

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

29th Sunday of the Year – Year A – Divine Office Wk 1

17th / 18th October 2020



Louis XIV never wore gloves, even in the coldest weather. Watching him ride past; two French peasants expressed surprise. “His hands must be freezing”, said one. “No”, the other replied, “because he’s always got his hands in our pockets”.

Does Caesar have his hands in Jewish pockets? The people try to trap Jesus with an answer. Whichever way Jesus answers, it appears he will be condemned by one of the opposing groups. Yet this doesn’t happen. Why?

Because Jesus does not present Caesar and God as two independent authorities. Caesar does not possess anything independently of God. Jesus does not need to specify what belongs to God, since everything does. These are not two independent or parallel spheres of power and duty. God has dominion over all creation, and yes, Caesar has power, but only relative power, it will only go so far.

When we go to see professionals –be they doctors, lawyers, police, teachers etc., assuming they are all working with integrity and truth, and as good as they are, we know that their remit still only goes so far. Like Caesar’s. They are not in opposition to God, but their expertise is still only goes so far. It is relative to God’s power.

At its most basic level, we may define politics as what we do and decide publicly, with all the public ramifications of what we do. And spiritually, we ask the question *why* we do what we do, what our true motivations, energies, incentives may be. Religion and politics must be one, they feed each other. Separate them, as we see in our world today, and they are both corrupted. Naturally.

Politics becomes the external expression of what is already happening in our hearts. We see why politics and faith must be one if truth and integrity are to flourish. They feed each other.

Human power exists only in subservience to God’s supreme power. Not independently of, even if the powerful think so. And that power must be expressed through a healthy spiritual disposition. Or we pay a terrible price - spiritually and politically. But before we criticise, we ask the question of ourselves: do our decisions and external behaviours reflect what is truly going on in our hearts?

God Bless, Fr. Paul.

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

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 17th Oct.	
5.30pm Mass	Dec'd members of McGrath family RIP (Helen Cooper)
Sunday 18th 29th Sunday of the Year	
9.30am Mass	Patrick Kivlehan RIP (Anne Randall) and Parish Community Ints
Monday 19th	
	Marianne Yun (of Lourdes) Ints (Stella Ray)
Tuesday 20th	
	SVP members, families & beneficiaries (SVP)
Wednesday 21st	
10am Mass	Those in distress (Ints) (Irene Balogh)
Thursday 22nd	
	Hugh Kirkland RIP (Eithne & Una)
Friday 23rd	
10am Mass	Doris Warrington RIP
Saturday 24th	
5.30pm Mass	Mary Dillane RIP (Julia Dillane) and Parish Community Ints
Sunday 25th October 30th Sunday of the Year	
9.30am Mass	Paul Gurney RIP (Rita Gurney)

<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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Our Parish is part of The Brentwood Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity Number 234092

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.

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.

FACE COVERINGS IN CHURCH



**PLEASE
WEAR FACE
COVERINGS
THANK YOU!**

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.

OLOR REPOSITORY – CHRISTMAS CARDS etc

Christmas cards will now be 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.

SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER - TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday supports missionaries who work alongside communities that are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. By supporting Missio, the Pope's charity for world mission, you will help missionaries like Sr Nilcéia share the love of Christ with those most in need. Please pray for the mission of the Church throughout the world and give what you can to this very important collection which will sustain the future of our Church.

Please call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit Missio's website to give a single gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation, if possible: missio.org.uk Thank you.



FUNERAL OF DOREEN DERRICK

The funeral of my wife, Doreen, took place on 9.10.20 at Ivybridge, Devon, with a Requiem Mass in St Austin's Priory Church followed by cremation at Weston Hill Crematorium, Plymouth. Due to the Covid 19 restrictions only a small number of the family were able to attend. My family and I would like to thank everyone who sent sympathy cards, letters and arranged for Masses to be celebrated both in Rayleigh and Ivybridge. We cannot thank you enough for your kind words and thoughts. We will keep you in our prayers. Gwyn Derrick.

DIRECTOR OF DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY

Last Friday a panel which included Bishop Alan, as well as young adults in the Diocese, selected Claire Bailey to serve as Director of Diocesan Youth Ministry. You can read about Claire on the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service website, www.bcys.net/newdirector, and she will begin the role in January. Please keep her, and all our Diocesan and parish youth ministry, in your prayers.

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.



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.

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



† † PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Cornelius (Con) Parker who died on 26th September. His funeral at Southend Crematorium (for family only) will take place on 23rd October. Please keep Norah 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. † †



PLEASE PRAY

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

† ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Margaret La Pierre and Molly Denny 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 early 2021**.

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

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 October
and 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.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS: CERTIFICATE OF CATHOLIC PRACTICE

If you would like Fr Paul to complete a Certificate of Catholic Practice for your son/daughter please in the first instance download and print off a copy of the Certificate (available either from the relevant School website or <https://catholiceducation.org.uk/guidance-for-schools/admissions>) and then contact Fr Paul to arrange an appointment to get the form signed and sealed.

Please note that School Applications (together with the Certificate of Catholic Practice, where required) need to be submitted by the 31 October 2020 (for secondary transfer) and 15 January 2021 (for applications to primary school).

The current Guidance to Clergy on issuing Certificates already contains a reasonable amount of flexibility to allow clergy to exercise proper pastoral judgment in each case, taking into account all of the circumstances. The extraordinary situation we all find ourselves in this year will form part of the circumstances of each case. Ultimately, the priest is being asked to do no more than certify whether or not the child comes from a practising Catholic family to the best of his knowledge and belief, in all the circumstances.

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" OF INSPECTION 2016 "GOOD" OFSTED INSPECTION 2016

***** 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.

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.

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.

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 4 years 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**.



Rochford District Community Response Hub Helpline

If you have no friends or family close by and you need support during this Coronavirus crisis, or are feeling isolated, please call

01268 -779999

Rochford District Council, act, Rochford, The Church of England, Parish of Rochford, Holy Trinity Church

READINGS AT MASS – 29th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

First reading – Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

I have taken Cyrus by his right hand to subdue nations before him

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

Psalm 95

Give the Lord glory and praise.

1. O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
 2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
 3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power.
give the Lord the glory of his name,
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
 4. Worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: "God is king."
He will judge the people in fairness. (R.)
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Second reading - 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

We constantly remember your faith, your love and your hope

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.
Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 22:15-21

Give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar— and to God what belongs to God.'

