

MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	6.00pm	John Donovan RIP
TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR A)		
6th September	9.00 am	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	John, Moira & David Thompson RIP
MONDAY	9.15am	Jean Adshead RIP & Timothy McKenzie RIP
TUESDAY	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
	10.15am	Sean Hill RIP (Keane)
WEDNESDAY	9.15am	Ken Mills RIP (Anniv.) & Graham Lewis RIP
THURSDAY	9.15am	Phyllis & Tom McLay RIP
FRIDAY	<i>No Parish Mass</i>	
SATURDAY	6.00pm	Canon Patrick Sammon RIP (Anniv.)
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (YEAR A)		
13th September 2026	9.00 am	Keith Warren RIP (Anniv.)
	11.00 am	People of the Parish

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

No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in the church at 5pm this Sunday (6th September). If you would like to watch it via our livestream you can do so by following this link: <https://youtube.com/live/TUKLtGpn2H8?feature=share>

Saturday Confessions: Father Dan is available to hear Confessions this Saturday (5th September) from 11am to 12pm in the church.

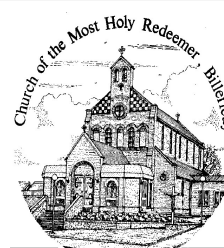
Hall Bookings The booking officer is Anna Sloper who can be contacted by e-mail canonrochehallbookings@gmail.com

Parish Family Life Co-ordinator Kristin De Freitas
Email: kristindefreitas@brcdt.org Mobile: 07492910138.

The Most Holy Redeemer Safeguarding Officer is Angela Sparke. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Angela at: safeguarding-billericay@brcdt.org

TWENTY THIRD SUNDAYS (YEAR A)

6th September 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 of Matthew contains five great speeches of Jesus, in which it appears that the evangelist has gathered together the teaching of Jesus on particular themes.

Chapter 18 of the gospel contains the 'community discourse', which deals with issues relevant to the daily life of the church. The question of correction of those who do wrong cannot be avoided. It is the responsibility of fellow-Christians to challenge and correct.

The prophet Ezekiel deals with a similar issue: the responsibility of the prophet to confront wickedness. In both cases there is a need to speak the truth in difficult circumstances. The gospel passage goes on to speak of the authority of the church to 'bind and loose', which is precisely the authority given to Peter earlier in his dialogue with Christ in chapter 16.

Peter must always speak for and with the church, for and with the community of those who follow Christ. Finally, Jesus tells us of His presence when even two or three gather in His name. We are encouraged to listen to others before making decisions about the life of the church. St Paul's words in the second reading are surely relevant here: 'Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour.' Love might be defined as acting for the real good of the other person. In dealing with sensitive issues in the life of the church love must always be the guide, but it is sometimes quite difficult to work out what love requires.

How can you know if and how to correct someone who has done wrong?

Can love of neighbour become an excuse for collusion?

Let us pray for wisdom and courage to confront difficult situations with both love and truth.

Let us pray for a deeper awareness of the presence of Christ when we gather in his name.

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 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/ebKKXtxQF80?feature=share>

9am 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:

<https://youtube.com/live/32fCXhO4pVM?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.

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

Patricia Christy RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Christy who died recently. May she rest in peace. Details of her funeral will follow.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Jim Perkins, Margaret Fuller, Ron Chitty, Violet Woodrow, Margaret Fleming, Ray Edwards, Annie Rogens, Jill Field, Martin Stokes and Marie Wheeler.

Clergy: Mgr Canon Michael Wilson, Fr Charles Johnson and Fr Conrad Smith.

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

23rd Sunday of Year A

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Brother	Wrong	Won
Listens	Pagan	Tax
Bind	Earth	Loose
Name	Father	Heaven
Two	Ask	Alone
Disciples	Refuses	Evidence
Treat	Meet	Granted

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.

Presentation of Parish Accounts At all of the Masses this weekend Peter Johnson, the Chairman of our Parish Finance Committee, will be presenting the parish accounts for the Financial Year 2025/2026. A summary of the accounts is included as a handout in this newsletter.

If you are a taxpayer, please consider joining the Parish Gift Aid scheme. By Gift Aiding your donations we are able to claim an extra 25p on each £1 you give at no extra cost to you. This raises thousands of pounds in additional income once the Gift Aid claim has been processed by HMRC.

All you need to do is to fill out a Gift Aid form which is available in the church porch or on our parish website and either return it to the Parish Office or give it to Father Dan.

Education Sunday This Sunday is Education Sunday and at the 11am Parish Mass we will be inviting the children who are starting at Reception to bring their backpacks with them to be blessed at the end of the Mass.

Prayer Ministry this weekend There will be an opportunity at the end of all of the Parish Masses this weekend to pray with fellow parishioners about anything that you would like to bring to the Lord.

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>.

Last chance to book Alpha! If you are still wondering if Alpha is for you, the answer is YES. Meeting Wednesday evenings from this week, 9th September, from 7.30-9pm for food, film and conversation. No question is too big or too small, just a chance to talk about your faith and learn about other people's faith. Alpha has been a springboard for so many people in their relationship with God, so maybe it is your time to enjoy the experience. To book, visit the Alpha section of the website on the link below or use the QR code <https://mostholyredeemer.org.uk/courses.php?page=alpha>



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

Most Holy Redeemer Sunday Choirs Now is the time to consider joining one of our Choirs, or indeed our loyal band of musicians. Rehearsals are held weekly with support for music reading and voice training in a relaxed and friendly environment. There are opportunities to sing away in the UK and indeed in Europe. Why not give it a go! Contact Kathy Underhill, Alison Connolly or the Parish Office for more details.

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>

Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda Appeal 12/13 September. This Charity provides a future, through education, for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, Founder and Trustee, will give a brief talk at all the Masses about their work. For further information please go to their website at <https://www.evcuganda.org/>

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!

Car in car park Could the owner of the silver Mercedes registration number: EK13 FGA please get in contact with the Parish Office.

BCCS Wine Tasting Join us for a special evening hosted by industry expert Joe Sagnella. A wide range of wines will be available to sample, with complimentary cheese and nibbles provided. Expand your palette, answer quiz questions and socialise - all in aid of BCCS. £25/person - Friday 18th September - 19:00 - Canon Roche Hall Scan to book or contact mdillane@bccs.org.uk or Ray 07789 885804



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.

Youth Hub 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.

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.

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!

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.

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