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Sunday 21st July 2024

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 28th July 2024

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



The Sunday Readings are from Year B in the Lectionary. The Weekday Readings are from Year II.

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Dear Parishioners,

As we continue to grow and strengthen our parish community, it is important to reflect on the vital roles each of us plays in ensuring the fulfilment of our church's mission. Our parish is not just a place of worship, but a vibrant community where faith, support, and service come together.

Our parish provides a nurturing environment for spiritual growth through shared worship, sacraments, and educational programs. It is a place where we can support one another on our spiritual journeys, fostering a deep sense of belonging and encouragement. Our parish community plays a central role in the celebration of the sacraments and the overall liturgical life. Participation in roles such as readers, altar servers and choir members, enriches our communal worship experiences.

Through catechesis and religious education programs, we help all members, young and old, to deepen their understanding and practice of faith. By involving members in various ministries and activities, we also cultivate future leaders who will continue to serve both the church and the wider community. Members are encouraged to actively engage in various ministries, including liturgy, catechesis, pastoral care etc. Volunteering your time and talents to support parish activities, from organising events to maintaining our facilities, is crucial.

We rely on the dedication of volunteers for essential services like cleaning, maintenance, and gardening. These acts of service ensure our parish grounds and facilities are welcoming and well-maintained, reflecting our care and commitment to our faith community.

We want to extend our deepest gratitude to all the volunteers who generously give their time and talents. Your contributions, whether seen or unseen, play a crucial role in sustaining and enriching our parish life. From organising events and participating in ministries to maintaining our beautiful parish grounds, your dedication and hard work do not go unnoticed.

As we move forward, let us continue to work together, supporting and strengthening our parish. Each contribution, no matter how small, plays a part in building a vibrant and thriving community. Thank you for your ongoing dedication and service.

Blessings, Fr Saji Thomas Rcj

***The Parish Office is located at Holy Trinity and is open
Tuesday to Friday 9am-2pm***

Our churches are:

St Basil the Great, Luncies Road, Pitsea SS14 1SD

Holy Trinity, 71 Wickhay, Basildon SS15 5AD

St Therese of Lisieux, Florence Way, Laindon SS16 6AJ

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Parish Mass Reps**Saturday – 5pm – St Basil's**

Mary-Catherine Bottjer	07761 087752	parishcouncil@basildoncatholics.org
Lettie Bourke	07863 397016	lettie@basildoncatholics.org

Sunday – 9am – St Therese

Patrick Gomes	07976 580411	patrick@basildoncatholics.org
Ruth Simon	07956 957041	ruth.simon@basildoncatholics.org
Marie Lai	01268 543605	

Sunday – 10.30am – Holy Trinity

Mari Heywood	07719 009760	mari@basildoncatholics.org
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Sunday – 12noon – St Basil's

Mary Sillett	07799 262286	mary@basildoncatholics.org
John & Sandra Bourke	01268 729865	johnandsandra@basildoncatholics.org
James Obrenyah	07950 706055	james.obrenyah@basildoncatholics.org

Sunday – 6pm – Holy Trinity

Mari Heywood	07719 009760
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To arrange a **visit by a Eucharistic Minister with Holy Communion to a housebound parishioner** contact Mari Heywood on 07719 009760.

New to the Parish? Please fill in a Parish welcome form and your local Rep will contact you.

To arrange **visits to those in hospital**, and for **all administration enquiries, including newsletter items**, please contact Sarah at the Parish Office.

Total Offertory Giving

Sunday 23rd June 2024: £1,258.12

Sunday 30th June 2024: £1,571.33

Sunday 7th July 2024: £1,529.57

Thank you for your generosity.

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'To become a priest or religious is not primarily our choice; it is our answer to a calling, a calling in love' (Pope Francis). If you have ever felt this calling, however faint, and would like to find out more, you can contact **COMPASS** (Catholic Vocations Projects) www.compass-points.org.uk. If you would like to explore a vocation to the priesthood, email Fr Graham Smith frgjdsmith@gmail.com, or speak to Fr Sabu, Fr Saji, Sr Andrea or Sr Anne.

Fr Sabu Holiday – Fr Sabu is away from the parish until 25th July on holiday.

Journey in Faith 2024-25 – Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? Are you already Catholic and want to deepen your faith? There will be a couple of come-and-see sessions over the next few weeks, and the course will begin in September. For more information, contact the Parish Office. And continue to WATCH THIS SPACE.

Mass Intentions – We are running low on Mass intentions. If you would like to offer a Mass, please write the intention you would like offered and the church you would like it offered at on an envelope with your name and phone number. If you are able to place a donation inside, we would be very grateful. Place the envelope in the wooden collection box in church.

Children's Liturgy – The children's liturgy at St Basil's and St Therese will take a break until 8th September during the school holidays.

Holy Trinity Youth Band – Can you sing, play the drums, keyboard, guitar or any other musical instrument? Come and join the Holy Trinity Youth Band who will animate the 6pm Mass at Holy Trinity once a month. For more information, please email ben.heywood@basildoncatholics.org.

Thank you – Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their wonderful generosity in response to our Foreign Currency initiative. It raised a terrific £336.81 which means Mary's Meals will be able to feed 17 children one good meal every school day for a whole year because of your support. Please continue to pray for the work of Mary's Meals. God bless you.

Parish Missio Volunteers Required for Holy Trinity and St Therese – Each church benefits from having a dedicated volunteer to take care of the Red Box members in their church. Visit missio.org.uk for further information. Please make yourself known to Fr Sabu or Fr Saji who will contact Missio for you.

How to Make a Financial Contribution to the Parish – Please see parish website for details.

Baptism Enquiries – Those who wish to arrange baptisms for their child, please complete an Application for Baptism Form and return it to the Parish Office via basildon@brcdt.org. This can be downloaded from the parish website under the “Baptism” section.

Car Parking at St Basil’s – Those who attend the 12noon Mass at St Basil’s, please make sure you do **not** park on the pavement, double park or block people’s driveways. Please park sensibly, legally and with sensitivity for our neighbours.

St Basil’s Choir – For more information about joining the choir and their practice hours, please contact Irene on 07940 987608, Tochi on 07944 515162 or Amaka on 07880 958078.

Church Helpers – If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister or a Steward or would like to offer your assistance in any other way, please speak to Fr Sabu or Fr Saji.

Children's Liturgy – We need more helpers for the children's liturgy at Holy Trinity on Sunday mornings. If interested, please email basildon@brcdt.org with your details.

“Adoremus” Festival at Oscott College, Birmingham, Saturday 14th September – The “Adoremus” National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage is taking place with representatives from Dioceses across England and Wales. Our Diocese has been allocated a limited number of places for this event. If you would like to attend, please contact the Diocesan Co-ordinator, Father Dan Mason at frdanmason@brcdt.org **by 1st August**. 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: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/adoremus-at-oscott/>.

Called and Gifted Teaching Day at the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay, Saturday 14th September, 9am to 4.15pm – “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 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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THE BIG BUTTERFLY COUNT will be running until 4th August. Research has proved that spending just 15 minutes observing and counting butterflies can help reduce anxiety and boost wellbeing. Sign up at <https://bigbutterflycount.butterfly-conservation.org/>. Our butterflies and moths are under serious threat and the more people that join in (and possibly become members of The Butterfly Conservation) the more help we can give these beautiful creatures.

BEES: Have you noticed less bees around this year than there were last year? Around 70 crops in the UK alone rely on bee pollination. However, a neonicotinoid that harms bees was approved by the last government for emergency use on UK farms for four years in a row. Just one teaspoon of this pesticide can kill a billion bees! If you feel strongly on this issue have a look at <https://www.soilassociation.org/> for more information and ideas on how you can help.

BCYS Youth Mass – **First Thursday of the Month, 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral.** Beginning with pizza & refreshments with a workshop or speaker in the Parish Hall from 6pm, Youth Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7.30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book.

Cost of Living Crisis – If you are affected by this, or if you are part of a group that is offering help and support locally, please visit www.caritasbrentwood.org/cost-of-living/.

Lunchtime Piano Recital, Brentwood Cathedral, Wednesday 24th July at 1pm – We would like to invite you to a really special Lunchtime Piano Recital to be given by Paul Bateman and Roderick Elms. This is a unique opportunity to hear Rachmaninoff's Suites for Two Pianos in which our instrumentalists will no doubt be working in perfect harmony to bring us this splendid music! The Recital will last about one hour after which we should like to invite you back to our Song School for refreshments.

The St John Bosco Children's Camp is open for bookings! Children aged 9-12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from **27th July-3rd August**. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and there is space for just 100 children – book early! Visit www.boscocamp.co.uk for details including booking information and FAQs.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 2024 – Our annual Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place from **Friday 23rd August to Monday 26th August** in the beautiful surroundings of Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire. This festival is an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) from across the UK to grow in their relationship with God, form friendships and be inspired to live out their faith! The programme will include input from incredible speakers, a wonderful variety of workshops, and loads of opportunities to be with Jesus and encounter His love. Tickets (which include food and accommodation) can be purchased from www.youth2000.org/events.

Walsingham House Anniversary Mass – This year marks 60 years since the opening of Walsingham House and 40 years since the first volunteer team took residence. There will be a **Mass of Thanksgiving on Saturday 31st August at midday celebrated by Bishop Alan** in the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotwick. Everyone is very welcome to attend with a special invite to those who have been part of the Walsingham House team over the last 40 years. After Mass you are welcome to stay for a picnic in the grounds.

Pilgrimage to Turkey, 10th to 16th September – Fr Anthony (parish priest in Tilbury and Stanford-Le-Hope) is the Spiritual Leader on the Pilgrimage to the western side of Turkey based on St Paul's journey on the prophetic visions of St John the Apostle. The highlight of the tour is a visit to Our Blessed Mother's home where she lived before she passed away. The cost is £1,100 and can be paid in instalments with Clare Chandler (Gold Star Pilgrimage) 07980 481845. Let Fr Anthony know if you are interested or email tilbury@brcdt.org with your name and number.

Brentwood Diocesan Altar Servers' Mass – The Diocese of Brentwood invites all its Altar Servers and their families to the annual Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers to be hosted at **Brentwood Cathedral on Saturday 21st September at 2pm**. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Alan.

Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School, Year 7 Open Evening – Thursday 26th September, 6.30pm-9pm. Headteacher's talks at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. **Open Mornings – Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th October, 9.30am-11.30am**. Please note there is no onsite parking for these events. By appointment only – call 01277 227156 or email admin@buchs.co.uk.

Ursuline High School, Wimbledon – Main School Open Evening: Wednesday 25th September, 6pm-8.30pm (for Year 5/6 students and parent/carers only). **Main School Open Mornings: Monday 30th September to Friday 4th October, 9am OR 11am** (for Year 6 students and parents/carers only). Sign up: <https://www.ursulinehigh.merton.sch.uk/admissions/open-events/> from 9th July to 19th September – ticketed entry only.

National Altar Servers' Mass, Saturday 5th October at 2.30pm at Westminster Cathedral – The Archconfraternity of St Stephen invites all altar servers and their families to the National Mass for Altar Servers. The Mass will be celebrated by Vincent Cardinal Nichols. Visit <https://www.guildofststephen.org/events> for details.

Open House Billericay – On Saturday 12th October, the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass. Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish. The day will last from **9.30am to 5pm** and the cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by visiting: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>.

Please pray for all those who have asked for prayer for particular needs and intentions: Oscar Baker, Shirley Batour, Maria Cecilia Carter, Victoria Carter, James Clapp, Margaret Clapp, Pat Cudbill, Sarah D’Lima, Joan Donovan, John Donovan, Amanda Gordon, Christine Harvey, Joan Hendricks, Bethany Howell, Mary Hull, Rod Hurley, Betty Leahy, Kathy O’Neill, John Pye, Brenda Smith, Maya Spiteri, Clive Wakeling, Andy Ward, Phil Wood, the patients in Basildon Hospital, the Mental Health Unit, St Luke’s Hospice & intentions on the Prayer Boards.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stuart Childs who died recently. Stuart’s Funeral Service was held at Basildon Crematorium on Wednesday 10th July. May he Rest in Peace.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Diana Denny who died recently. Diana’s Funeral Service will be held at Basildon Crematorium on Monday 5th August at 2pm. May she Rest in Peace.

Brentwood Diocesan Catholic School Vacancies – For current vacancies, visit www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies.

Attendance and Pastoral Support Officer Vacancy, Sacred Heart of Mary Girls’ School, Upminster – APTC points 7-10 (£27,858 -£29,142 pro rata). We are seeking an enthusiastic, talented and highly motivated Attendance and Pastoral Support Officer to contribute significantly to the sustained success of our school and pastoral team. Phone 01708 222660 or email: admin@mary.havering.sch.uk for details. **Closing date: Friday 2nd August.**

Walsingham House Retreat Manager – Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the youth retreat centre for the Diocese of Brentwood, are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager. The Retreat Manager will work to ensure the smooth and efficient running of retreats, leading and training the volunteer team, and developing the programmes on offer to schools and parishes. Walsingham House has an excellent reputation for the quality of the retreats offered and after a year to rebuild we are keen to develop this further. This is not necessarily a “live-in” role, but accommodation can be provided if required. For more information please see: <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/>. **Closing date: Friday 30th August.**

Caretaker Vacancy, 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. A full job description can be found at: www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Caretaker-Epping-2024.pdf. 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.

Catholic Schools in Basildon

St Teresa's Catholic Primary School – Head: Mr Jacques Francis Bottjer
Tel. 01268 553502 Web site – www.st-teresasrc.essex.sch.uk

St Anne Line Infant School / Nursery – Head: Mrs Melanie Clayton
Tel. 01268 524263 Web site – www.st-anneline-inf.essex.sch.uk

St Anne Line Junior School – Head: Miss Nathalie Watson
Tel. 01268 470444 Web site – www.st-anneline-jun.essex.sch.uk

De La Salle School – Head: Mr Paul Norris
Tel. 01268 281234 Web site – www.dlsbasildon.org

Legion of Mary

Every Tuesday at 11am at St Therese

Knights of St Columba

Meetings: Second Wednesday of every month
at 8pm at Holy Trinity Hall

First Saturday Devotions

9am-10am at Holy Trinity with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Sacrament of Reconciliation

Charismatic Prayer Group

Every Sunday after the 12noon Mass at St Basil's – all welcome

Catholic Women's Organisation

Last Saturday of the month at 11am at St Basil's. Contact: amaksy2002@yahoo.ca

Eucharistic Adoration in Malayalam

Every third Friday from 7pm to 10pm at Holy Trinity

Syro-Malabar Rite Mass

Every Saturday at Holy Trinity at 5pm.
For further details, please email: maryimmaculatebasildon@gmail.com

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Mass Schedule for the Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 20th July

5.00pm St Basil's - James Healy †

Sunday 21st July

9.00am St Therese - Giorgio Mampilly
 10.30am Holy Trinity - People of the Parish
 12.00noon St Basil's - Giorgina Sammut †
 6.00pm Holy Trinity - For Peace on Earth

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Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 22nd July	-	St Mary Magdalene
St Basil's 9.30am	-	The Holy Family
Tuesday 23rd July	-	St Bridget of Sweden
St Basil's 9.30am	-	James Healy †
Wednesday 24th July	-	Feria
St Therese 9.30am	-	Thanksgiving
Thursday 25th July	-	St James
Holy Trinity 9.30am	-	Bernie Roche †
Friday 26th July	-	Ss Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM
St Therese 9.30am	-	All Holiday Makers
Saturday 27th July	-	Feria
Holy Trinity 10.00am	-	Dr Esiekhala Donat Omogbai †

Mass Schedule for the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 27th July

5.00pm **St Basil's** - Terry West † (A)

Sunday 28th July

9.00am **St Therese** - Teresa Pancholi

10.30am **Holy Trinity** - Peggy McCarthy † (A)

12.00noon **St Basil's** - People of the Parish

6.00pm **Holy Trinity** - Peter & Teresa Connolly † (A)

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday 29th July - Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus

St Basil's 9.30am - Alan Bailey †

Tuesday 30th July - **Feria**

St Basil's 9.30am - James Healy †

Wednesday 31st July - St Ignatius of Loyola

St Therese 9.30am - For Vocations

Thursday 1st August - St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori

Holy Trinity 9.30am - Dec'd mbrs of Frawley & Coolahan Families †

Friday 2nd August - **Feria**

St Therese 9.30am - For Families

Saturday 3rd August - **Feria**

Holy Trinity 10.00am - For the Sick

Mass Schedule for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 3rd August

5.00pm **St Basil's** - For All Consecrated People

Sunday 4th August

9.00am **St Therese** - Mathew Varghese

10.30am **Holy Trinity** - People of the Parish

12.00noon **St Basil's** - For the Clergy

6.00pm **Holy Trinity** - Norman Tate †

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Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Therese – Fridays 8.45-9.15am

Holy Trinity – Saturdays 9.15-9.45am

St Basil's – Saturdays 4.15-4.45pm

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Pope Francis' monthly prayer intentions:

For the month of July the particular intention for our prayer time is:

We pray that the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick confer to those who receive it and their loved ones the power of the Lord and become ever more a visible sign of compassion and hope for all.

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Safeguarding (Children & Vulnerable Adults) Representative

Jacinta Buckle – 01268 281732

Holy Trinity & St Therese Hall Booking Enquiries

The halls at Holy Trinity and St Therese are available for hire

Please email basildonhalls@brcdt.org

Please email all items for the newsletter to the Parish Office
by 1pm on the Tuesday before the Sunday of publication