

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

All Saints – Year A – Divine Office Wk 3

31st October / 1st November 2020



‘Go to hell! What a charming expression! I find it interesting that in the entire history of our Catholic Church, not a single person has ever been declared to be in hell. Judas, Hitler, Hussein...whoever. You name them, people who did very evil things, yet not one has the church pronounced as being in hell. Why?

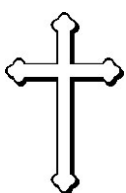
Possibly because we hold out for ‘universal restoration’, where God’s love is so perfect, so victorious, so patient, that in fact He will finally win out in every single person’s life. (The ancient word for universal restoration is *apokatastasis* - impress your friends with that one!) The wise men and women of the early church believed in it. Many may not like the idea, preferring a ‘tit-for-tat’ God. But Jesus’ parables certainly teach it – the sinner getting to heaven before us, etc. Would God be that great if his love didn’t win out eventually? Pretty lousy God otherwise! It may take an ‘eternity’, but God’s love will eventually convince everyone to choose Him rather than the cold and darkness of anything else. This universal restoration must surely be the meaning of Our Lord’s resurrection: that God will turn **all** our human agonies and crucifixions into resurrection joys. Everyone will ‘eventually’ choose the light. How long is ‘eventually’ or ‘eternity’- who knows? Biblically, eternity is not forever and ever, but has deeper meanings, which can be explained another time.

So, no-one has been declared in hell. But yes, our Catholic Church canonizes saints, declaring them to be in heaven. As our models, we are called to imitate them, to follow their example. Not to leave them on pedestals, but to do as they did. We ask them to intercede through our efforts in following their examples.

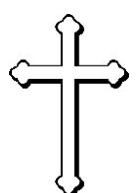
Any Saint will confess that through profound faith and trust in Our Lord, totally honest and open about their dark sides – ie. sins, weaknesses, stupidities, their hells - healing happens. Tough, but liberating. Then, grace abounds. It leads to true wholeness, true holiness. That can be us too.

Can it be true that heaven and hell are separated by an act of consciousness?

God Bless, Fr. Paul.



Monday 2nd November is the Commemoration of All Souls
There will be an EXTRA MASS in Church that day at 10am.

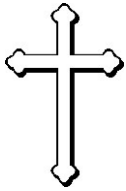


This week Fr Paul will say Mass for the following intentions:-

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 31st October	
5.30pm Mass	Fr Tom Jordan RIP and Parish Community Ints
Sunday 1st November ALL SAINTS	
9.30am Mass	Deceased members of Lucibello & Flower families RIP (Susan & Damian)
Monday 2nd All Souls	
10am Mass	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 3rd	
	Alice Allso RIP
Wednesday 4th St Charles Borromeo	
10am Mass	Brenda Hann RIP (Nora McPherson)
Thursday 5th	
	Jessie Bedford RIP (Rita Gurney)
Friday 6th	
10am Mass	Colin & Marie Griffin (Ints) (Irene Balogh)
Saturday 7th	
5.30pm Mass	SVP Members & Beneficiaries RIP (SVP Rayleigh)
Sunday 8th November 32nd Sunday of the Year (Remembrance Sunday)	
9.30am Mass	Parish Community Ints

<p>PARISH PRIEST Father Paul Fox 50 London Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP 01268 742229 www.olorchurch.org email: rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org</p>	<p><u>Public Mass times:</u> Saturdays 5.30pm Sundays 9.30am Wednesdays 10.00am Fridays 10.00am <i>Please be aware - Times and days of Masses are subject to change.</i></p>
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DURING NOVEMBER – MONTH OF HOLY SOULS

There will be a white basket by the Altar for you to add the names of those who have died and whom you wish to be prayed for. These names will be prayed for at every Mass during November.

This will replace the usual Book of Remembrance.

✠ ✠ PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

***Peter Taffurelli** who died on 25th October. His Funeral (family only) will be held on Monday 16th November at 12.30pm followed by burial at Hall Road Cemetery at 1.45pm Please keep Mary, Teresa and the family in your prayers..*

***Also Patricia Hall** who died on 10th October. Please keep Belinda and the family in your prayers. May they rest in peace. ✠ ✠*

THANK YOU FROM THE FAMILY OF MIKE BARRY

Thank you to all in our Parish family, and friends, who have requested Masses for Mike, also for the support of so many with your kind thoughts and prayers. We are truly grateful.

Hilary Barry and all our family.



PLEASE PRAY

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

✠ ANNIVERSARIES ✠

Kindly pray for Jack Molyneux,, Caroline Woodin and Alan Scarsbrook whose anniversaries occur about this time.

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 mid January**.

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

MEMORIAL MASS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE DIED

On Wednesday 4th November the Youth Mass from the chapel at Walsingham House at Abbotswick, streamed at 8pm via Instagram, will commemorate young people who have died. You will find more details at www.bcys.net. If you would like the name of a young person to be read during the Mass, and a candle lit for them, please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org, before 2nd November.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THOSE COMMEMORATED AT ABBOTSWICK

On Sunday 8th November, at 3pm, there will be a Memorial Mass on the BrentwoodCYS YouTube channel. Those commemorated with plaques and benches at Abbotswick will be named, and a candle lit for each of them. If you are connected to Abbotswick, and are not sure if we already have the name of your loved one, or if someone has passed away recently, please email frdominic@dioceseofbrentwood.org before 5th November.

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) are available – but need to be heard openly (not in the traditional Confessional Box). If you wish for the Sacrament, please make a personal time by calling Fr. Paul.

**PLEASE
ENSURE BOTH
YOUR NOSE
AND MOUTH
ARE COVERED
THANK YOU!**

FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH

Please note that 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.

THE CHURCH AND MASS

Covid regulations and guidance state that premises MUST be well ventilated. With this in mind, windows and doors during Mass will remain open. With the cold weather approaching, the suggestion is to bring blankets, wear thermals and bring hot-water bottles as you feel necessary. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

OLOR, RAYLEIGH - TRACK AND TRACE

In order to support the NHS Track and Trace programme, we are taking contact details (name and telephone number) for all visitors to Our Lady of Ransom Church.

In line with guidance issued by the Department for Health and Social Care, we will keep your details safely and in compliance with GDPR legislation for 21 days before securely disposing of or deleting them. We will only share your details with NHS Test and Trace, if asked, in the event that it is needed to help stop the spread of coronavirus. We will not use your details for any other purposes or pass them on to anyone else. They are totally confidential. Thank you for your understanding.

QR - OLOR IS NOW QR READY

You will need to download the app on your mobile phone. QR posters are on the Church doors in the Entrance. You will need the App to access these. This allows for your personal details to be electronically sent to Test and Trace, without the need to write details on forms.

OLOR REPOSITORY – Christmas Cards, Catholic Diaries, Church Art and Advent Calendars etc

These are now on sale in the Bethany room AFTER each Mass whenever possible. Face Masks in Christmas Fabrics are also available.

ENTRY will be via the door at the front of the church, as usual, but payment and EXIT will be via the sacristy door. Payment will be by cash or cheque (made payable to OLOR or Our Lady of Ransom). Please remember to COVER YOUR FACE, SANITISE YOUR HANDS AND KEEP YOUR DISTANCE. Chairs are positioned around the tables to enable distancing and the number of people allowed in the room at any one time may be limited to ensure safety. Thank you in advance for your understanding in these difficult circumstances.

OLOR FUNDRAISING RECIPE BOOK

Work is well underway to completing our school and parish fundraising recipe book. Thank you so much to all those who have submitted recipes and helped to type them up! During this testing time of lockdown and Covid it's been a lovely positive project to be able to exchange, share and collate your treasured recipes. In what will be a difficult time for fundraising for both the parish and school we sincerely hope you will support us in purchasing copies of the recipe book. With 100 recipes, there is sure to be something you will enjoy and help get you through winter!

To register your support in purchasing a copy, please kindly email clare_simon@hotmail.co.uk so that we can establish how many copies to print. We also have a facebook page 'Ransomers Recipes' that you are welcome to join.

Thank you so much.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – PACK A SHOEBOX

Go to <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>

Leaflets are available if you wish. Please take one home with you. Special shoe boxes are already available, but must be taken home too. Or please make up your own shoebox. Details of what can and can't go in the box are in the leaflet.

Please help this worthy cause. Be assured, packing a shoebox for a needy child is hugely satisfying.

Shoeboxes must be brought back to the presbytery
no later than November 14th.



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. (<http://www.hopeworx.org.uk/foodhub.html>)



CHRISTMAS HAMPER COLLECTIONS

They are now specifically collecting the following items to make up Christmas hampers:

Christmas cake – sponge, fruit or log, Christmas pudding (can be chocolate), mince pies, tinned fruit, custard, large tin of ham, salmon, selection boxes / fudge / christmas sweets, large packet of crisps/ savouries cheese twists / twiglets / cheeselets, nuts / popcorn, box of biscuits or shortbread, 1 litre carton juice.



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.

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.

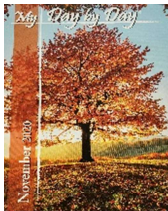
If you, or anyone you know, would like to receive the newsletter by email each week, please in the first instance email a request to the parish office

(rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org) and ask to be added onto the distribution list.

The newsletter will be emailed by the Saturday morning.

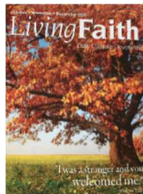
MASS CARDS, SYMPATHY CARDS AND OTHER CARDS FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS...

- 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 November
are available
priced £1 each.



LIVING FAITH (Oct – Dec)

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.

REAL LIVING WAGE WEEK, 9th – 15th November 2020.

After months where key workers and care workers have been at the “front line” it remains the case that many are not paid enough to support their families. The Diocese of Brentwood is actively committed to the Real Living Wage, which lifts such hard working families from poverty. This is an integral part of our faith. For lots of information please look at <https://livingwage.org.uk/>. From 9th November there will also be a specific campaign to ensure workers in care homes are paid the real living wage. This campaign is supported by a number of Catholic Bishops, including Bishop Alan. Find out more at www.citizensuk.org

2021 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in 2021 is planned for Sunday 25 – Friday 30 July.

However, because of Covid-19 it is not possible to know yet whether a pilgrimage will be practical or in what form. Therefore, any decisions and announcements regarding the Diocesan Pilgrimage, and our young people intending to travel with the BCYS, will be made in January. Until then, do keep the dates for the pilgrimage in your diaries.

Meetings for Prospective Parents - September 2021 Admissions

We hope to be able to hold our usual information sessions (restrictions permitting) for parents who are thinking of applying for a place for their child.

Each session will take place from 9.30 - 10.30am and will include a talk from the Head Teacher, a tour of the school and the opportunity to ask questions.

Please visit the school website to book a place.



Our Lady of Ransom
Catholic Primary School

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

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

Monday 9 th November	Friday 11 th December
Monday 16 th November	Friday 8 th January
Friday 27 th November	Starting @ 9.30am

www.olorcps.net info@olorcps.net
01268 785741



BRENTWOOD URSULINE – VIRTUAL OPEN EVENINGS SEPT 2021 INTAKE

Year 7 – October 2020 Sixth form – 5th November 2020

Virtual Open Evenings will be held for prospective Year 7 and Sixth Form students and their parents who wish to consider entry to the school in September 2021. For prospective Year 7 students the virtual Open Evening will go live from Wednesday 30th September 2020. Please contact the Admissions Officer Miss Lester (Tel: 01277 227 156 ext 405) for further information.

Please see our school website www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk and click on the tickertape running across the screen.

For sixth Form students the Virtual Open Evening will go live on the 5th November 2020.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Please contact Sandra our Gift Aid Co-ordinator (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
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.



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 or call 0300 123 2040.

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 or if you don't have access to a computer, please ring 024 7644 9694.

ABUSE: Victim Support – Safe Spaces

Safe Spaces is a free and independent support service, providing a confidential, personal and safe space for anyone who has been, or feels, they have experienced abuse through their relationship with the Catholic Church of England and Wales. Telephone 0300 303 1056

Email: safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk LiveChat at www.SafeSpacesEnglandWales.org.uk



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

Men's advice line 0808 801 0327 www.mensadviceline.org.uk

Rape Crisis 0808 9999 www.rapecrisis.org.uk

Respect phonenumber 0808 999 4040 www.respectphonenumber.org.uk

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

Childline 0800 1111

Child Exploitation and Online Protection www.thinkuknow.co.uk

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

Fraud or Attempted Fraud 0300 123 2040 www.actionfraud.police.uk
or call Essex Police on 101

Suspicious emails NCSC (National Cyber Security Centre) report@phishing.gov.uk

SUPPORT - Anxiety Call 08444 775774

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) Call 0845 390 6232
email – support@ocdaction.org.uk 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**.



23rd October 2020

ROBOSCAMMERS

PROTECT YOURSELF FROM COLD CALLING

With more people now working from home than ever before, you may have recently become more aware of the number of nuisance calls to your landline or mobile phone.

Robocallers are likely to have increased during lockdown, as they do not rely on human call centres.

Many of these calls are computer generated making them cheap and difficult to trace. The pre-recorded messages are often designed to scare people into handing over money or personal details—this includes the Amazon Prime scam and HMRC scams. These calls will often ask you to “Press 1 to speak to someone”.



HOW TO STOP UNWANTED CALLS

- **BT:** The free BT Call Protect service monitors nuisance calls and sends them straight to junk voicemail. BT says it blocks 99 per cent of pest calls.
- **Sky:** Free service Talk Shield stops fraudsters by insisting all callers provide a name.
- **TalkTalk:** CallSafe screens and blocks unwanted calls for free.
- **Plusnet:** Call Protect is free and blocks unwanted calls from a list that you can add to.
- **EE:** Landline customers can block up to ten numbers at a time using the free Choose to Refuse option, which bars the last call answered. Dial 14258 and press ** when asked to confirm.
- **Virgin:** You may be able to blacklist, silence or block calls, depending on your phone.
- **Mobile phones:** Download free apps such as Truecaller, Whoscall and Hiya to block dodgy calls and alert firms to possible scammers.
- **Complain:** By making a complaint about a robocall, you can help to stop them. Experts recommend directing complaints to three bodies: the ICO, by calling 0303 123 1113, visiting ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint, or writing to ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF; the Telephone Preference Service, by calling 0345 070 0707 or visiting tpsonline.org.uk/complaint; or Ofcom, by calling 0300 123 3333 or visiting ofcom.org.uk/complaints



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 actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040

Keep up to date with fraud and
do **even more** Online  essex.police.uk 



READINGS AT MASS – ALL SAINTS

First reading – Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

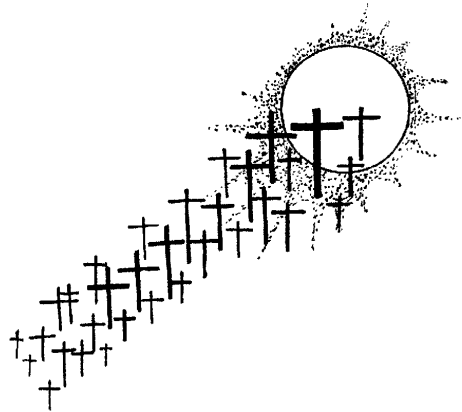
After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Psalm 23

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. *(R.)*
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. *(R.)*
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. *(R.)*



Second reading - 1 John 3:1-3

We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall

be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Alleluia, alleluia!

***Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.***

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12a

How happy are the poor in spirit

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'
