

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 6.00pm Rick Galliers RIP

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

2nd August 2026 **9.00 am** People of the Parish
11.00 am Ints of the Padre Pio Prayer Group

MONDAY - FRIDAY

No Parish Mass

SATURDAY 6.00pm People of the Parish

NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

9th August 2026 **9.00 am** Zakaria Nersy RIP (Anniv.)
11.00 am Annie Mills, Peg & Joe Burchall RIP

MONDAY ST LAWRENCE, Deacon, Martyr
9.15am Ints of the Padre Pio Prayer Group

TUESDAY St Clare, Virgin
10.15am Vera Dunne RIP

WEDNESDAY 9.15am Sean Hill RIP (McCarthy)

THURSDAY 9.15am John & Mureal Campbell RIP
 & Margaret Fuller RIP (Love)

FRIDAY *No Parish Mass*

SATURDAY 6.00pm Alan McHugh & Jennifer Ryan RIP
 & Ints of Peggy Ruane

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (YEAR A)

16th August 2026 **9.00 am** John Flannery RIP
11.00 am People of the Parish

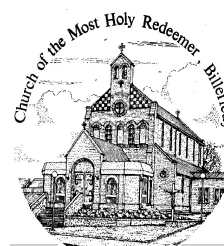
Weekday Masses: There are no weekday Parish Masses this week (3rd -7th August). Weekend Masses will be as normal.

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: There is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 5pm on Sunday, 6th September.

Saturday Confessions: Father Dan is available to hear Confessions this Saturday (1st August) and the following Saturday (8th August) from 11am to 12pm in the church.

EIGHTEENTH & NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME (A)

2nd & 9th August 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 multiplication of the loaves is perhaps the most renowned of all the extraordinary acts of Jesus which we call miracles, since it is found in all four gospels, and in Matthew and Mark we find two separate accounts. The popularity of the tradition is surely due to the similarity between what Jesus does here and what He will do on the night before He dies: He takes the bread, He blesses it, He breaks it and He shares it.

The story can be understood in various ways. Matthew may have in mind that to provide bread for the crowds in 'a lonely place' is precisely what God did for the people who wandered with Moses through the desert. For Matthew, Jesus is a new Moses whose teaching and mighty acts surpass those of Moses himself. The story also speaks of Jesus as feeding the hungry, satisfying both material and spiritual need, and providing an example in not sending the people away, as the disciples had suggested. Most powerfully, however, the story prepares us for the gift of Himself which Jesus will give in death, which will be prefigured in the sharing of the last Passover meal.

The Eucharist is for us the constant making present of the gift of Jesus to nourish us throughout our lives. 'Do this in memory of me,' said Jesus.

*Do I endeavour to understand the deeper meaning of the miracles of Jesus?
 How does the miracle of the loaves encourage me to value the gift of food?
 We pray that the sharing of the Eucharist will teach us to share with those in need.
 We pray for those who lack the basic requirements of life, and for a renewed
 commitment among world leaders to provide food for all.*

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 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/YCD6MtGFP3k?feature=share>

9am 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/V4RmLVJBd1s?feature=share>

The YouTube Links for next weekend's Masses (8th/ 9th August) are here:

6pm 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/EyW2ZqOn3lk?feature=share>

9am 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/O6NsKRNpoka?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 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 whose Requiem Mass will take place on Friday, 21st August at 12.30pm. May she rest in peace.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Bridget Heath, Mary Whittlesey, Ron Dowden, Vera Dunne, Edward McBride, Julian Field, Angela Davies, Noreen Candler, Margaret Goldstone, Jack Healey, Frederick Slater, Michael Camon, Diane Pearce, Allan McHugh, and Maureen Savage.

Clergy: Fr Thomas Jordan, Fr Richard Rowe, Deacon Frederick Wall, Fr Henry Tilley, Fr David Coghlan, Fr Hugh Verity, Fr David Papworth and Fr Stephen Keane.

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

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CLOUD

SPIRIT

GLADDEN

CORROSION

RESISTANCE

SOLEMNLY

MILLSTONE

MOSES

ELDAD

HEART

TREASURE

JOHN

OBSTACLE

LAME

CAMP

MEDAD

MISERIES

REAPERS

MIRACLE

CUT

KINGDOM

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.

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 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



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) by 30th August.

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 now taking place. 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.

Spiritual Reading: August Day by Day are in the Church Porch – please put the money in the wall box.

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.

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 and we can give you more information about what is involved.

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!

World Apostolate of Fatima: On Saturday, 12th September the Diocese of Brentwood will host the Visitation of the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco, at the Cathedral Church of St Mary and St Helen, Brentwood. This will be a Day of Prayer & Devotions, with the opportunity for the veneration of the relics. Bishop Alan accompanied by Priests of the Diocese will concelebrate Holy Mass, this will be followed by the Consecration Prayer of the Diocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary by Bishop Alan.

As this is a Day of Prayer, we ask all those participating to bring a packed lunch, teas and coffees will be available in the Cathedral Parish Hall. Following lunch, there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with recitation of the Chaplet of Adoration and Reparation. Communal Recitation and reflection on the Joyful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed, and then a Docu-film and Talk in the Parish Hall on "Fatima Message for the World." Finally, the Enrolment and Investiture of the Brown Scapular will be facilitated in the Parish Hall. Please see poster for full details.

Catholic Teaching in the World of AI Pope Leo has recently published Magnifica Humanitas, an encyclical letter on 'safeguarding the human person in the time of artificial intelligence'. It puts 'artificial intelligence' in the context of Catholic Social Teaching. The Holy Father writes: 'In the era of artificial intelligence, when human dignity is threatened by new forms of dehumanisation, ours is the pressing duty to remain profoundly human.' Fr Hugh MacKenzie, chaplain at Westminster Cathedral, is an expert on AI. He will be giving a presentation on the topic on Saturday 26th September 2026 at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park, beginning at 11 am. The event is in-person but is also available live-stream from www.whatgoodnews.org The talk will be of particular interest to our young people, with their IT competence.

The Priests return to the Brentwood Diocese! Fr. Eugene O'Hagan and Fr. Martin O'Hagan - formerly of the celebrated singing trio 'The Priests' - invite you to join them at a one-off charity weekend, hosted by and in support of the Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. Choose from an elegant Gala Dinner or sophisticated Charity Luncheon, both being held at a stunning Grade II listed manor house. Enjoy fine dining and seize a rare opportunity to see Fr. Eugene and Fr. Martin perform in an intimate and exclusive setting - this is an occasion not to be missed! 09th-10th October at The Lawn, Rochford - for full details and to purchase tickets, please visit www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events-campaigns/ or contact Julie Abbott 07912 277413.

Chelmsford Knights of St. Columba Annual Lecture :“Why Youth Ministry?” The speaker will be Fr. Michael Barwick, who will be talking about Christian Youth Work, how it is undertaken and what it aims to achieve. The talk will be at St. Augustine's Church, Springfield (CM1 6GQ) at 8pm on Wednesday, 7 October. There is ample parking at the church.