



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS



Saturday 29TH June 2024 – Feria

9.20am Eucharistic Service
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Trish Harris RIP

Sunday 30TH June 2024 – SS PETER AND PAUL. App HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

9.00am Mass
11.00am Mass
5.00pm Holy Hour

Cantenian President Intentions

Tuesday 02ND July 2024 – Feria

7.00pm Novena to Anthony of Padua

Wednesday 03RD July 2024 – ST THOMAS, Ap

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

Thursday 04TH July 2024 – Feria

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

Friday 05TH July 2024 – Feria

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

Saturday 06TH July 2024 – Feria

9.00am Mass and Rosary
6.00pm Vigil Mass

Arnaldo Bartoli Birthday Intentions

Sunday 07TH June 2024 – FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

9.00am Mass
11.00am Mass
5.00pm Holy Hour

Maria Gavin Thanksgiving



OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL



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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th June 2024

In the Gospel reading, the account of one miraculous healing interrupts another. Many details link the synagogue ruler Jairus and the unnamed woman: Twelve years is both the length of her affliction and the age of Jairus' daughter. They both – Jairus and the woman – fall down at Jesus' feet, and they both believe that if Jesus simply touches the unwell body it will be healed. Jesus praises the woman for her faith and exhorts Jairus not to fear but to have faith.

Other details separate them: Jairus is a powerful man, an official of the synagogue, and the woman who hemorrhages is a powerless woman who likely has been excluded from the synagogue because her affliction has made her ritually unclean. By healing both, Jesus symbolically heals all of Israel (is the number twelve is meant to resonate beyond itself), from the greatest to the least. The "raising" of Jairus' daughter also hints at the resurrection: as Wisdom reminds us, "God did not make death, / nor does he rejoice in the destruction of the living."

The second reading turns to Christian communities, with their mix of Jairuses and unnamed women. Paul urges his audience toward generosity for their impoverished brothers and sisters in Jerusalem: just as they abound in all other things, shouldn't they also bound in giving? Christ was rich but became poor so that they might become rich. Paul stops just short of instructing them to imitate this pattern fully, suggesting that their abundance could overflow enough to create equity.

God saves us from death – saves us from sin. In Jesus, God's healing touch brings life. The son of God is never too busy to comfort, to heal, to bring life, to raise up. This is his gift to us and all who have faith. For God's gracious redemption in Jesus Christ, we enter with thanksgiving into the celebration of the Eucharist.



PARISH NEWS

Fr. Britto – Emergency Travel to India

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

Many Thanks to Fr. Sean Connolly for doing our masses this weekend and to our Eucharistic ministers who have done the services this week.

Supply Priests whilst Fr. Britto is Away

Next week on Tuesday the 02nd of July we will not be having a 7:30pm Mass.
As for the rest of the week from Wednesday the 03rd to Friday the 05th, morning mass will commence at 9:00am and Fr. Joseph Mukatt will be doing our masses.

As for the weekend's masses, on Saturday the 06th, Fr. Joseph Mukatt will be doing the 9:00am morning mass, Fr. John McGrath will do the 6:00pm Vigil Mass and Fr. Gerald will be doing the Sunday 9:00am and 11:00am masses.

RIP – Tommy Barret

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.
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

A reminder that the training sessions for new Eucharistic ministers begins on **Monday the 01st of June at 7:00pm** in the back hall.
These talks last for an hour.
All existing ministers are also invited to attend as well and would be very welcome.

100 Club Winners

Congratulations to the winners of our June Draw:
1st Prize – **Lauren Cardoza-Smith winning £48.00**
2nd Prize – **Kathryn Steed winning £29.00**
3rd Prize – **Eric Lord winning £19.00**

Many Thanks to all who have participated!

Second Collections – Peter's Pence.

The faithful offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.
Thank you all for your donations.

Women's Group OLOGC

The next meeting will be held on **Friday the 05th of July**.
All are welcomed to attend.

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!

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.

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 Mary Barton, Julie Mary Dear, Gertrude Buckley, Fr. Edward Littleton, June Ryle, Fr. Patrick Curran, Bertie Garland, Bridget Kelly, Fr. Patrick Carthy, Yvonne Marsh-Feily, Getrude Percival, Vincent Duggan, Daniel Christian, Mary Moss, Canon Thomas Barret, Donal Keogh.

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 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://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/](mailto:projects@canonesses.co.uk) 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.

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

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: All people should be free to choose and practice religion

Welcoming a delegation from the Mosque of the Italian city of Bologna, Pope Francis commends the friendship between Christians and Muslims and calls for all religions to be respected, free from proselytism and impediments.

By Deborah Castellano Lubov

"The world, especially at this moment in history, needs believers who are consistent and strongly committed to building and maintaining social and world peace."

Pope Francis made this observation when greeting a group of Muslims from a Mosque in the Italian city of Bologna, ahead of his General Audience on Wednesday morning, as he thanked them for "being artisans of peace."

The Holy Father said their witness of fraternity is "precious" and "indispensable," and that this is lived out, in respect, dialogue, and openness.

All worshipping One God

"Jesus," the Pope recalled, "taught us to welcome one another as brothers," adding that "this applies first and foremost to us, Christians, Jews, and Muslims, who worship the One God and who refer, albeit in different ways, to Abraham as father in faith."

"We, who have been given the gift of this religious affiliation," the Holy Father said, "are called to be open and welcoming to those who do not share it, because they are, like all of us, members of the one human family."

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Love which surpasses misunderstandings

"Indeed," he explained, "the will of a Father is that His children love each other, help each other, and that, if some difficulty or misunderstanding arises between them, they come to an agreement with humility and patience."

Such dialogue, the Pope underscored, requires the "effective recognition" of every person's dignity and rights.

"At the top of these rights," he noted, "is that of freedom of conscience and religion," which, he explained, "means that every human being must be fully free with regard to his or her religious choices."

Proposing, not imposing

"Every believer," the Pope said, "must feel free to propose—never impose!—their own religion to other people, believers or not."

Therefore, he said, this excludes and rejects all forms of proselytism, financial favours, and taking advantage of people's ignorance.

In addition, he mentioned, "marriages between people of different religions must not be an opportunity to convert the spouse to one's own religion."

Mutual respect and friendship

Addressing those gathered as "dear friends," the Holy Father expressed his hope that the Muslim representatives, wherever they may live, can maintain good relations with the Catholic Church, at all levels, "in mutual respect and friendship."

Calling for all believers to cultivate peace together, Pope Francis concluded by assuring everyone of his prayers and asking them to pray for him.

