



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS



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 Jonathan Hernandez in Thanksgiving
11.00am Mass Maria Rhoda & Barry Intentions
5.00pm Holy Hour

Monday 22ND July 2024

11:00am Requiem Mass – Mrs. Philomena Payne

Tuesday 23RD July 2024 – ST BRIDGET OF SWEDEN, Rel

7.00pm Novena to Anthony of Padua

Wednesday 24TH July 2024 – Feria

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

Thursday 25TH July 2024 – ST JAMES, Ap

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

Friday 26TH July 2024 – Ss Joachim and Anne, Parents of the BVM

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

Saturday 27TH July 2024 – Feria

9.00am Mass and Rosary Joyce Toh RIP
6.00pm Vigil Mass Fred Reynolds RIP

Sunday 28TH June 2024 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

9.00am Mass David Brightman 80th Birthday Intentions
11.00am Mass Jo & Frederick Noys RIP
5.00pm Holy Hour



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st July 2024

The prophet Jeremiah's cry, "Woe to the shepherds," is a judgement on Israel's leader's for misleading and scattering the sheep (the people of Israel) in their care. In Jeremiah and Psalm 23, God is the Good Shepherd who feeds his people, protects them, and does not lose one of them. Jeremiah points forward to Christ through his promise that God will "raise up a righteous shoot to David, "a king who will govern with wisdom and justice.

When Jesus views the people as "sheep without a shepherd," he likewise condemns Israel's leaders for failing to care for, guide, and protect the people (Mark 6:34; cf. Jeremiah 50:6; Numbers 27:12; 2 Chronicles 18:16). The disciples have just returned from their mission to proclaim the Gospel and to heal. They have attracted so much attention that they don't even have time to eat, so Jesus tells them to come away to a quiet place to rest ("in verdant pastures he gives me repose"). The crowd discovers were the group has planned to retreat and arrives at their destination first. When Jesus sees the people, he is "moved with pity". The Greek word here means "to be deeply moved," for one's insides to churn with emotion. Rather than escape the crowds, Jesus takes up the role of their shepherd and teaches them.

In Ephesians, Paul tells of how Christ has united the Israelites, who were heirs of the covenant, with the Gentiles, who were not. In the verse that precedes today's reading, Paul reminds his Gentile congregation in Ephesus that they once were "strangers to the covenants of promise, without hope and without God in the world" (Ephesians 2:12). They have now been brought near to God through Christ, whose death destroyed the barrier between Jew and Gentile and created one new humanity, at peace with God.

The Lord shepherds us. We want for nothing. We have heard the challenges of discipleship over the past Sundays. Perhaps we know some of these challenges, maybe even rejection, personally. Sometimes a disciple will just need respite – time to be alone with their Shepherd, time to be with a nurturing community of disciples. Let us take time in liturgy to enter into communion with Jesus, our Shepherd.



PARISH NEWS

Supply Priests whilst Fr. Britto is Away

We are very honoured and Thankful to be having **Bishop Alan** celebrate our 9:00am and 11:00am Mass this Sunday.

Many Thanks also to **Fr. John McGrath** for supplying our 6pm Vigil Mass. Next week on Tuesday the 23rd of July we will not be having a 7:30pm Mass. As for Wednesday the 24th to Friday the 26th, 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, please come if you wish.

Everyone is welcome to join the family in Our Lady's Hall afterwards for refreshments and celebrate her life.

Family flowers are preferred and if desired donations in her memory can be made to <https://foodforthebrain.enthuse.com/PhilomenaPayne>

There is also a QR Code displayed in the Church Porch should you wish to make a donation.

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

May her Soul rest in eternal peace.

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.

Cuppa, Cake and a Chat

The next cuppa, cake and chat will be on **Tuesday the 30th of July at 10am** and everyone is welcome.

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 Fr. Patrick Taylor, Maisie Coulter, Ethel Ardley, Mary Shiperlee, Alfred Chittenden, Agnes Moore, Isobel Martin, Colin Hounslow, Harry Poole, Fr. John Jones, Fr. Dermot Moore, Ada Clements, Fr. James Cooney, George Townsend, Mary Eveling, Mary McCourt, Giorgi Hriston, Nora Smith, Kathleen Crook.

[DIOCESAN NEWS](#)

1. Events:

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/>

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There will be a coach leaving for the Congress from St Edward’s Church, Romford (RM1 4AT) 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.

For more information please visit the Adoremus page on the Catholic Bishops’ Conference website: [Adoremus at Oscott - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Adoremus at Oscott - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.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

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/>

‘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:

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.

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.

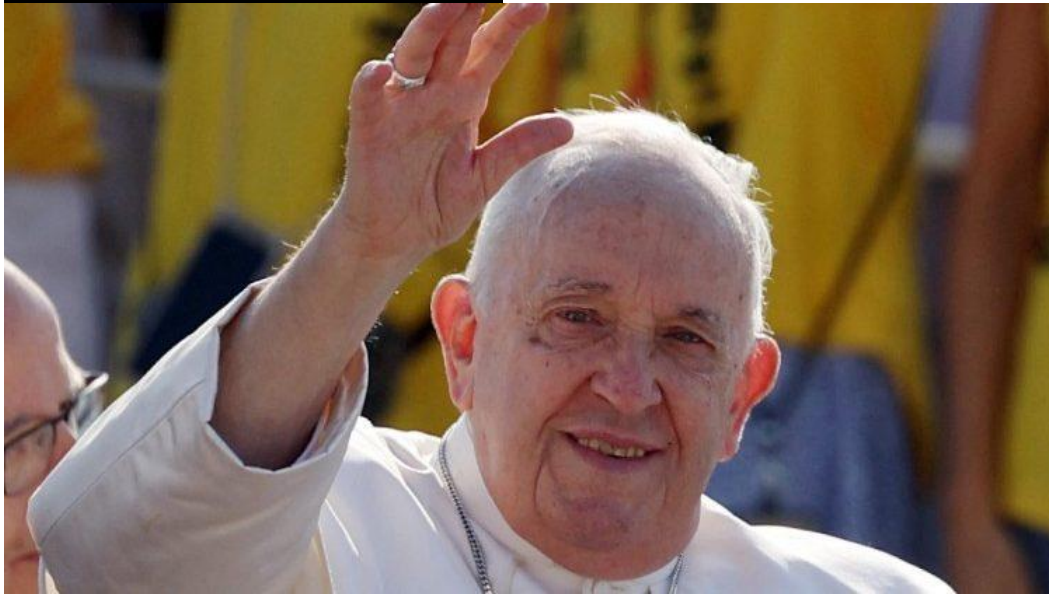
Foundation Governors are personally appointed by the Bishop to Diocesan schools to represent his interests and those of the Catholic community.

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 Francis: 'Let your youth be a gift for Jesus'

In a message to a gathering of youth ministers in Paraguay, Pope Francis calls on young faithful to let Christ transform them, and to live their youth 'as a gift for Jesus' and the world.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

"Let Christ transform your natural optimism into authentic love; a love that knows how to sacrifice, that is sincere, real and genuine, so that your youth will be a gift for Jesus and for the world and you will be able to spend your life in a worthy and fruitful way."

This was the encouragement Pope Francis sent to the XXI Latam Meeting of Caribbean and Latin American national youth ministry leaders, gathered in Asunción, Paraguay, July 15-20. Expressing his joy to greet the participants, the Pope emphasized the value of youth ministry for the Church, as he called on young people to let Christ use their energy to do great things. "The command of Jesus to 'arise'," he acknowledged, "means both a task and a responsibility."

Do not be afraid of the Lord

"Do not be afraid of the Lord who passes by us and whispers in our ear, bends down to us and offers us his hand to lift us up every time we fall," he said, noting Jesus wants us "on our feet," "resurrected," and therefore, we shouldn't "be afraid to let Him into your life."

"Open wide the doors of your heart to Him," he continued, saying to do so "for the new life that comes from Him," one that is "without comparison" and "deserves to be lived."

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Mary accompanies with a mother's love

The Holy Father went on to entrust those gathered to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

"May she accompany your steps and intercede for you with a mother's love," he said, "so that, together with children, adults and the elderly, in intergenerational communion, you may be protagonists in a Church that is ever more synodal, disciple and missionary."

In a particular way, he said, "I thank the young Paraguayans who have worked with dedication to make this meeting possible."

As the Holy Father encouraged them to live these days together in grateful faith, Pope Francis likewise invited them to continue to prepare themselves during this Year of Prayer to celebrate the next Jubilee 2025 with joyful hope.

