 8am – 8pm. One day per week. The salary is £13.45 per hour The closing date for applications is 29th May 2026 and suitable applicants will be invited to attend an interview. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV to [basildon@brcdt.org](mailto:basildon@brcdt.org)

**Cathedral Lunchtime Music Recital** is called 'Now Sleeps the Crimson Petal' – A Journey of Sentiments through German Lieder and English Song. This Recital will be on a FRIDAY 19th June at the usual time of 1pm and will be given by Soprano Dorothy Whyte-Venables and Pianist Stefan Weidner. Their Programme will consist of pieces by Robert and Clara Schumann, Vaughan Williams, Richard Strauss, James MacMillan, William Walton and Roger Quilter. Refreshments will be available afterwards as usual in the Song School.