

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY 6.00pm** David Quill RIP

### **SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**19<sup>th</sup> July 2026** 9.00 am People of the Parish  
11.00 am Cathy Woodham RIP

**MONDAY 9.15am** Jean Bush RIP

**TUESDAY 10.15am** Paul Byrne RIP (*Hasson*)

**WEDNESDAY ST MARY MAGDALENE**  
9.15am Joan Gabrielle Murphy RIP

**THURSDAY ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Religious**  
9.15am Sean Hill RIP (*Byrne*)

**FRIDAY** *No Parish Mass*

**SATURDAY 6.00pm** Frank Price RIP (Anniv.)

### **SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**26<sup>th</sup> July 2026** 9.00 am Deceased Members of the Ellul Family  
11.00 am People of the Parish

**MONDAY 9.15am** Eileen Finnigan RIP (Anniv.)

**TUESDAY 10.15am** Paul Byrne RIP (*McCarthy*)

**WEDNESDAY** *No Parish Mass*

**THURSDAY 9.15am** Mrs Regina Agagor Onuyor RIP  
& Bridget Obiageli Esozobor RIP (Anniv.)

**FRIDAY** *No Parish Mass*

**SATURDAY 6.00pm** Rick Gallier RIP

### **EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)**

**5<sup>th</sup> August 2026** 9.00 am People of the Parish  
11.00 am Ints of the Padre Pio Prayer Group

**Weekday Masses:** Weekday Masses this week are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday and at 10.15am on Tuesday.

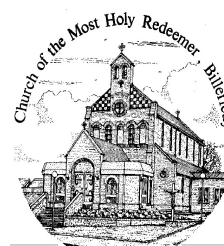
**No Confession this Saturday:** Saturday Confessions resume on Saturday, 25th July from 11am to 12pm. Father Dan is also available to celebrate the Sacrament during the Exposition and Holy Hour or by request.

#### **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (19th July):**

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place at 5pm in the church this Sunday (19th July). It is also available to watch via the parish livestream by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/Bv9ZGiNaflg?feature=share>  
This will be the last Exposition and Holy Hour until the beginning of September.

## **SIXTEENTH & SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)**

**19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July 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 we have an extensive reading from Matthew chapter 13, in which the evangelist has gathered together the parables of Jesus. Only the first section, containing the parable of the dandelion in the field, is given above. In the more extended reading provided in the lectionary this parable is followed by the parable of the mustard seed, the parable of the yeast, and then Jesus' explanation of the parable of the dandelion.

Dandelion is a particularly troublesome kind of weed which resembles wheat. It can be easily understood why the land-owner instructs the labourers to remove the weed only at harvesttime, for to pull it out beforehand would probably uproot the wheat and thus destroy the crop. All this has implications for the lesson of the parable. The kingdom of heaven on earth survives in the midst of a world which is tarnished by sin in its many forms. Christians have to work out how to cope and not collude with the reality of sin all around them.

The parable also teaches that the time of the harvest will one day come, when God will take to himself those who have sought him by pursuing what is good and true, by living in faith, hope and love. Matthew frequently speaks of the judgement to come. He gives a dramatic description of the Last Judgement in chapter 25 of his gospel. The wicked are consigned to the fires of hell, just as in this parable fire destroys the dandelion. The fire should be understood as an image of the terrible pain that the loss of God involves. God does not inflict dreadful punishments on sinners, but those who reject what is good and true shut themselves off from the love of God and bring on themselves the terrible pain of the loss of God.

*How do I cope with the evil I see around me?*

*Do I have the patience to wait for God's purposes to be fulfilled?*

*We pray for constancy in seeking what is good.*

*We pray for a true understanding of the forbearance of God.*

## 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:

**9am 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:**

<https://youtube.com/live/mXTDQ-rE5G0?feature=share>

The YouTube Links for next weekend's Masses are here:

**6pm 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:**

<https://youtube.com/live/9Jc2KubI2LQ?feature=share>

**9am 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:**

<https://youtube.com/live/twLPeRLcWmc?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.**

**Radha Lokhee RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Radha Lokhee. Radha's Funeral Arrangements are still to be confirmed. May she rest in peace.

**Mike Slattery RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mike Slattery whose Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 21st July at 12.30pm at St. Theresa's Catholic Church Newbury Park

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

**ANNIVERSARIES** Josephine Redden, Stephen Hope, Lily Rainbird, Cathy Woodham, Jim Monaghan, Kenneth Bulpitt, James Hoare, Rodney Cleaver, Ida Burke, Eileen Finnigan, Paul Giorgi, Frank Price, Joseph 'Ted' Goodspeed, Monica Fehily, John James, Jim Bowen, Iris Sage, Des Harte, May-Ann Vallis and Francis McCafferty.

**Clergy:** Fr Edmund Dobson, Fr Patrick Taylor, Deacon David Balmer, Fr John Boardman Jones, Fr Michael Hannan, Fr Dermot Moore, Fr James Cooney, Fr John Harding, Fr Bernard (Brian) McGilloy, Fr Michael O'Sullivan.

**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

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY OF YEAR A

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| TOGETHER | UPROOT  | PULL   |
| MASTER   | PARABLE | FRUIT  |
| KINGDOM  | HEAVEN  | FIELD  |

**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.

## THIS IS A TWO WEEK NEWSLETTER.

**Father Dan away this Saturday (18th July):** Please note that Father Dan will be away from the parish on Saturday, 18th July. We welcome Fr Stewart Foster who will be celebrating the 6pm Parish Mass on that day. Because Fr Dan is not going to be here, the 6pm Saturday Mass will not be livestreamed this week.

**GIFT Applications:** If you have a child who is going to be in school years 3-6 in September and you were not able to come to the GIFT Mass and barbeque on Saturday, please speak to Father Dan after one of the parish Masses and he can give you the registration form and the session dates. For more information about GIFT please visit the GIFT section of the parish website:

<https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/seasonal.php?page=gift>

**Alpha 2026** Thank you to all of those who gave their personal testimonies last weekend about being part of the Alpha Course. Our new Alpha Course is going to be beginning at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 9th September in the Pastoral Centre. If you would like to take part please visit the Alpha section of the parish website via the link below or QR code and click on the button to register: <https://mostholyredeemer.org.uk/courses.php?page=alpha>



If you are willing to help with catering or clearing away at any of the sessions, pls contact Deirdre on 07977 071128 or [pembroke0202@gmail.com](mailto:pembroke0202@gmail.com)

**ABC (About Becoming Catholic): Our new course begins on Monday, 14th September.** Our ABC (About Becoming Catholic) course is for adults who are interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith. This includes anyone who is not Catholic and any baptised Catholics who, for whatever reason, may not have made their First Holy Communion or Confirmation as children. Our new course will be beginning at 8pm on Monday, 14th September in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre and we would love for you to take part in this. For more information, please speak to Fr Dan at the end of Mass or visit the ABC section on the parish website: <https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/courses.php>.

**Altar Servers Training** for new altar servers will take place on the following Saturday afternoons: 12th, 19th & 26th September, 3rd, 10th & 17th October for anyone who has made their First Holy Communion by the end of September 2026. If you are interested in becoming a server, please contact Sarah Dean ([s.c.dean@hotmail.com](mailto:s.c.dean@hotmail.com)) by 30th August.

**Please follow and engage with our new public Facebook page.** Search for "The Catholic Parish of Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay". Please comment and share our posts, and invite your Facebook friends to follow the page. A simple step as missionary disciples in our digital world.

**Our Parish Parent and Baby Group** are looking for some extra help to join our friendly Team from September for 1 or 2 sessions each half-term. Volunteers are asked to be available from 9-12 to help set up and tidy away, we offer chat, a cuppa and playtime for parents and carers and their under 2's. A Parish DBS would be required.

For further details please contact Tricia Rains on 07854 193227

**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.

**Youth Hub Building Work: Starting Monday, 20th July** Please note that the construction work to create the new Youth Hub in the Pastoral Centre is scheduled to start on Monday, 20th July. The work is due to take 6 weeks and while the works are on-going access to the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre will be restricted. If you would like to support the Youth Hub building project you can do so by using the donations machine in the church porch and selecting "Youth Hub" or by setting up a bank transfer to the parish with your donation marked "Youth Hub". Thank you to all of you who have already contributed to this project.

**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.

**BCCS – Exclusive & Personal Tour of Ingatestone Hall** The tour is conducted by the Petre family, offering unbeatable insight of the past and present of this Grade I listed building and gardens. Followed by a hot drink and homemade biscuit. Thursday, 3rd September, 11.00am - 3.30pm. The event was over-subscribed last year so get your tickets fast - entry is £25 per person - book online today: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/> Please note, due to the age of the building, there is no disabled access to the upper floor, and some of the lower floor and grounds are uneven and so not suitable for those who have mobility issues.

**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.

**Final Places – Summer Holiday Opportunity.** The St John Bosco Children's Camp is held near Brentwood. It is an activities camp including archery, fishing, Aqua Park visit, football, kayaking and much more. Final places are currently available for children currently in school year 5 – 7 (i.e. aged 9 - 12 on 31st August 2026) to spend a week at camp. Week One 25th July – 1st August or Week Two 1st – 8th August. The camp is run with a Catholic ethos and is for all children, especially those who may not otherwise have a summer holiday. Suggested donation £200, but fully funded places are also available thanks to generous grants. All application details are at [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.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 Bookkeeper- Cathedral House** A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Bookkeeper, to provide dedicated support in respect of financial control and reporting functions to individual Parishes and manage the day-to-day parish related accounting function within the central finance department. The role will work closely with the Parish Support Finance Assistant. The post will be primarily based at Cathedral House with some travel to parishes required. The full job description is available on our website [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us) The closing date for applications is 31st July 2026 and we will then invite suitable applicants to interview. If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV to [hr@brcdt.org](mailto:hr@brcdt.org)

**Brentwood Cathedral Lunchtime Recital** We should like to invite you to a rather special Recital to take place next Wednesday, 22nd July at the usual time of 1pm. We have four young children performing music for voice, cello and piano. Their names are Danielle Ullbricht, Isaac Tayler, Petal Miller and Mariia Yaklychuk. This is a wonderful opportunity in the first week of the school summer holidays to bring your children or grandchildren. Refreshments will be available in the Song School afterwards.

**Yellow Umbrella** If you have been attempting to return a yellow umbrella to it's owner, please drop it in to the presbytery so we can pass it on. Many thanks.