



MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS



Saturday 14th September 2024 – THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

9.00am Morning Mass
 10.00am Confessions
 6.00pm **Vigil Mass** Jennifer McBrearty RIP

Sunday 15th September 2024 – TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B) (Evangeli Gaudium Sunday)

9.00am **Mass** Joe Rodgers RIP
 11.00am **Mass** Pam Stallwood RIP
 5.00pm **Holy Hour**

Tuesday 17th September 2024 – Feria

7.00pm Novena to Anthony of Padua
 7.30pm **Evening Mass** Vanna Shaw RIP

Wednesday 18th September 2024 – Feria

9.00am Morning Mass John McDonnell RIP
 9.30am Holy Rosary
 10am until 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Thursday 19th September 2024 – Feria

9.00am Morning Mass William Sweeney RIP
 9.30am Holy Rosary
 10am until 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday 20th September 2024 – St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Pr, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions, Mm

9.00am Morning Mass David Downes RIP
 9.30am Holy Rosary
 10am until 5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday 21st September 2024 – ST MATTHEW, Ap, Ev

9.00am Morning Mass
 10.00am Confessions
 6.00pm **Vigil Mass** Victor & Ethel Dragoni RIP

Sunday 22nd September 2024 – TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (B)

9.00am **Mass** Rodger Buxton Smith RIP
 11.00am **Mass** Erlinda & Emma Tabuclin RIP
 5.00pm **Holy Hour**



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Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th September 2024 Catechetical Sunday Glory in suffering

In the first reading, we hear that God opens Isaiah's ears to hear God's word. In the psalm, God hears the cries of his people. Isaiah's declaration, "The Lord God is my help," finds expression in the psalmist's plea ("O Lord, save my life!") and his praise that God heard and saved him when he cried out.

Continuing last week's discussion, the second reading focuses on how the poorest members of the assembly are to be treated. It would do a person no good to be wished peace & warmth but not be fed or receive proper clothing. James emphasizes the need to demonstrate faith through action. In this case, he means the concrete actions of caring for the bodily needs of brothers and sisters who are hungry or need clothing. "The Lord keeps the little ones" (Ps 116:6), and so must the follower of Christ.

The Gospel shows Peter at his best and at his worst in swift succession. First, Peter has a flash of insight; he recognizes & confesses Jesus as the Christ, sent from God to save the people. But then he rebukes Jesus, horrified at the thought that the Messiah (and his friend and Lord) must suffer and die. He is certain that the Messiah triumphs and is exalted to David's throne, not nailed to a Roman cross. Jesus strenuously corrects Peter: the temptation to avoid the path of suffering and death is from Satan. The path to glory and exaltation leads through the cross, not around it. Like the prophet Isaiah, who refused to defend himself against his tormentors but cast all his hopes onto God, Jesus knows that whoever loses his life for the sake of the Gospel will save it. Like the psalmist, Jesus trusts that God will save him even from death & that he will "walk before the Lord in the land of the living" (Ps 116:9).

Discipleship comes with a cost. Following Jesus includes a cross. Yet through the cross God saves us. It is a cross not only of death, but of life, of salvation, of healing, of redemption, of joy, of freedom. May we express our gratitude to the Lord for the call to demonstrate our faith in all we do as we follow Jesus.



PARISH NEWS

David Downes RIP

We regret to notify you of the passing of the late David Downes on Thursday the 29th of August.

His funeral is set to be held on **Wednesday the 25th of September 2024 at 10:30am** here at OLOGC.

We send our sincere condolences to David's wife, Anne Downes, family and friends.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

Applications Forms 2024

Forms are available for those who wish to have your children receive their First Holy Communion this year.

For those of you who wish to register this year for RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) which will prepare you to receive the sacraments of Christian initiation such as Baptism, Confirmation, Communion and to be received into the Catholic Church of Faith, there are also forms available in the front porch should you wish to join – once done, please drop your form off at our Parish Office – all forms should be returned by **the 30th of September**.

Teas & Coffees

There will be teas and coffees after the 9am Mass this Sunday. All are welcome!

Second Collections

We thank all of you for your prior and ongoing contributions to our collections. The next collection is scheduled for **this Sunday on the 15th**, and all proceeds will go towards Evangelii Gaudium Day. God bless you abundantly.

Ushers - Autumn Mass Count 2024

We kindly request our Ushers to do a mass count on the following dates listed below:

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd September



Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th September

Saturday 05th and Sunday 06th October

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October

If you are able to do a count on any of the following dates, please inform Talitha, our Parish Administrator, many Thanks.

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.

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, Frank Daniels, Geoff Ebdon, Peter Griggs, Joan Fitzgerald, Sandra Fitzgerald, Maureen Sullivan.

Anniversaries We pray for Isabella Neeson, Gabrielle Emily Griffin, Edward Gomes, Fr. John Bergin, Theresa Mary Wing, Paul Best, Mary Jarvis, Jack Peckham, Ernest Cox, Fr. Anthony Mayston, Doreen Shepherd, Eugenie Jarvis, Edith O'Connor, Canon Frederick Gallagher, Ameila Benning, Violet Alford, Georgina Pidgeon, Gladys Petty, Paul Kudirka, Eileen Fox, Eileen Brown, Mary Harrington, Fr. John Ryan, Josephine Parker, John Warren.

DIOCESAN NEWS

1. Events:

The Adoremus Festival

The Adoremus Festival is taking place at Oscott College, Birmingham on Saturday, 14th September. To mark the occasion parishes across the country have been asked to arrange a Holy Hour at some point during the weekend of the 14th and 15th September so that parishioners are in prayerful solidarity with the Bishops and representatives gathered in Birmingham.

In our own parish we shall have an hour of adoration after the Saturday morning mass along with the Rosary and the regular one hour of adoration at 5pm on Sunday in solidarity with the national church gathered in Birmingham.

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/>

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 3rd October 6.00-8.00 P.M.

For families who have students – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2025. Come and visit the school and meet the staff and current sixth form students. There will be tours of the sixth form building and the rest of the school.

Art Exhibition

The Most Holy Redeemer, Laindon Road, Billericay, CM12 9LL, will be holding an exhibition of art work by a parishioner, Terry Ludden, on Saturday 5th October, 2.30pm-5pm in the Canon Roche Hall (behind the Church). The paintings will be for sale, all proceeds will go to the Parkinsons Society and the local Foodbank. There will be light refreshments and live music. Feel free to pop along.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS)

has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on Sunday 27th April 2025. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event, please contact Damian Dillon for further details on 07912 308000 / ddillon@bccs.org.uk. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 26th September and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1800 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, BCCS would invite you to join them and run to support children's mental health. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE

2025 will be a Holy Year for the whole church. Pope Francis has invited us to promote the rights of refugees in the Jubilee Year and beyond. On Saturday 12th October from 11 am (coffee available from 10.30) Victoria Firth and Liam Allmark of the Jesuit Refugee Service UK will discuss how we can take up Pope Francis' invitation. The event will take place at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2

6DH). Live participation is encouraged, but the day can also be followed live or accessed later on www.whatgoodnews.org. For those attending, the church is a short walk from Gidea Park station (Elizabeth Line). Easy access from A12 Gallows Corner, and from M25. There is ample car parking space at the church. Refreshments available. Please bring a packed lunch.

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!

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. Programmes:

Bishop’s Certificate in Catechesis and Youth Ministry

is an online course 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.

Parish Administrator-Leyton

To provide administrative support services to the Parish Office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures

and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office.

Hours: 15 hours per week - Monday to Friday from 10 am to 1 pm- 3 hours per day

Start Date: September 2024

Salary: £13.15 per hour

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4)

leyton@brcdt.org

Closing date for applications is 30th August 2024

Interviews and scheduled to be Tuesday 3rd September 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 tells leaders to promote the common good of all peoples and nations

Pope Francis' urgent call to create the conditions for a just and fraternal world echoed loud, in different contexts, throughout his Apostolic Journey to Oceania and Southeast Asia.

By Linda Bordoni – Singapore

From Dili to Singapore. What a culture shock. What a poignant experience to touch with hand the two faces of our increasingly polarized world, marked by injustice and inequality that, as Pope Francis never tires of reminding us, lead to forced migration, exploitation, hatred, conflict.

During the journey to Singapore, one of the wealthiest commercial, economic and financial hubs in the world, we rubbed shoulders with Indonesians trying to keep the delicate social fabric of an extremely diverse nation together; with the all-but-forgotten peoples in remote areas of Papua New Guinea where many still live with no electricity or running water; and with the people of Timor-Leste, struggling to overcome decades of colonization, invasion and poverty.

The journey's itinerary has powerfully highlighted so many of the issues the Pope continues to bring to the attention of the international arena with the urgency of one who may feel that time is running out.

In pluralistic and diverse Indonesia, he underscored the need for a firm commitment to continue to promote and sustain interreligious dialogue to counter conflict and division.

In remote Papua New Guinea, where the rising ocean increasingly threatens the houses of missionary sisters, he raised the urgent call to come together to protect our common home.

In the young state of Timor-Leste, where 60 per cent of the population is under 35, he emphasized the need to empower young people and give them the tools to build a future of peace.

And what about Singapore? Well, the Pope observed, the fact that Singapore has “access to capital, technology and talent” that puts it at the forefront of sustainable development and innovative solutions, means that it has a responsibility to continue to work “in the favour of humanity and the common good of all peoples and all nations.”

However, he warned, “in a way that does not exclude others or is restricted to national interests.”

Perhaps this is the key as we try to elaborate the myriad of messages and impressions of the journey about to end: those who have the means, like Singapore, “a shining example of what humanity can achieve by working together in harmony”, are ever more urgently called to do so with a “spirit of inclusiveness and fraternity,” as men and women across the globe strive to “build a world in which the common good is held in high regard” - before it is too late.