MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	**6.00pm**	Catherine Price RIP (Anniv.)
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)		
8th November 2026	**9.00 am**	Dead of the World Wars
	11.00 am	Ronald Lidlow RIP (Anniv.)
MONDAY	**THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERIN BASILICA**	
	9.15am	Leslie Heath RIP
TUESDAY	*11am Mass at Wickford Parish for Deceased Clergy of the Deanery*	
WEDNESDAY	**St Martin of Tours, Bishop**	
	9.15am	Ints of Padre Pio Prayer Group & Christopher Alfred Harris RIP
THURSDAY	**St Josaphat, Bishop & Martyr**	
	9.15am	Eileen Corking RIP
FRIDAY	*No Parish Mass*	
SATURDAY	**6.00pm**	People of the Parish
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR (A)		
15th November 2026	**9.00 am**	Roy Underhill RIP
	11.00 am	Joanne Hayes RIP

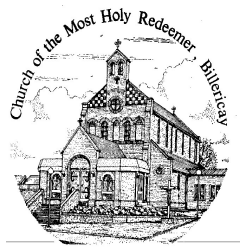
Weekday Masses: Weekday Masses this week are at 9.15am on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. There is no 10.15am Parish Mass on Tuesday because of the Mass for Deceased Clergy of the South Essex Deanery which is taking place at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place this Sunday (8th November) at 5pm in the church.
It is also available to watch via our livestream by following this link:
https://youtube.com/live/G-07ivizzQU?feature=share

Saturday Confessions: Please note that there are no Saturday Confessions this Saturday (7th November) and the following two Saturdays (14th and 21st November). Saturday Confessions will resume on Saturday, 28th November from 11am to 12pm. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available during the Sunday 5pm Holy Hour or by request.

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

The Most Holy Redeemer Safeguarding Officer is Angela Sparke. If you have any safeguarding concerns, please contact Angela at:
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As a parish community we are committed to
Growing Together in Faith & Love.

A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:
The parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, unique to the Gospel of Matthew, is one section of the fifth and final great speech of Jesus, which considers the end of the world and the gathering together of God's people. This final speech also contains the great drama of the judgement: 'Whenever you did this to the least of my brothers and sisters you did it to me.'

The parable of the ten bridesmaids is full of symbols. Jesus is described as the bridegroom repeatedly in the four gospels. Earlier in this gospel, in a reference to His passion and death, He spoke of himself as 'the bridegroom who will be taken away'. This image has its origins in the Jewish Scriptures, where the relationship of the people to God was compared to that of a bride to her husband.

The Church, the new people of God, is rightly described as the bride of Christ. It is the role of the bridesmaid to accompany and serve the bridegroom. We all take on this task from the time of our baptism. But will we be ready when the bridegroom appears?

The symbol of the lamp brings an even clearer allusion to Christian life and to the sacrament of baptism. We receive the light of Christ when we are baptised, and we are constantly challenged to keep the light burning brightly. This responsibility is reflected in the determination of the sensible bridesmaids not to let their lamps go out. The foolish bridesmaids, on the other hand, have allowed themselves to be distracted from what is really important in their lives.

Do I see my life as a preparation to meet the Lord?
Do I nourish my life with prayer and the sacraments?
We pray for those who have lost their way on the journey of life.
We ask for a deeper appreciation of the gifts the Lord bestows on 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 Link for this weekend's Mass is here:

6pm 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:
https://youtube.com/live/4H0Un1IHOAM?feature=share

9am 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A:
https://youtube.com/live/l8x_9d0EJvQ?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.

Michael Goodswen RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Goodswen. Michael's funeral arrangements are still to be confirmed. May he rest in peace.

Roisin Dean RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Roisin Dean. Roisin's funeral will take place on Thursday, 26th November at 11.00am. May she rest in peace.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Ernest Lazaro, Ethel Reason, Edward Chiappe, Eileen Corking, Roy Underhill, Marie Louise Hill, Amy Moore, Theresa Whitcombe, Len Reason, Christopher Harris, John McCrone, Betty Skinner, Leslie Heath, Helen Folland, Joanne Hayes and Patricia Clark.

Clergy: Fr William Philpot, Deacon Norman Wiseman, Canon Denis Petry and Fr Terence Howes.

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

32nd Sunday of Year A

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PARABLE	KINGDOM	HEAVEN
BRIDESMAID	LAMP	TEN
FOOLISH	FIVE	OIL
FLASKS	MIDNIGHT	ASLEEP
CRY	WEDDING	BUY
HALL	AWAKE	DOOR
DROWSY	HOUR	DAY

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.

Mass for Deceased Clergy of the South Essex Deanery: On Tuesday, 10th November the Mass for Deceased Clergy of the South Essex Deanery will take place at 11am at Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this Mass.
Please note that there will be no 10.15am Parish Mass here on that day.

CTB Prayer Walk Thanksgiving Service: 7.30pm on Friday, 20th November
On Friday, 20th November at 7.30pm, Churches Together Billericay is holding a Thanksgiving Service at the Most Holy Redeemer to thank God for all of those who have participated in the Billericay Prayer Walk App.
After the Service there will be refreshments served in the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre. All are welcome.

Monsignor William Nix RIP: Of your charity, please pray for the repose of the soul of Father Bill Nix who died during the week. Father Bill was Assistant Priest and then Parish Priest here at the Most Holy Redeemer as well as being the Dean of Brentwood Cathedral and Vicar General. May he rest in peace.

Memorial Mass for Deceased Parishioners: 7.30pm on Friday, 13th November
This is our annual Mass to remember all those parishioners who have died in the previous year. All are welcome to attend.

Blessing of Graves at Burstead Cemetery: 3pm on Sunday, 15th November On Sunday, 15th November at 3pm there will be the annual blessing of graves at Great Burstead Cemetery. If you would like to attend the blessing of graves we would ask you to gather in the cemetery for a short service and then make your way to the grave you wish to be blessed.

November Month of the Holy Souls: It has been a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church to pray for our dead during the month of November. If you have a loved one who has died who you would like to be remembered during the Masses in November, you will be able to take one of the November dead Envelopes which will be available in the church from the weekend of the 24th/25th October. Then write the name of the person you wish to be remembered on a piece of paper, place it in the envelope and place the envelope in the basket which will be in front of the altar. If you wish you can also put a donation in the envelope.

Confirmation Information Evening at 7pm on Sunday, 22nd November If you are in school Year 9 or above and you are interested in making your Confirmation in our parish next year, there will be an information evening taking place at 7pm on **Sunday, 22nd November** in the Pastoral Centre. You will be able to collect application forms and find out about the content of the course. Please note that all Confirmation candidates are expected to be attending Mass on a regular (ie weekly) basis in order to be prepared to receive the sacrament.

The Padre Pio Prayer Group will hold its next meeting on Monday 9th November at 10am in the lounge of the Pastoral Centre. All welcome. Ring Claire Wallis for details on 01277 658783

Primary School Applications: If you are applying for a Catholic Primary School, there are forms available at the end of all of the Parish Masses this weekend to make an appointment to see Father Dan. Please make a note of the time and the date of your appointment and please make sure that you bring your child's baptism certificate with you to the appointment.

Parish Christmas Fair Saturday, 28th November. The Grand Draw is now LIVE! Follow the QR code or link: *https://go.rallyup.com/mhr2026* to buy your tickets. The prize list is not final and as ever, we would be extremely grateful for donations of raffle prizes. In particular we are looking for donations of bottles, chocolate, luxury foods (suitable for Christmas hampers) and new toiletries. Please drop into the Parish Office. Thank you!

Save the date! 14th November 7pm, Autumn Musical Melody Night featuring a Fun Quiz, the fabulous Ladybirds singing group and a Raffle. Dress up for a fun night! Tickets £10, venue Canon Roche Hall, bring your own drinks and nibbles. Proceeds to the Most Holy Redeemer Youth Hub Contact Esther Wilkins for tickets *07702139120.*

Christmas Cards are now available in the Repository as well as Christmas gifts. The Repository will be open after all Masses in November and the cards will also be on sale at the Christmas Fair on the 28th November.

Christmas Concert Join the Parish musicians for a short concert of seasonal favourites. 5.00 pm on Sunday 29th November. In aid of the Youth Hub. Put the date in your diary now!!

Reading the Bible Through Advent & Christmas Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has just published Reading the Bible through Advent and Christmas. This new book includes commentary on all the Scripture readings for Mass throughout these two seasons. Full information about the book can be found on the homepage of the website *www.whatgoodnews.org*

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School, Hutton Reception 2027 Parent Tours Prospective parents are warmly invited to visit and see the school in action, and find out more about Reception 2027. Tuesday, 10th November 9.15am, Wednesday 18th and Monday, 23rd November 2.00pm Please call the school office on 01277 227 282 to book a place.

Sacred Heart of Mary 6th Form Open Evening Join us at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls' School 6th Form Open Evening on Thursday, 12 November 2026, from 6–8pm. Discover the exciting opportunities available, explore our courses and facilities, and find out what makes our Sixth Form a fantastic place to learn, grow and plan for the future. We look forward to welcoming prospective students and their families! *https://www.sacredheartofmary.net/*

St Joseph the Worker Catholic Primary School are seeking a Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator for January 2027. Scale: depending on experience, Contract: Part-Time (2 days) and Permanent, Applications Close: Wednesday 18th November 2026 at 12pm, Interviews: Thursday 26th November 2026. Details can be found on our school website: *https://www.st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk/recruitment-1* Please email the school office *admin@st-josephworker.essex.sch.uk* or call 01277 227282 for more information or to arrange a visit**.**

Toddlers and Children's Liturgy Toddlers and Children's Liturgy is taking place at the 9am and 11am Masses this Sunday. A big thank you to all of our catechists who enable us to run this service. If you are interested in joining the team, please speak to Father Dan or email the Parish Office at *billericay@brcdt.org*

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.

Gift Aid Gift Aid forms are available at the side entrance and in the church porch. These forms need to be completed and returned to Father Dan or to the Parish Office. If you are a taxpayer, please think seriously about joining our Gift Aid scheme because by gift-aiding your donations it means that we are able to claim an additional £2.50 for every £10 that you give to the parish at no extra cost to you. If you would like more information about the benefits of Gift Aiding your donations, please visit the Gift Aid section on the parish website: *https://www.mostholyredeemer.org.uk/giftaid.php*

170th Anniversary Year History of St Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, Romford. This new booklet is full of facts and insights about one of the oldest parish churches in the Diocese. The cost is £7 including postage. If you would like a copy please email *romford@brcdt.org*

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!