



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS



Saturday 13TH July 2024 – Feria

9.00am Mass and Rosary
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Dennis Sweeney RIP
Christopher William Cullinan Anniversary

Sunday 14TH July 2024 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) (Sea Sunday)

9.00am Mass
11.00am Mass
5.00pm Holy Hour

Vera Tolman RIP

Tuesday 16TH July 2024 – Feria

7.00pm Novena to Anthony of Padua

Wednesday 17TH July 2024 – Feria

9.00am Mass and Rosary
10am until 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Emily Begg RIP

Thursday 18TH July 2024 – Feria

9.00am Mass and Rosary
10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Philomena Payne RIP

Friday 19TH July 2024 – Feria

9.00am Mass and Rosary
10am until 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tommy Barrett RIP

Saturday 20TH July 2024 – Feria

9.00am Mass and Rosary
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 21ST June 2024 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

9.00am Mass
11.00am Mass
5.00pm Holy Hour

Jonathan Hernandez in Thanksgiving
Maria Rhoda & Barry Intentions



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Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 14th July 2024

The prophet Amos had been a caretaker of sheep and sycamore trees. God plucked him out of Judah and sent him north to Israel. When Amos prophesies judgement against the king and people of Israel for their rebellion against God, the priest Amaziah wants Amos sent back to his homeland, Judah.

The psalmist eagerly waits for the proclamation of a different message – one of peace and salvation, where kindness meets truth, where justice and peace embrace. As a whole, Psalm 85 is a prayer for forgiveness and restoraton (“Restore us once more, God our saviour,” verse 5).

The psalmist is confident in God’s steadfast love for Israel (“Near indeed is his salvation for those who fear him”, verse 10).

In the Letter to the Ephesians today, the word glory is prominent. Paul repeats the phrase “for the praise of his (God’s) glory” three times with slight variation (“for the praise of the glory of his grace” and “to the praise of his glory”). The apostle Paul proclaims the mystery of God’s will, decided before the foundation of the world, to sum up all things in Christ. The forgiveness promised to Israel in the responsorial psalm is offered to all who believed the Gospel and were thereby adopted into God’s household.

The Gospel shows us the Twelve proclaiming the Gospel first to God’s people Israel, that all might repent and participate in God’s salvation through Christ. The disciples are given authority to drive out demons and power to heal bodily sicknesses, showing the wide reach of God’s saving power against evil and death, sin and sickness, all to the praise of the glory of God’s grace.

From out of our daily life, God calls and sends us forth as prophets to speak his word of repentance, to rid the streets of our neighbourhoods from evil, and to heal the sick. The proclamation of redemption in Christ never grows old. We take little with us. We found our hope in God and following Jesus; when others refuse welcome, we continue on. Let us this day once again receive nourishment from the Mass & our participation in Word & Sacrament.



PARISH NEWS

Supply Priests whilst Fr. Britto is Away

Many Thanks to Fr. Gerald for celebrating the masses for us this weekend. Next week on Tuesday the 16th of July we will not be having a 7:30pm Mass.

As for Wednesday the 17th to Friday the 19th, morning mass will commence at 9:00am and Fr. Joseph Mukatt will be saying our masses.

RIP – Philomena Payne

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Philomena Payne, she was a Parishioner here at Our Lady of Good Counsel.

A Funeral Service will be held on **Monday the 22nd of July at 11:00am** followed by the burial at **12:00pm** at Wickford Cemetery.

There will also be a wake after the Funeral Service in Our Lady's Hall.

Our prayers and condolences go out to Philomena and the family at this very sad time.

May her Soul rest in eternal peace.

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Erin and Finlay are travelling to Lourdes on the 20th of July 2024 as part of the Diocesan pilgrimage and the BCYS.

If anyone would like prayer intentions taken to the grotto, please put these in an envelope and either take to the parish office or post through the presbytery door and these will be collected and taken to Lourdes. Please keep as in your prayers and rest assured that we will be praying for our parish family.

Second Collection

Collections made this weekend will be going towards Stella Maris.

Thank you for your generous donations.

Italian Procession

Will take place on **Sunday the 21st of July**; please contact Jane Richards for more information on 07908 573488 or jane.richards1966@gmail.com if you wish too.

New Lectionary 2024

For Advent of 2024, we will be using new Lectionary for our masses totalling a cost of **£1,369.95**; if anyone wishes to contribute towards the

expense of this, please fill out the sheet placed in the church porch with your name and the amount you wish to contribute.

If you wish to pay by cheque – kindly make cheque payable to **Catholic Church Wickford**.

Thank you to everyone who has already made a contribution!

Repository – Red Candles

The repository respectfully requests that all red candles in the chapel are paid for before they are used/taken. The large nine-day Novena candles are £5 each, and the small sixty-hour devotional candles are £3 each. Please place your monies in the box attached to the candle holder in the chapel. Thank you.

Gateway Project- Wickford Foodbank

There are about 200 registered recipients! with 35-42 coming for help each week. We need: pasta, rice, tea, coffee, baked beans, soup, tinned fish, meat, tomatoes, fruit, rice, custard, jam, pasta sauce and cereals to maintain our supplies.

Thank you for your generosity - your donations are gratefully received.

If anyone would like to join our church volunteers, please contact Liz Lee (01268767720) or any of the team.

Sick Friends and Relatives - Please pray for Jonathan Fabri, Jayne & Danny Balaam, Beniamina Bilewycz, Arthur Brittain, Mary Caruana, Theresa Eldred, Patricia Gammell, Johnny Gee, Celine Guckian, Sharon Guckian, Gabrielle & Ralphie Langridge, Margaret Livesey, John Maguire, Bridget Mahoney, Carmella Micella, Elizabeth Mooney, Cecile Narbeth, Olivia Nazareth, Margaret O'Doherty, Joy Orrock, Carmelo Piazza, Maureen Price, Conchita Prime, Carol Rushbrook, John Sheridan, Gerry Smyth, Maria Weedon, Elizabeth Arnold, Jane Williams, Gomez, Patricia McEvoy, Maureen Sullivan, Susan Freeman, Jane Davenport, Nathalie Ah-key, Amparo Thorogood, George O'Boyle, Pat McEvoy, Ann Parkinson, Valerie Robinson, Nelly Prada, Michael Fitzgerald, May and Chris Carey, Doreen Green, Conrad Gomes, Peter Turner, Sr. Sior Cosgrave Una, Clairin Molloy, Celine Wells, Patricia Graves and Keith Bottjer, Robert Turner, Patricia Price, George Ross, Paul Grayston, Frank Daniels, Geoff Ebdon.

<p>Anniversaries We pray for Fr. John Watson, Reginald Turpin, Mary Catterian, Socorro Rambarran, Gary White, Clargill Simms, Joseph Alexander, Catherine Voyce, Catherine Tilley, Canon Daniel Harnett, Jim White, Joseph Tolton, Angelina Fernandes, Fr. Christopher Mahev, Patricia Tupin, Alice Bazil, Harold English, Jack Whalley, Charles Hurley, Rose Edith Kudirka, Ellen Witjens, Fr. Edmund Dobson, Ivy Alice Green, Geraldine Ridley, Celia Muford, Claudius John Deacon.</p>
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DIOCESAN NEWS

1. Events:

Lourdes Pilgrimage

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (**Friday 19 – Friday 26 July**). To book, please go online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](https://www.brentwoodlourdes.com) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: kathrynyoung@mail.com

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE – Last week of July 2024 (exact dates TBC)

Bookings are now open online for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes in July.

Serve the main Diocesan pilgrimage, assist the elderly and infirm, with times of retreat, reconciliation, visit the baths, take part in the beautiful Processions, as well as an afternoon in the mountains, party and social nights - all with other young Catholics from around our Diocese.

The pilgrimage is open to all those in school year 10 – 13, with all those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders (subject to attending a training weekend). All details and applications can be found on the website www.bcys.net/events/sl24

40yrs of Walsingham House Teams

2024 marks 40 years of retreat teams at Walsingham House. There will be a celebration Mass with Bishop Alan on **Saturday 31st August 2024** at Walsingham House at Abbots wick. Please save the date as it would be wonderful to see Walsingham House and BCYS alumni and friends gather to mark this milestone. More information to follow in the new year.

A Day with Mary pilgrimage to Fatima & Italy

A Day with Mary 2024 Pilgrimages to Fatima (7-14 June) and Italy (4-12 September).

For more information, email: adwmary.uk@gmail.com, web: www.adaywithmary.org or phone +(0)20 8641 6418.

Booking forms are available at any DWN venue.

“Adoremus” Festival at Oscott College, Birmingham on Saturday, 14th September

On Saturday, 14th September at Oscott College in Birmingham, the “Adoremus” National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage is taking place with representatives from dioceses across England and Wales.

Our diocese has been allocated 43 places. If you would like to attend please contact the Diocesan Co-ordinator, Father Dan Mason at frdanmason@brcdt.org

There will be a coach leaving for the Congress from Brentwood Cathedral at 8am on the day. There is no charge for the coach or attending the Congress but you will need to bring a packed lunch. Parishes are also encouraged to arrange a time for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament either on the 14th or 15th September. More information about this will be sent out to parishes in the coming months.

Called and Gifted Teaching Day at the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay: Saturday, 14th September

On Saturday, 14th September from 9am to 4.15pm at the Most Holy Redeemer Church in Billericay we will be running a “Called and Gifted” teaching day.

“Called and Gifted” is a discernment process developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute which enables everyone to understand the gifts and the charisms that God has given to them so that they are able to share these gifts with others. Those who have taken part in the Called and Gifted process have found that their faith has deepened and that they have been able to discover new ways of serving God in their parish and the wider community.

As well as the teaching day, participants are invited to complete an online “Gifts Inventory” prior to the day, as well as having a 1-1 Zoom session with a member of the Called and Gifted team.

The total cost of the process including the Teaching Day is £120 which includes online access to the Gifts Inventory as well as a Resource book which will be given out during the Teaching Day.

In order to secure your booking please register your interest before Thursday, 1st August by emailing the Billericay Parish Office at billericay@brcdt.org.

If you would like more information about Called & Gifted please visit their website: <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>

FLAME 2025 “Unstoppable” – Fan the Flame of Hope

Although it may feel like months away, we are excited to be preparing for Flame in March 2025, following on from the incredible experience that 1000 young people from the Brentwood Diocese had at the event earlier this year.

Once again, the BCYS will purchase a block of early bird tickets on behalf of the Diocese, to enable us to allocate seats together, in a very desirable area as close to the front as possible.

These early bird tickets are £29 each, a saving of £5 per ticket on the full price of £34, and will be purchased in January, which is why we are asking for your ticket requests now!

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood

is inviting you to take part in several activities during Lent. We have a photo challenge for all ages, Stations of the Cross for teenagers, a Giving Calendar to help collections for local foodbanks, suggestions on how to raise awareness for the homeless within Essex and East London and some great resources from charities such as SVP and CAFOD. All information and resources can be found at

www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent or by emailing sianthomas@brcdt.org.

Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre – St Patrick’s Way Pilgrimage 2025

The Community is organising a pilgrimage on 22-27 April 2025. We will be journeying along the newly-established St Patrick’s Way in the North of Ireland. The pilgrimage is open to all faiths and none and is aimed at being accessible to everyone - walkers and non-walkers.

If you are interested in joining us, please find further details and booking form on our website <https://canonesses.co.uk/pilgrimage-st-patricks-way-april-2025/> or email projects@canonesses.co.uk. Closing date: 10 May 2024.

2. Programme:

LECTIONARY READINGS FOR LENT

Commentary on every Scripture reading from Ash Wednesday to Good Friday by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, is available free of charge on www.whatgoodnews.org Click on ‘Scripture Readings’ and ‘Lent Readings’. The commentaries are also available in book form from Darton, Longman and Todd www.dartonlongmantodd.co.uk

Apprenticeships at Walsingham House

Walsingham House are offering a two-year apprenticeship course in Youth Ministry and Chaplaincy (Yr13 school leavers). Participants will live and work at Walsingham House, running retreats for young people across the diocese whilst studying with St Mary’s University, Twickenham. For more information please email clairebailey@brcdt.org or visit the website www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/

Bishop’s Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry

is an online course is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation (First Holy Communion and/or Confirmation) or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. For more information or to register your interest please email clairebailey@brcdt.org or see the website <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/>

BCCS FREE SELF-HARM WORKSHOP FOR FAMILIES

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society (BCCS) is aiming to deliver free Self-Harm support groups to both parents/carers and their teenagers should they wish to attend. The workshops will be held on a Wednesday evening for four consecutive weeks at their premises at 133 High Street, Billericay between 6.30 and 8pm. The parents’ group will run alongside a separate group for the young people and will be an opportunity to think about how self-harm is affecting you, your child, and your family. The young people will attend a separate group session with a BCCS Child and Adolescent Therapist. Parents will come together with their teenager at the end where they will be supported to communicate, reflect, and connect. Parents are welcome to attend without their child or young person if that is a more comfortable option. To book your space, please contact Catherine Munns asap; places are likely to fill quickly: cmunns@bccs.org.uk (A Flyer of the event is displayed on the Church Notice board).

'BISHOP ALAN LISTENS' RESEARCH REPORT

Understanding why Catholics in the Diocese of Brentwood no longer come to Church.

Last summer Bishop Alan invited Catholics who no longer regularly come to Church to get in touch so that he could seriously listen to their stories and experiences and begin to understand why so many Catholics no longer feel as though they belong in the Church.

This report presents a moving and challenging insight into how our Church and the covid-19 pandemic have contributed to a movement away from a regular practice of faith for many Catholics and offers our Church a rich repository of wisdom that might enhance and inform our ongoing journey of renewal in the diocese.

Thank you to all those who so generously and thoughtfully participated in this research. Please share this link/report with those whom you know have participated in this research. Go to the home page of <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/> to see the responses of hundreds of Catholics across our diocese and hear what Bishop Alan heard.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND THE ELECTION

An edited recording of the talks given recently at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, by Raymond Friel, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, is now available to view. Simply go to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org and click on the link.

3. Appeals:

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood

In the Gospel narratives, we hear of the family displaced from their home, finding solace in a humble stable, cradling their newborn amidst the simplicity of their surroundings. This Holy Family, vulnerable yet resilient, resonates profoundly, urging us to reach out to those facing hardships during this Advent season. It prompts us to remember that amidst the festivities, there are individuals and families across Essex and East London experiencing great difficulties, requiring our support, kindness, and care. Numerous charitable organisations persist in their efforts to aid the most vulnerable in our communities, and they rely on our collective support. Please visit the Caritas website to access links to the many charities in need of generosity and volunteers.

[Caritas Diocese of Brentwood \(caritasbrentwood.org\)](http://Caritas Diocese of Brentwood (caritasbrentwood.org))

CAFOD Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal

Donate to CAFOD's Israeli-Palestinian Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/ipc or call 0303 303 3030 to support those affected and get funds to local trusted experts in Gaza and southern Israel who have been working alongside communities helping those most in need. Your donation will help support aid workers providing urgent humanitarian aid including food, water, and emergency shelter to those in need. Thank you for your prayers.

4. Job adverts:

St Vincent de Paul Society - Work Experience

The St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from **7th- 13th July** in London. Candidates must be aged between 20-30 years old and have a passion for social justice.

Campion School – High Level Teaching Assistant

Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA)

Hours: up to 32 hours per week/ 39 weeks per year

Grade: APTC 5 Points 12 - 15

Actual Salary: £23,141 - £24,922 (based on 32 hours per week) p.a pro rata

Contract: Permanent

Start: September 2024

Please apply online via Jobs Go Public (Higher Level Teaching Assistant / Hornchurch) or via our website under - About Us – Work for the Campion School. Please contact hfielder@thecampionschool.org.uk if you require further information.

Application forms need to be completed by Monday 8th July at 12pm.

Interviews will be held that week.

Cleaner- The Most Holy Redeemer- Billericay

We are recruiting for a Cleaner to clean the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre. The successful candidate will begin work from the **1st of September 2024**. This role would suit someone who has previous experience working in a similar environment who can be flexible and sensitive to the needs of a wide range of site users.

If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please first contact Most Holy Redeemer Parish Office on 01277 624891 for a copy of the job description and person specification or email office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk.

You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role as per the job description and person specification.

Hours- 10 hours per week

Start Date- 1st September 2024

Salary- £12:00 per hour

Closing date for CVs/applications is 19th July 2024.

DBS checks and references will be required

Caretaker – Epping

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Caretaker at The Immaculate Conception, Epping.

The post will be part-time (around four hours per week – with a flexible working agreement to be agreed which includes weekends and being on site on a Tuesday).

This is a one-year fixed-term contract that may be extended or made permanent.

The start date for the role is October and the salary is negotiable depending on skills and experience

Full job description: Caretaker Epping – 2024

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply please send your CV and cover letter by email to epping@brcdt.org

The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre

are recruiting a couple/two adults to support the nine elderly sisters who live in the main house. The role is residential in a two-bedroom bungalow, adjacent to the main home in Colchester. Precise role, and salary are dependent on the skills of the successful applicants.

For further information please contact: crssuk@canonesses.co.uk

Supply Teachers - Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School

We are also looking to build a team of Supply Teachers

Please Contact Mr Parascandolo via info@olorcps.net for further details.

Vacancies for Foundation Governors

have arisen at several Catholic schools across the Diocese and expressions of interests are being sought from practising committed Catholics for the ministry.

The term of office is for four years from the date of appointment.

Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community.

Our schools would benefit from people with a range of skills and experiences including Finance, Education, Special Needs, Legal and Administration.

Anyone interested in the role and mission of Foundation Governor should not be put off by a lack of experience. Appropriate training is available during the period of service.

If you are interested in becoming Foundation Governor please email your expression of interest to governanceappointments@brcdt.org or call: 01277 265216.



This week's Article:

Pope calls for renewed commitment to pray and work for peace

At the conclusion of his Sunday visit to the northeastern Italian city of Trieste, Pope Francis calls for prayers and efforts for world peace, remembering in particular Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Sudan, and Myanmar, all those worldwide suffering due to war.

By Thaddeus Jones

At the conclusion of Sunday's Mass in Trieste, Pope Francis asked everyone to renew their commitment to pray and work for world peace.

The Pope's words came just before leading the recitation of the Angelus prayer during his Sunday visit to the northeastern Italian city.

“From this city, let us renew our commitment to pray and work for peace: for martyred Ukraine, for Palestine and Israel, for Sudan, Myanmar and every people that suffers because of war. And let us invoke the Virgin Mary, venerated on Monte Grisa as Mother and Queen.”

Pope Francis also thanked his hosts and all those gathered for the Sunday celebrations for their warm welcome, beautiful events, and prayerful accompaniment.

He assured them of his prayers, recalling the many sick, imprisoned and migrants he had met earlier, recalling their struggles and hopes.

The Pope paid tribute to Bishop Enrico Trevisi of Trieste, who mentioned by name the sick he has assisted most recently and how remembering and knowing the names of those whom we serve underscores their human dignity.



07/07/2024

Pope in Trieste: Catholics called to heal ‘wounded heart’ of democracy

The Pope thanked the people of Trieste for the welcome they have given to so many people fleeing from wars and poverty in other countries.

He said the city has a special vocation in bringing diverse people together, especially since it is a main port and crossroads between Italy, central Europe and the Balkans.

He acknowledged the challenges posed by this role that require openness, stability, acceptance, and respect for people's identities.

But he encouraged everyone to persevere in this path in light of the Gospel that gives meaning and hope to believers, and in respect of the nation's Constitution, which offers a "reliable 'compass' for the path of democracy."

“And so, keep going! Without fear, open and steadfast in human and Christian values, welcoming but without compromises on human dignity.”

