MASS TIMES AND INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	**6.00pm**	People of the Parish
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)		
29th November 2026	**9.00 am**	David Thomas RIP & Roy Fisher RIP
	11.00 am	Colyne & Alan Boyce RIP
MONDAY	**ST ANDREW, Apostle, Patron of Scotland**	
	9.15am	Ints of John & Kitty Sheridan John Codling RIP
	11.30am	Mary Orchard *(Funeral Service)*
TUESDAY	**10.15am**	Jean Cuthbert RIP
WEDNESDAY	**9.15am**	Dermot Bland RIP
THURSDAY	**St Francis Xavier, Priest**	
	9.15am	Mary Ann Ellul RIP
FRIDAY	**1.00pm**	Jonathan Davies *(Requiem Mass)*
SATURDAY	**6.00pm**	Tim & Alan Griffiths RIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (B)		
6th December 2026	**9.00 am**	People of the Parish
	11.00 am	Melville 'Jim' Burrows RIP

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

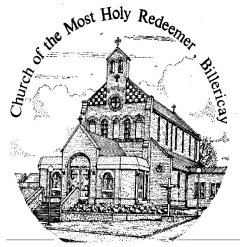
No Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Please note that there is no Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday (29th November). Exposition will resume on Sunday, 6th December.

Saturday Confessions: Confessions will take place this Saturday (28th November) between 11am and midday.

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*



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As a parish community we are committed to
Growing Together in Faith & Love.

A message from Fr Adrian Graffy:

The season of Advent begins, and with it we begin to read from the Gospel of Mark. We do not begin at the beginning. The opening verses of the first chapter will be heard next week, and will introduce us to the figure of John the Baptist. Today's reading is from the speech of Jesus about waiting for the return of the Lord. This is the most prominent theme in the first weeks of Advent.

With the coming of the Lord we are forced to wait. This is just as well, for we need to grow in maturity and generosity, in wisdom and love, in order to be ready for our encounter with the one who is wisdom and love made flesh. Jesus speaks about the future and the end of time in chapter 13 of the Gospel of Mark. This is a gospel with limited accounts of the actual teaching of Jesus.

In this chapter Jesus speaks of the trials which people will have to face, and especially of the need for steadfastness among Christians. But the coming of the Lord, to gather together His people from the ends of the earth, is nevertheless assured. The verses we hear today repeatedly encourage us to be watchful for the Lord's coming. Our reading from the opening verses of St Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians strikes a similar tone. Paul speaks of 'the last day', 'the day of our Lord Jesus Christ'. He assures the Christians of Corinth that they are already united with Jesus and can therefore rely on the fidelity of God. The reading from the last chapters of the book of Isaiah expresses a deep yearning for the coming of the Lord. 'O that you would rend the heavens and come down!' The people have experienced exile and the return to their own land is beset with difficulties.

Trust in God's goodness is expressed by the image of the potter and his clay: 'we are the clay and you are our potter, we are all the work of your hand'.
What do the words 'stay awake' mean in my life?
Let us welcome this liturgical time of waiting which will teach us how to wait for the Lord.
Let us welcome the good news again as we begin to read from the Gospel of Mark.

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 First Sunday of Advent Year B:
https://youtube.com/live/qHVQnrz9zwk?feature=share

9am First Sunday of Advent Year B:
https://youtube.com/live/PdyyOYZ-7bk?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.

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!

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

Mary Orchard RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary 'Mollie' Orchard. Mollie's Funeral Service will take place at 11.30am on Monday, 30th November. May she rest in peace.

Jonathan Davies RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jonathan Davies. Jonathan's Requiem Mass will take place at 1pm on Friday, 4th December. If you are not able to attend in person the Mass will also be livestreamed by following this link: *https://youtube.com/live/dPfbG89aJN4?feature=share*

Michael Goodswen RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Goodswen. Mike's Requiem Mass will take place at 10am on Monday, 7th December. May he rest in peace.

Patricia Porter RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patricia Porter. Patricia's Funeral Service will take place at 12pm on Monday, 14th December. May she rest in peace.

Robert Butler RIP: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Butler. Robert's Requiem mass will take place at 11am on Tuesday, 15th December. May he rest in peace.

WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & PARISHIONERS:

ANNIVERSARIES Bina Southgate, Debbie Williams, Maureen Keating, Maisie Shotton, George Deverill, Tim Griffiths, Jim Kennedy, Sheila Hill and Betty Delaney.

Clergy: Fr Francis Branney, Fr Bartholomew (Bart) Lynch and Fr James (Pat) Hannon.

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*

KIDS' CORNER

First Sunday of Advent

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Jesus	Guard	Awake
Time	Travelling	Man
Home	Left	Servants
Tasks	Master	Evening
Midnight	Cockcrow	Dawn
Find	Asleep	Told
Stray	Abroad	Say

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.

Advent and Christmas Leaflet: At all of the Masses this weekend we will be distributing Advent and Christmas Leaflets listing all of the different events and activities that are taking place in our parish over the next month.

Faith in Action Advent Concert: This Sunday (29th November) We warmly invite you to join our young people, Faith in Action, and our Parish Singers and Musicians for a short presentation on the 29th November, the First Sunday of Advent, at 5.00 pm in the Church. There will be reflections and music to support the start of our journey at this special time.

Keen Catholic: If you are considering how to deepen your faith during Advent, you may want to think about exploring Keen Catholic. This is an online resource consisting of two parts: a Faith Map which is free and a Faith Plan which goes deeper and makes suggestions about next steps in your faith journey. To access Keen Catholic please visit their website: *https://www.keencatholic.com/*

Live-stream link for Bishop Timothy's Installation on 3rd December at Brentwood Cathedral is *https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/bishop-timothy* The link will go live at 11.30am.

BCCS will be selling Annual Draw tickets after all Masses next weekend. Every ticket helps support local families and children's mental health services in schools across our Diocese. A card reader will be available for those wishing to pay by card.

Training for Welcomers in Fire Safety: 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8th December All Welcomers are encouraged to attend a training session on Fire Safety led by Fr Dan and our Parish Health and Safety Co-ordinator. The training will take place in the upstairs part of the Pastoral Centre at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 8th December.

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.

PATS: Prayer & Training Sundays is a new initiative from one of our parishioners Sean Harding. The idea is to meet at 8.45am outside the church, go to 9am Mass together and then go on for a training session at Agila Gym. If you would like more information visit the PATS Instagram page *https://www.instagram.com/pat.sundays?srtk=Mnd2Z21jbDR5Yjl1*

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

The Inauguration of Advent Sunday 29th November at 4pm celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams, SM at Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. This is always a beautiful Service to begin the Advent Season, with lessons and Advent Carols, and other beautiful music. All are welcome.

Invitation to a Mass of Thanksgiving - Bishop Timothy Menezes All parishioners from across the diocese are warmly invited to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving to be Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes following his appointment as Bishop of the Diocese of Brentwood. Join us as we gather in prayer and thanksgiving to welcome our new Bishop and seek God's blessing upon his ministry. All are welcome. Masses will be celebrated in three locations: Tuesday 8th Dec: 11:00 a.m – *Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen*, Ingrave Road, Brentwood CM15 8AT. Tuesday 8th Dec: 7:30 p.m – *St Antony of Padua Church*, St Antony's Road, Forest Gate, London E7 9QB. Wed 9th Dec: 7:00 p.m - *St James the Less and St Helen Church*, Priory Street, Colchester CO1 2QB

Chapter of Canons Mass will take place in the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood on Monday, 14th December at 10.30am Celebrated by Bishop Timothy Menezes. All are very welcome to attend. In the New Year there will be an opportunity for each deanery to welcome Bishop Timothy.

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.

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*

Missio Red Box Donations Thank You for your Red Box autumn donations which totalled over £600.00. Your prayers and support will help missionaries work alongside communities in need worldwide, regardless of background or belief. Missio 2027 Calendars are available to take after all masses this weekend

A Message from Mary's Meals Thank you so much for the recent foreign currency collection at Most Holy Redeemer, an incredible £472.35 was raised, enough to feed 24 children for an entire year. Please pass my thanks on to the whole parish for this wonderful gift.

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.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service The BCYS offers retreats, events and pilgrimages for young people throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. If you'd like to get involved, you can find out more at *www.bcys.net* or follow *@BrentwoodCYS* on social media.

Prison Ministry Fellowship at HMP Chelmsford is asking for your support for this year's Angel Tree Christmas fundraiser. Donations will help cover the cost and postage of a small Christmas gift for each child with a parent spending Christmas in prison this December. All financial contributions will go towards purchasing and posting these gifts. Please donate to HSBC, account name: Prison Fellowship, sort code: 40-17-08, account number: 81290665, using the reference Chelmsford AT (CHE). The Ministry cannot accept cash. Thank you.
https://prisonfellowship.org.uk/our-work/angel-tree/

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*

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

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!

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.

Sunflower Club Would you enjoy meeting new friends and taking part in a variety of different activities? If so come and join us. The Sunflowers meet on the first Thursday of every month in the lounge at 2pm, to socialise and discuss a range of possible new activities. Joins us for a cup of tea, or coffee and bring a friend. For more information contact Jenny on 07932 821858.