

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM

**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year – Year A – Divine Office Wk 2**  
**29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020**



I caught the fright of my life. The burial went as well as any burial can go. The family thanked me. I wished them well, turned around and...and shock. For the grave behind me was that of one of my students, Joel, his little picture of himself on the stone. I never knew he had died. I have asked around and no-one seems to know what happened. For I remember Joel with some affection and tinges of non-affection. He was mischievous, often the ring-leader if there was trouble and quite lippy when confronted. Despite all that, we got on quite well.

He had a difficult home life, but what I loved about him was that aside from his machismo, he loved looking after the smaller children. With them he was tender, kind, gentle, helpful, supportive, protective, and never worried about what his mates thought. He just did what was right by them. You would never have thought he was the same young man I describe above. But both are true. How? Why?

I suspect Joel had an inner voice which he knew was correct. The voice of God, conscience, vocation possibly. But being with his mates encouraged him to ignore that inner voice, maybe due to peer pressure, peer needs, in-fighting to be the top-man,... and so on. Jeremiah agonizes over this in the first reading.

Joel could change his way of thinking when he was with the smaller children to an arguably much more Godly way of being. If only he could have been more that way with his mates. Maybe human ways took over. May Joel rest in peace.

Jesus wants Peter to change his way of thinking, from that of a kind of machismo violent warrior, to appreciate the kingdom will come about, not through machismo and muscles, but through suffering, death and resurrection. Jesus' rebuke to Peter is a pretty blistering one...get behind me Satan. Peter obviously struggles, yet, we know he can go deep, as we saw earlier when he intuitively Jesus as the Christ.

Jeremiah's mind-blowing dramatic words today say it all. Trouble happens when we ignore those deeper resonances. We don't always want them, but they are there forcing a struggle, sometimes between our human ideas, and God's. Never easy. How do we cope?

***God Bless, Fr. Paul.***

## **WEEKLY MESSAGES FROM FR PAUL AND MASS ONLINE**

Every week Fr Paul records a message for parishioners and also a Mass. These are available to view on the parish website or via the parish "Ransomers" facebook page.

*Hopefully the website issues are now resolved.*

*If you wish to access the online Mass and message please use either option below -*

**<https://vimeo.com/user110595369>**  
**or the parish website [www.olorchurch.org](http://www.olorchurch.org)**

***This week Fr Paul will say Mass for the following intentions:-***

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Kath Geeson RIP (M.Ashkuri)
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Margaret Hand RIP (Slough family)
Recorded Mass	For all parishioners
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August</b>	
	Fr John Seabrook RIP
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Sept.</b>	<b>St Sebbi</b>
	Kath Geeson RIP (Slough family)
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	
<b>10am Mass</b>	Alice Allso RIP
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>St Gregory the Great</b>
	Fr Eamonn O'Hara RIP
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>10am Mass</b>	Holy Souls RIP
<b>Saturday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Margaret Hand (M, Ashkuri)
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Tina Rance and Family Ints (Slough family)
Recorded Mass	For all parishioners

<p><b>PARISH PRIEST</b>  Father Paul Fox  50 London Hill, Rayleigh  Essex SS6 7HP  01268 742229  www.olorchurch.org  email:  rayleigh@dioceseofbrenbtwood.org</p>	<p><b><i>The Church is now open at certain times for Mass – please see main newsletter notice for details.</i></b>  <b><i>To view Fr Paul's weekly recorded Mass and message to parishioners go to</i></b>  <b><i><a href="https://vimeo.com/user110595369">https://vimeo.com/user110595369</a></i></b></p>
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**Our Parish is part of The Brentwood Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity Number 234092**

## BCCS 2020 VIRTUAL FUN WALK

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has registered for the Fun Walk which normally takes place at the Barleylands Farm site in Billericay. This year, participants and parish groups are invited to walk 2k or 5k **anywhere they wish at any time during September** and ask for sponsorship from friends and family to help support our work.



All details & sponsorship forms are available on [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) under the Events/Virtual Fun Walk tab or follow us on social media for updates. We would be very happy to hear from parish or family groups who would like to walk for us – please email Libby: [lphillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:lphillips@bccs.org.uk)

## SITE MANAGER VACANCY

The Diocese is looking for a Site Manager for the Cathedral Site to manage the routine maintenance of the buildings and grounds at the Cathedral Site. A job description is available upon request but the key elements are as follows:

- Overall premises management
- Maintain the premises in a safe and healthy condition
- Identify anything requiring repair or maintenance and action as required
- Ensure all matters are logged as appropriate
- Liaise with Contractors as required

The expected closing date is Friday 2 October. For more information and a full job description and person specification contact [recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

## CAN THE SVP HELP?

Whilst our activities and support have been adversely affected by the Coronavirus pandemic the SVP remains available to offer help, where current regulations permit. Should you need support, please contact **Colin Griffin** (tel. No. 01268 772322) or any other SVP member. Your call will be treated with complete confidentiality.



**Our Lady of Ransom**  
**Catholic Primary School**

**"OUTSTANDING"** OFSTED INSPECTION 2016 **"GOOD"** OFSTED INSPECTION 2018

**\*\*\* OPEN MORNINGS \*\*\***  
Reception entry September 2021

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Starting @ 9.30am

[www.olorcps.net](http://www.olorcps.net) [info@olorcps.net](mailto:info@olorcps.net)  
01268 785741



## NEWSLETTERS

If you are able to print off newsletters and deliver to anyone who can't get out, that would be a great act of charity. Thank you.

***If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive the newsletter by email each week, please in the first instance email a request to the parish office***

***([rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org)) and ask to be added onto the distribution list.***

***The newsletter will be emailed by the Saturday morning.***



**PLEASE  
WEAR FACE  
COVERINGS  
THANK YOU!**

### **FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH**

Please note that as of 8<sup>th</sup> August in accordance with government guidelines, face coverings **must be worn** when attending Mass/ any celebration/ visiting a place of worship.

*To read the government's guidelines, including exclusions for those unable to wear a facemask, visit <https://bit.ly/3k346Wm>*

***Therefore, we politely ask as far as is possible, face coverings are worn whilst attending Mass or any other celebration in church.***

### **MANY THANKS FOR ALL THE MASS INTENTIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

Please note: At present we have a large number of outstanding Mass Intentions, which will take us to up to around mid- November.

***As things stand please indicate if you want the Mass celebrated publicly, otherwise it may be celebrated privately.***

### **MASS DURING COVID-19 AT OLOR RAYLEIGH**

Welcome back to OLOR. Lovely to be able to be at Mass again.

#### **Public Mass times:**

**Saturdays 5.30pm**

**Sundays 9.30am**

**Wednesdays 10.00am**

**Fridays 10.00am**

*Please be aware - Times and days of Masses are subject to change.*



### **PRESBYTERY GARDEN**

**Don't Forget!**

**You are welcome to use the Church Garden for some quiet time – Please treat it respectfully.**





### **PLEASE PRAY**

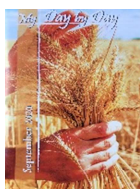
For all the sick members of our Parish and all our relatives and friends.

### **† ANNIVERSARIES †**

Kindly pray for Kathleen Brown and Margaret Walsh whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## **MASS CARDS, SYMPATHY CARDS AND OTHER CARDS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS...**

- normally sold in the Repository – -these can now be obtained at the presbytery. Please contact Fr. Paul to arrange a convenient time to come, choose, collect and pay for the cards.



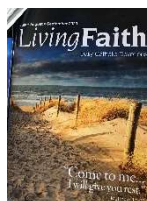
### **MY DAY BY DAY**

Booklets for September are available priced £1 each.



### **BIBLE ALIVE**

Booklets for September are available priced £3 each.



### **LIVING FAITH (July – Sept)**

Popular booklet with a thought for every day for the next three months. Limited number available.... Voluntary donations for the booklets welcome.

If you would like to collect these from the Presbytery please contact Fr Paul. If you usually purchase these but are unable to collect or arrange for one to be collected for you, then we can arrange delivery.

## **GIFT AID ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE**

Please contact Sandra our Gift Aid Co-ordinator ([olorgiftaid@hotmail.com](mailto:olorgiftaid@hotmail.com) / 01268 772998) to arrange delivery/ collection of these.

Where possible it is easier if donations continue to be made by standing order quoting your gift aid number.

## OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

Please continue to support the parish financially with your weekly contributions – please email Fr Paul if you would like the parish bank account details to set up a standing order or to make a bacs donation.

Thank you to those that have already made arrangements - ***Please make it clear whether it is an Offertory / Other donation on your payment reference and if you are already a gift-aider please quote your gift aid number.***

For Gift Aid enquiries the email address is [olorgiftaid@hotmail.com](mailto:olorgiftaid@hotmail.com)  
and the phone number is 01268 772998

At the bottom of the parish website there is a pink “gift aid it” logo which, if you click on it, takes you to another parish web page which goes into more detail and has some frequently asked questions.

## FOODBANK

The Hopeworx (Castle Road) Foodbank collection box is now situated in the lobby (or you may find it behind the tills) at Sainsburys, Rayleigh Weir – please support this if you are able.

## ASSOCIATION OF CHRISTIAN COUNSELLOR'S (ACC) COVID-19 CRISIS COUNSELLING SUPPORT SERVICE

ACC have set up a new service – a Covid 19 Crisis Counselling Support Service (CCSS) for NHS frontline staff, People working in a residential care home setting being directly impacted by caring for people who have Covid-19 and people who have been bereaved during the COVID-19 epidemic in the U.K.

The crisis counselling support service offers up to ten sessions of counselling on a no fee basis.

**To find out more please visit ACC's website [www.acc-uk.org](http://www.acc-uk.org) or if you don't have access to a computer, please ring 024 7644 9694.**



## CORONAVIRUS-RELATED SCAMS

**For the latest information and how to protect yourself go to <http://actionfraud.police.uk/covid19>**

If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call Essex Police on 101. Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.

**Please see the parish website ([www.olorchurch.org](http://www.olorchurch.org)) for specific information and the latest advice from Essex Police about the following topics:**

Carnival Cruises Data Breach

Paypal Scam via Facebook Messenger

Online Shopping advice

TV License and HMRC Phishing Emails

Track and Trace Advice from Essex Police

A council tax refund scam, a puppy scam and 'spoofed' text messages.



## SOME USEFUL NUMBERS THAT MAY HELP YOU, YOUR FAMILIES OR NEIGHBOURS.



### **ABUSE AND OTHER HELPLINES – USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS**

**Police** - call 999 – if you cannot respond due to danger, tap the mobile handset or cough, then when prompted press 55 (this takes you straight through to the police)

**Freephone National Domestic Abuse Helpline:** 0808 200 0247

[www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk)

**Men's advice line** 0808 801 0327 [www.mensadviceline.org.uk](http://www.mensadviceline.org.uk)

**Rape Crisis** 0808 9999 [www.rapecrisis.org.uk](http://www.rapecrisis.org.uk)

**Respect phoneline** 0808 999 4040 [www.respectphoneline.org.uk](http://www.respectphoneline.org.uk)

**Karma Nirvana** – a national honour based abuse helpline 0808 5999 247

[support@karmanirvana.org.uk](mailto:support@karmanirvana.org.uk)

**Stay Safe East** 0208 519 7241 (focus on people with disabilities) Text 07587 134122

**NSPCC** 0808 800 5000 Email [help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk)

**Childline** 0800 1111

**Child Exploitation and Online Protection** [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

This site offers help for parents and children (at their level) from 4 years old upwards.

**Fraud or Attempted Fraud** 0300 123 2040 [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

or call Essex Police on 101

**Suspicious emails** NCSC (National Cyber Security Centre) [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

## **SUPPORT -**

**Anxiety**      Call 08444 775774

**Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)**

email – [support@ocdaction.org.uk](mailto:support@ocdaction.org.uk)

Call 0845 390 6232

skype 0303 040 1112

### **ISOLATED DUE TO CORONAVIRUS - HOW TO OBTAIN HELP**

The source of your support depends on which category of 'shielding' you fall into.

**Category 1** - you have been contacted by the NHS and told to remain at home for 12 weeks. You are being supported directly from the government. If you were not contacted by the NHS and told this then you do not fall into this category.

**Category 2** - anyone over the age of 70, plus anyone under the age of 70 with certain serious health conditions plus pregnant women - you are being supported by Essex County Council through their Essex Welfare Service. Please contact them on 0300 303 9988.

**Category 3** - Everyone else.

You are supported by the **new helpline** set up by Rochford District Council in partnership with local faith groups, churches and voluntary organisations. If you have no friends or family close by and you need support during this crisis, or are feeling isolated, please call **01268 779999**.





## READINGS AT MASS – 22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

### First reading – Jeremiah 20:7-9

**The word of the Lord has meant insult for me.**

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: "Violence and ruin!" The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, "I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more" Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

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### Psalm 62

***For you my soul is thirsting, O Lord my God.***

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. *(R.)*
  2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
To see your strength and your glory  
For your love is better than life,  
My lips will speak of your praise. *(R.)*
  3. So I will bless you all my life,  
In your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet  
My mouth shall praise you with joy. *(R.)*
  4. For you have been my help;  
In the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
Your right hand holds me fast. *(R.)*
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### Second reading - Romans 12:1-2

**Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice.**

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

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***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.***

***Alleluia!***

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## Gospel - Matthew 16:20-27

### 'Get behind me, Satan!'

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. "Heaven preserve you, Lord" he said. "This must not happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to be a follower of mine let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?"

"For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour."

