



# MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS



## Saturday 06<sup>TH</sup> July 2024 – Feria

9.00am Mass and Rosary  
 6.00pm Vigil Mass Arnaldo Bartoli Birthday Intentions

## Sunday 07<sup>TH</sup> June 2024 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

9.00am Mass  
 11.00am Mass Maria Gavin Thanksgiving  
 5.00pm Holy Hour

## Tuesday 09<sup>TH</sup> July 2024 – Feria

7.00pm Novena to Anthony of Padua

## Wednesday 10<sup>TH</sup> July 2024 – Feria

9.00am Mass and Rosary Zenaida Zorilla Romero RIP  
 10am until 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 5.00pm Vigil Service – Tommy Barret

## Thursday 11<sup>TH</sup> July 2024 – ST BENEDICT, Ab

11:30am Requiem Mass - Tommy Barret  
 1pm until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

## Friday 12<sup>TH</sup> July 2024 – Feria

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

## Saturday 13<sup>TH</sup> July 2024 – Feria

9.00am Mass and Rosary  
 6.00pm Vigil Mass Christopher William Cullinan Anniversary

## Sunday 14<sup>TH</sup> June 2024 – FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) (Sea Sunday)

9.00am Mass Dennis Sweeney RIP  
 11.00am Mass Vera Tolman RIP  
 5.00pm Holy Hour



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## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 07<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Paul explains that he was given a thorn in the flesh so that he “might not become too elated” over the abundance of his visions and divine revelations. The phrase “become elated” could also be “become conceited” or “start lording it over others”. Christ specifically condemns lording any merit over others, urging his followers instead to become servants to one another (see Mt 20:25-28; Lk 22:24-27). Paul perceives that, paradoxically, his weaknesses allow the power of Christ to dwell in him and work through him.

The gospel offers more thoughts on power, in a different key. The people of Jesus’ hometown struggle to believe that the carpenter’s son, who grew up as a normal boy in their midst, whose family was well known to them, can speak with such wisdom and perform such wonderful deeds. Because of their lack of faith, Jesus is not able to do many powerful acts among them. He can only heal a few sick people who must have overcome their skepticism to trust their former neighbors. These acts portray power working not so much through weakness as through the familiar and the mundane (a small town carpenter) and point to the counterintuitive way that power works in the kingdom.

Like the people of Nazareth, the people of Israel in Ezekiel’s day were offered the chance to turn away from God’s offer of salvation or to be forgiven and healed. The prophet Ezekiel, having caught a glimpse of God’s glory, has fallen flat on his face. The spirit lifts him to his feet to receive his message for Israel: they are hard-hearted rebels, but they still have the chance to heed God’s words rather than to resist – to turn and be healed – if only they will call on God to have pity on them, as in the responsorial psalm.

We may sometimes feel the journey of faith is just too hard. Live prophetically. Live justly. Call out people who might rebel against you. Jesus knew that people did not accept prophets in their hometowns. But the message of God’s mercy for those, including we who need to turn from sin needs to be spoken and heard. Let us keep proclaiming God’s mercy & rejoice as we celebrate it in the Eucharist.



## PARISH NEWS

### Fr. Britto – Emergency Travel to India

Dear all, Fr. Britto has left for India on **Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup>** due to a family emergency - please keep him and his family in your prayers. He shall return on **Wednesday the 07<sup>th</sup> of August**.

### Supply Priests whilst Fr. Britto is Away

Next week on Tuesday the 09<sup>th</sup> of July we will not be having a 7:30pm Mass. As for Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> and Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup>, morning mass will commence at 9:00am and Fr. Joseph Mukatt will be saying our masses.

As for the weekend, Fr. Gerald will be celebrating our masses.

### RIP – Tommy Barret Funeral Details

It is with great sadness that we report the sudden death of Tommy Barrett. Tommy, his wife Philomena and their family are parishioners here at our parish of Our Lady of Good Counsel.

A Service will be held on **Wednesday the 10<sup>th</sup> of July at 5:00pm** where his body will be received into the Church and a Funeral Service shall take place the following day on **Thursday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July at 11:30am**.

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

**Eternal rest grant to Tommy, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.**

### Eucharistic Ministers Training Session

The second talk for Eucharistic Ministers takes place on **Monday the 08<sup>th</sup> of July** in the back hall at 7:00pm.

### Italian Procession

Will take place on **Sunday the 21<sup>st</sup> of July**; please contact Jane Richards for more information on 07908 573488 or [jane.richards1966@gmail.com](mailto:jane.richards1966@gmail.com) if you wish too.

### BCCS Ladies Lunch

A big thank you to all those ladies who attended the recent BCCS Ladies Lunch.

Through your generosity the event raised **£1600 for BCCS**.

Your continued support is much appreciated, and we look forward to seeing you at the next event.

### 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.

**Anniversaries** We pray for Doris Brothers, Paulina Karminska, Lucy Parry Smith, Fr. Peter Brady, Patricia Harris, Joyce Toh, Canon Francis Gilbert, Stephen Woodford, John Miller, Angie Querrer, Dorothy Williams, Thomas Price, William Meras, Fr. John Watson, Reginald Turpin, Mary Catterian.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### 1. Events:

#### **A Day With Mary**

Further information on A Day With Mary at Westminster Cathedral on **Saturday 13 July** (9.45am to 5.00pm) is available at [www.adaywithmary.org](http://www.adaywithmary.org) or <http://www.eventcatholic.com/>

#### **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 \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://tangney-tours.com) If you wish to discuss any aspect of the pilgrimage, please e-mail Kathryn Young: [kathrynyoung@mail.com](mailto: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](http://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 31<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:adwmary.uk@gmail.com), web: [www.adaywithmary.org](http://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, 14<sup>th</sup> September**

On Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 14<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup> 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, 14<sup>th</sup> September**

On Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 1<sup>st</sup> August by emailing the Billericay Parish Office at [billericay@brcdt.org](mailto: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/len](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/len) or by emailing [sianthomas@brcdt.org](mailto: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/](https://canonesses.co.uk/projects/) or email [projects@canonesses.co.uk](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:clairebailey@brcdt.org) or visit the website [www.bcys.net/apprenticeship-opportunity-at-walsingham-house/](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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 **7<sup>th</sup>- 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:hfielder@thecampionschool.org.uk) if you require further information.

Application forms need to be completed by Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:governanceappointments@brcdt.org) or call: 01277 265216.



## This week's Article:



# Pope: May those who fight wars convert to fighting for peace

Pope Francis prays for peace and remembers today's martyrs, highlighting worldwide discrimination and persecution.

**By Francesca Merlo**

Addressing the faithful gathered in St Peter's Square for his Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis invited all those present to implore the Sacred Heart of Jesus "to touch the hearts of those who desire war, so that they may be converted to plans of dialogue and peace".

He emphasised, as he often does, the importance of continuing to pray for peace in Ukraine, Palestine, Israel

and Myanmar, as well as in the "many other places where there is so much suffering because of war".

### **A time of martyrdom**

Greeting pilgrims after the recitation of the Marian Prayer, Pope Francis also recalled today's observance, just one day after the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, of the liturgical commemoration of the first Roman martyrs, also known as the first martyrs of the Church of Rome. "We too", said the Pope, "live in a time of martyrdom", adding, "even more so than in the early centuries".

He explained that in various parts of the world, "many of our brothers and sisters suffer discrimination and persecution because of their faith, thereby nurturing the Church". Others, he continued, face a "white-glove" martyrdom: a term the Pope has used since the early years of his pontificate, to indicate a subtle form of persecution, through which Christians are driven away, marginalised, and discriminated against in political and social life.

"Let us support them and be inspired by their testimony of love for Christ", concluded the Pope.