

## MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

**SATURDAY** 6.00pm People of the Parish

### **TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR A)**

**23<sup>rd</sup> August 2026** 9.00 am Grace Gilpin RIP

11.00 am Francis Hall RIP

**MONDAY** **ST BARTHOLOMEW, Apostle**

9.15am Ints of the Padre Pio Prayer Group

**TUESDAY** 10.15am Jean Adshead RIP

**WEDNESDAY** 9.15am May Suffield RIP

**THURSDAY** No Parish Mass

**FRIDAY** No Parish Mass

**SATURDAY** 6.00pm Teresa Ellerby RIP  
& Julian, Jill, Chris & Herbert Field RIP

### **TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR A)**

**30<sup>th</sup> August 2026** 9.00 am Harnarz Wiesław RIP

11.00 am Arturo Bedoja RIP  
& George Kelly and Danny Woollard RIP

**MONDAY** **St Sebbs, King**

9.15am Ints of John & Susan Adshead

**TUESDAY** 10.15am Hans Strub RIP (Anniv.)

**WEDNESDAY** 9.15am Ritaburl & Helen Wiseman RIP

**THURSDAY** **ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Priest, Doctor**

9.15am Sean Hill RIP (Johnson)

**FRIDAY** No Parish Mass

**SATURDAY** 6.00pm John Donovan RIP

### **TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR A)**

**6<sup>th</sup> September** 9.00 am People of the Parish

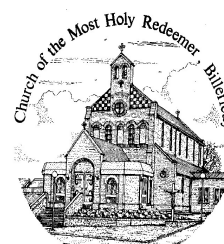
11.00 am John, Moira & David Thompson RIP

**Weekday Masses:** Weekday Masses this week are at 9.15am on Monday and Wednesday and at 10.15am on Tuesday. There is no Parish Mass this Thursday (27<sup>th</sup> August). The week beginning Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August, Masses are at 10.30am on Monday (Bank Holiday), 10.15am on Tuesday and at 9.15am on Wednesday and Thursday.

**Confession & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Information** to be found inside the newsletter.

## **TWENTY FIRST & TWENTY SECOND SUNDAYS (YEAR A)**

23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> 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:**

All the gospels, and the synoptic gospels (Mark, Matthew and Luke) in particular, witness to the growth in faith of the disciples of Jesus. In the synoptic gospels a point of climax is reached when Jesus asks his disciples the question: 'Who do you say I am?' It is a question which all Christians must answer.

Peter speaks up and declares his belief, perhaps also shared by the others, that Jesus is the promised Messiah. What is special in Matthew's story of Peter's profession of faith is the commissioning of Peter which follows. Faith leads to a mission.

The words of Jesus to Peter 'You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church' have been understood as the basis for the special role of the bishop of Rome, the successor of Peter, in relation to the whole church. In their varying ways each of the gospels testifies to the leadership role of Peter. The words of Jesus to Peter in Matthew's gospel are words of assurance, for it is Christ who will build the Church and Christ who endows Peter with authority.

The reading ends with Jesus instructing the disciples to tell nobody He was the Christ. The title of 'Christ' or 'Messiah' was understood in various ways, and Jesus had reservations that He might be misunderstood as a worldly leader. The true role of the Messiah will be taken up again in next Sunday's gospel reading.

*In the second reading St Paul praises the providential wisdom of God.*

*What is the role of Jesus the Messiah in my understanding?*

*What does it mean to say that Jesus founded the Church?*

*We pray for the Pope that he may show the wisdom and love of Christ in all his actions.*

*We pray that the Church may be a place of welcome, hope and encouragement 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:**

Saturday 6pm 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:  
<https://youtube.com/live/AIKpKptiJHo?feature=share>

Sunday 9am 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:  
<https://youtube.com/live/LWxyhOOCgao?feature=share>

**Saturday, 29th and Sunday, 30th August:**

Saturday 6pm 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:  
<https://youtube.com/live/js6JWvHFBcU?feature=share>

Sunday 9am 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:  
<https://youtube.com/live/8l8918JamqM?feature=share>

**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 (22nd August) and the following Saturday (29th August) from 11am to 12pm in the church.

**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.

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

**Mary Baxter RIP:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Baxter whose Funeral Service will take place on Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> September at 10am. May she rest in peace.

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

**ANNIVERSARIES** Madge Caulfield, Christina Hickey, Patrick (Terry) Cregg, Catherine Crerer, Ernest McCarthy, Georg Nvizio-Silver, Eamonn McCanny, Aaron Kumar, Matthew Bion, Barbara Beams, Graham Lewis, Teresa Ellerby, Kathleen Warner, Reese Belgira, Maureen Bewick, Vincent Bunce, Eileen Wilks, James Patterson, Eileen Donovan, John Stevens, Kenneth McGann, James Gibbons and Ann Warner.

**Clergy:** Canon Vincent Cameron, Fr Bernard Collings, Fr Brian McWilliams, Canon John Sloane, Canon John Walsh, Canon Cyril Shepherd and Fr Parick Cavanagh.

**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

## 22nd Sunday of Year A

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**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

**Parish Office:** Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from Monday, 24th August to Wednesday, 2nd September.

**Toddler's and Children's Liturgy:** Toddler's and Children's Liturgy will resume on Sunday, 6th September at the 9am and 11am Parish Masses. A big thank you to all of our catechists who make it possible for us to offer this.

**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, 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](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.

**The Padre Pio Prayer Group** will hold its next meeting on Monday 14th September at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. All welcome. Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783

**Our Parish Parent and Baby Group** will return on Thursday 3rd September. We welcome babies and toddlers up to age two and their parents and carers. 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!

**Let's Pray for Billericay:** On Monday, 14th September the churches of Billericay will be joining together in an exciting 2 month initiative to pray for our town under the banner: "Let's Pray for Billericay". The goal is to cover as much of Billericay as possible in prayer. To achieve this we will be using the Prayer Walk app which records the routes we cover and highlights them in colour so that we can see how much of Billericay has been prayer walked. Don't worry about walking the same road more than once – the colour will change on the map to indicate this. For those unable to use the app or walk the streets you can still pray for our town from wherever you are. You may wish to prayer walk with others from your church or perhaps join with those from another church. You can download the Prayer Walk app free from your app store by searching for "Prayer Walk app" or by following this link: <https://prayerwalk.app/> Once you've opened the app on the "Select a Prayer Walk" page click on Let's Pray for Billericay. You will then need to set up an account with a username and password. When you're ready to head out on a prayer walk click on Start Your Prayer Walk and you're ready to go. When you've finished just select the Stop and Review Route button. Please note that while you can download the Prayer Walk app now it won't be live until Monday, 14th September.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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)

**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!

**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. We ask all participants 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.

**Foreign Currency for 'Mary's Meals':** Please donate any unwanted currency or any UK notes and coins that are no longer legal tender to the Parish Office. 'Mary's Meals', is a charity which helps to provide nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. [www.marysmeals.org.uk](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk)