

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM



**Easter Sunday – Year B – Divine Office Wk 1 –  
3<sup>rd</sup> April /4<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

Defiance. Resurrection is an act of defiance. A defiant answer from God that says violence will not win, peace will. Hatred will not win, love will. Lies will not win, truth will. Death will not win, life will. Can this sink into the marrow of our bones? But these transformations require patient waiting, they must be passionately desired – we need to create a space within for them to happen.

The whole of Christianity pivots around Resurrection. Easter. Jesus, blazes a trail, he consciously walks through the mystery of hatred, violence, pain, lies and death and asks us to follow, to join him, offering to take us with him. He wants to lift us out of the hell of our own nonsenses - all the pains, hurts and agonies can now be transformed.. Tomorrow *will* be different to today. It really will. Jesus asks us to *follow*, and follow all the way to the cross, not half way, all the way, and certainly not just pretty worship. It takes real gutsy faith. Never easy. That way, we too are transformed. We have to have walked through this Mystery ourselves – all the way - at least in some form – or else it remains simply “pretty rituals” and “rarefied beliefs” – nothing to do with the nitty-gritty of living everyday real life.

Death and Resurrection. It is the pattern of the universe. Jesus personifies this pattern in himself. Everything dies, everything is renewed, transformed. In Christianity we call it the “Paschal Mystery”, (St. Augustine). We can only know this truth for ourselves as a lived experience. We have to walk it ourselves – all the way. Not clever intellectual assent, sounding smart. This what it means to follow the Lord. A lived experience.

When we have walked it for ourselves, following Jesus all the way, not just half way, not simple pretty worship, only then are our lives transformed. A deep joy like no other. And we our find God, right here, right now, in this very moment, guiding and leading us through to a hopeful future, making sense of our past. Isn't that worth it?

*Wishing you all every blessing for a joyful and peaceful Easter.*

*Please be good to yourselves and each other - stay well, stay safe, stay wonderful.*

**God Bless, Fr. Paul.**

**Additional Public Mass Easter Monday at 10.00am.**

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

**are In Memory of Tom & Pat Herlihy RIP** from Eithne & Oonagh; **Emma Louise Lucibello RIP** from the Lucibello family; **Colin D'Cruz RIP** from Elaine Orr; **Con Parker RIP** from Norah Parker; **John Warren RIP and Dan Abel RIP** from Lorna Warren; **The Byrne family**; **Pat Holohan** from Patricia Holohan; **Mervyn and Theresa Ryder RIP** from Marian Pond.

Thank you also to all those that made anonymous donations – The Flower Team.

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

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>Holy Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	
<b>8pm The Easter Vigil</b>	Parish Community Ints
<b>Easter Sunday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>8am Mass</b>	Joyce Harforth RIP (Jim Harforth)
<b>10am Mass</b>	Susan Ray RIP (Stella Ray)
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>10am Mass</b>	Bob Walker RIP (Rita Gurney)
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Andy Rickard RIP (Anniv) (Jean Wood)
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>10am Mass</b>	Richard McCamley RIP (Anniv) (Shirley McCamley & family)
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Alice Allso RIP
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>10am Mass</b>	Jessie Bedford RIP (Rae & Mike Healy)
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>5.30pm</b>	Parish Community Int
<b>Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April      2nd Sunday after Easter</b>	
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Jack & Margaret Nelson RIP (Anniv) (Joan Gardiner)

<p><b>PARISH PRIEST</b>  Father Paul Fox  50 London Hill, Rayleigh  Essex SS6 7HP  01268 742229  <b><a href="http://www.olorchurch.org">www.olorchurch.org</a></b>  email: <a href="mailto:rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org">rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org</a></p>	<p><b><u>Public Mass times:</u></b>  <b>Saturdays 5.30pm</b>  <b>Sundays 9.30am</b>  <b>Wednesdays 10.00am</b>  <b>Fridays 10.00am</b>  <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**



## HAPPY EASTER

**MANY THANKS...** to all those who have contributed to the Easter Celebrations, especially our stewards, flower ladies and others, also most especially those who continue to work very quietly behind the scenes. Huge thanks to them too.

### OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

The **Easter** collection, by tradition, is a personal offering to the Parish Priest. If offering by standing order/ bacs, please specify it is for Easter.

*Thanks to all who continue to support our parish financially.*

### GIFT AID /ENVELOPES

- We want to encourage everyone to pay online, so from now on, envelopes will need to be requested
- Envelope numbers are being reorganised so if your envelope number is changed, there will be a red label on the box.
- There will be no Special Collection envelopes for those paying by Standing Order. Please use either a charity's own Special Collection envelope, or pay online using Surname and Gift Aid No. or use a blank/yellow envelope with your details printed on the front.
- Some people have started donating to the parish online during lockdown. If you are a taxpayer it's worth a reminder that we could get **an extra 25%** on your donations if you sign up to the Gift Aid scheme. Thank you.



*Please contact Sandra our Gift Aid Co-ordinator ([olorgiftaid@hotmail.com](mailto:olorgiftaid@hotmail.com) / 01268 772998) if you have any questions.*

### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL DRIVERS ATTENDING MASS...

#### CONSIDERATION PLEASE!

**Please park considerately when attending Mass and where possible use the car parks provided!** Residents have been taking photographs of cars parked on the pavement outside the Church and blocking driveways up the hill and put the photos on Facebook which is giving the Parish a bad name. We understand that if this continues police action can be invoked. PLEASE be considerate and thoughtful. **Is such thoughtless parking in the spirit of coming to Mass?**

### IMPORTANT PLEASE NOTE

The Bethany Room, Sacristy, the small servers' room (between the sacristy and Bethany Room) and the church Sanctuary are now fully alarmed.

**If you have a key to any doors of the Church, please let Fr. Paul know as soon as possible so as you can be advised on how to de-activate and re-activate the alarm.**



### MY DAY BY DAY

Booklets for Easter and May are now available priced £1 each.



### LIVING FAITH (April - June)

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.

### VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE FROM BRENTWOOD TO ST PETER'S SQUARE, THE RAYLEIGH KNIGHTS, TOM KENNEDY, SEAN CORR, BRENDAN MURPHY AND MARTIN DOYLE HAVE REACHED BEYOND FRANKFURT.

Combined number of miles walked as of 22<sup>nd</sup> March is 393.

Grateful thanks to those who have supported our endeavour so generously. You can still donate right up to Easter Sunday by sending a cheque (however small) made out to *The Knights of St Columba Co 456*. Please send it addressed as follows: **FAO The Knights of St Columba c/o The Presbytery 50 London Hill Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP.**

Notice of the amount raised through your generosity will appear in the newsletter the week after Easter.



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

Please note: At present we have a large number of outstanding Mass Intentions, which takes us to **early July**.



#### PLEASE PRAY

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

#### † ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Lillian Hill, Dick McCamley, Tinneke Robertson and Margaret Lockhart whose anniversaries occur about this time.



### 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.

## CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) is available – but needs to be offered openly (ie. not in the traditional Confessional Box). If you wish for the Sacrament, please make a personal time by calling Fr. Paul. (The request itself is treated confidentially).

## MASS CARDS & SYMPATHY CARDS ...

can be obtained at the presbytery. Please contact Fr. Paul to arrange a convenient time to come, choose, collect and pay for the cards.

### Public Masses:

Please **do not come** if you have symptoms, sniffles, sneezes, coughs, immunity issues etc.

Use common sense and **think of others**.

Remember to wear a mask and SANITISE hands on entering the church.

**Social Distance regulations MUST be adhered to at all times**

Please follow only the directions of the Stewards.

The church will be both cleaned and sanitised regularly.

Wash your hands, cover your face, make space.



## NEWSLETTERS

**Just a few printed newsletters will be left on the shelf outside the presbytery.** These are primarily designated for anyone who has no email access.

If you are able to print off newsletters yourselves 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.***

## FAST COVID-19 TESTING CENTRE IN RAYLEIGH

A fast testing centre, offering the fast Lateral Flow Tests and giving results in around 30 minutes, is open at The MegaCentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, Essex, SS6 7UT **for people who DO NOT have symptoms** of Covid-19.

Tests are by appointment only. Anyone booking should live in the Rochford area of Essex.

Book online through the website (<https://www.essex.gov.uk/getting-tested-for-covid-19/if-you-dont-have-symptoms>)

If you're not able to book using the online form, you can call 0333 772 6144 to arrange an appointment. Lines are open from 8am to 8pm, every day including Saturday and Sunday. You can also email: [booking.confirmation@nhs.net](mailto:booking.confirmation@nhs.net) and a member of staff will contact you to arrange an appointment.

Anyone WITH symptoms should book a test on the NHS Test and Trace App or the [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk) website.

## 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.mensadvice.org.uk](http://www.mensadvice.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.

### **Coronavirus-related scams / Fraud or Attempted Fraud**

For the latest information go to <http://actionfraud.police.uk/news>

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.



## **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

## **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](mailto:safespaces@victimsupport.org.uk)

LiveChat at [www.SafeSpacesEnglandWales.org.uk](http://www.SafeSpacesEnglandWales.org.uk)



### **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**.



## **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.**

## READINGS AT MASS – Easter Sunday

### First reading – Acts 10: 34, 37-43

*'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

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### Psalm 117 - *This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad*

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### Second reading – Colossians 3: 1-4

*Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

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**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed; let us celebrate the feast then, in the Lord.**

**Alleluia!**

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### Gospel - John 20:1-9

*He must rise from the dead*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.