

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

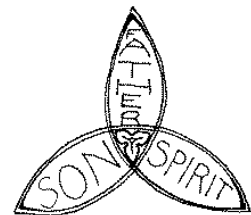


Trinity Sunday – Year B –
Divine Office Wk 1 – 29th /30th May 2021

Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers were a dancing phenomenon in their day. Adored by millions. Maybe there was something almost hypnotic and compelling in watching them dance together, so beautifully rhythmical and graceful. Where movements are wonderfully reciprocal, exactly to time, it is inherently and aesthetically pleasing. In the very old days, this is how the Fathers described God. God is **dance**. Not a dancer, but the dance itself. In God as three persons, there is perfect reciprocal movement between the three persons, Father, Son and Spirit, outwards and inwards, giving and receiving. This is about as best as we can do to try and get a glimpse of the largely ungraspable concept of the Trinity – as a perfect, graceful, exact complementary movement - or dance - between three persons. A perfect relationship between three.

It's all about healthy and right relationship. Scientists today, looking through telescopes and microscopes, at atoms and planets, are finding that the power and energy of things is not in the atoms or particles themselves, not in the planets or stars themselves – but in the very orbits they make with each other. The power and energy comes from the relationship the - 'in-between'. So we have an entirely relational universe. And our Holy Trinity was saying that all along! Everything is based on relationship. We intuit so well, but explain so poorly. This is old Trinitarian language, maybe with a new, fresh and vital re-appreciation. God is relationship so God must be love, since love is the basis of all healthy and right relationship.

So if God is love and where all healthy and right relationship is, surely God is two (if you love, there must be another to love)? Yet we say **God is three**. Why?



When two people really love each other so much, they know their relationship is, and has something bigger than the two of them put together. And it holds them together. That something bigger is the Holy Spirit, the 3rd person, a 3rd entity. In God language, the Holy Spirit is the shared, mutual, explosive, overflowing love between Father and Son. Overflowing love bringing supreme joy, inviting us in. So God must be three. A perfect relationship of three. And Jesus' mission as the 2nd person of the Trinity is to bring us into this supreme overflowing joy of the Trinity, into the ecstatic dance. So let's be sure to join the dance, and let the dance go on...

God Bless, Fr. Paul.

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

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 29th May	
5.30pm Mass	Parish Community Ints
Sunday 30th THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	
8am Mass	Eileen Rochford RIP
9.30am Mass	Joan Bridger RIP (Brenda & Terry Askem)
Monday 31st May Dedication of the Cathedral Church of St Mary & St Helen, Brentwood	
	Tom Duffy RIP (Kathleen Murray)
Tuesday 1st June St Justin	
	Alice Allso RIP and Private Intention.
Wednesday 2nd	
10am Mass	Peter Feather RIP
Thursday 3rd St Charles Lwanga & Comps.	
	Betty Curran & Members of Williams family RIP
Friday 4th St Boniface	
10am Mass	Joan May RIP (Sonia McKenna)
Saturday 5th	
5.30pm Mass	Lotsi Hidveghy RIP (Pat & Mary Rickard)
Sunday 6th June THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST	
8am Mass	Roberta Griffin RIP (The Bunker Family)
9.30am Mass	Parish Community Ints

<p>PARISH PRIEST Father Paul Fox 50 London Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP</p> <p>www.olorchurch.org email: rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org</p>	<p><u>Public Mass times:</u> Saturdays 5.30pm Sundays 8am & 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



The next First Holy Communion celebration will be:



NEXT SUNDAY – 6th JUNE – at the 9.30am MASS,
We WELCOME Elsie, Evie, Jessica, Isabel and Ethan
who will be making their First Holy Communion.

ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Rita Bond, Pat Murray and Betty Holland whose anniversaries occur about this time.

*Our Parish now has a working land-line. The number is **01268 382499**.*

CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) is available – **can now be offered openly and in the traditional Confessional Box**. At the present time, if you wish for the Sacrament, please contact Fr. Paul - the request itself is treated confidentially.

HOPEWORX FOOD HUB has moved to a bigger room at the **Mega Centre in Brooke Road** as of last week. For further information contact Janet Fox on 01268 743232 or 07936 271949

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION If you are 16 years old or above and would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please let Fr. Paul know in writing, with your name and contact number explaining the reasons you wish to receive the Sacrament. Thank you.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME - BABIES COT

Is there anyone in need of a cot for their baby? I have a Mamas and Papas petite cot, suitable from birth to 12 months. It is in very good condition. I am not interested in selling, just to find a home where there is a need. Please call Sharon on 07798865103. Thank you.

THE KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA:

The Knights of St Columba (K.S.C.) in Province 10 which covers the Diocese of Brentwood invites young people to take part in a photographic competition.

The theme for 2021 is '**ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL**' and submissions must be made by Saturday 11th SEPTEMBER 2021.

The competition aims to encourage young people to experiment with their camera or mobile phone, use digital methods of photography, and give an interpretation of the photograph (s).

The age group categories are: Junior 7-10 years old, Year Group 7, 8 and 9 (11-14yrs), and 10-13 (14-18yrs).

Entrants must not be over the age group on 31st JULY 2021. Age must be shown on the entrant form.

Submissions should be made in the first instance to Brother Martin Doyle Action and Youth Officer Council 456 via e-mail to: marting.doyle@blueyonder.co.uk All the details are on KSC Council 456 Facebook page.

Our Lady of Ransom Mother and Toddler Group

Grand opening June 6th 2021 in the Pope John Paul 2nd Hall.

10am - 12pm Every Thursday

Term time only

£2.50 per session per child. Under 1's go free !

Tea, Coffee and biscuits provided.

Contact Sharon Hockett 07949 480448 or alternatively

[www.Facebook.com/olortoddlergroup](https://www.facebook.com/olortoddlergroup).

All places must be booked and paid for in advance. 30 adults maximum. Due to word of mouth places are going fast.

COVID RESTRICTIONS APPLY.

Parish Administrator Vacancy– Ongar: A Parish Administrator is required to provide support to our Parish Office. The successful applicant will ideally be an administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. **The applicant** must be a good team player with excellent communication and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel and financial experience. It is important that all applicants are self-motivated, organised, can multi-task, work to deadlines, and use their own initiative within this role. - 20 hours per week. The salary range for this post is between £9.50-£10.50 per hour. Closing date: **Friday 18th June 2021**. Please contact the parish office via email ongar@dioceseofbrentwood.org for a full job description and application details.

PRAYER INITIATIVE - Recitation of the rosary asking for an end to the pandemic.

Pope Francis invites Catholics around the world to dedicate the month of May to a marathon of prayer for an end to the Covid-19 pandemic and to ask for the resumption of social and work activities.

The initiative, behind which the Pope has thrown his support, involves 30 Marian Shrines from various parts of the world. It takes place under the theme "The whole Church was fervently praying to God," which recalls a verse in the Book of Acts (12:5).

Together with the prayer of the Holy Rosary, each day of the month is characterized by a prayer intention for the various categories of people most affected by the pandemic: i.e. those who have not been able to say goodbye to their loved ones, for all health care personnel, for the poor, the homeless and those in economic difficulty and for all the deceased. These are some of the intentions that will punctuate our prayer to Our Lady.

Each day will see [Vatican News](https://www.vaticannews.va) broadcast the recitation of the Rosary at 6 PM Rome time from the various Shrines taking part in the initiative.

A short liturgical guide has been prepared that provides some useful suggestions for sharing this moment in one's own community as well as list of the world's 30 shrines of Our Lady taking part.

English Liturgical Guide:

www.pcpne.va/content/dam/pcpne/pdf/Eventi/rosario2021/Sussidio%20Rosario%202021%20Inglese.pdf

LADIES GUILD – last advertisement.

After 20 years, Jean is stepping down as Chairperson. We are very grateful for all the work she has put in to the group. If you are interested in leading this group forward please contact Jean on 01268 778986 or speak with Fr. Paul. Thank you.

TO OUR CATHOLIC UNIVERSE AND CATHOLIC TIMES READERS IN THE PARISH: -

go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call 0161 820 5722

SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS: - £25.00

SPECIAL OFFER 12 Months: - £99.00

DIGITAL COPY: - 12 Months: £55.00

OR

DIGITAL COPY/AND HARD COPY FOR: - £115.00

All papers are Covid safe and packed in a sterile component.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION. Please note and read carefully..

1. Through lockdown, our children have been absolutely phenomenal in patiently waiting for a year in order to make their First Holy Communion. All credit to them and their families.
2. With this in mind, through May, June and July this year our children will be making their First Holy Communion **incorporated into the 5.30pm or 9.30am weekend Masses, or both.** There will be between 3 and 5 children making their First Holy Communion at these Masses, although not every weekend.
3. For this reason, I will celebrate an additional 8am Mass on Sundays, throughout May June and July, whether or not there are children making their First Holy Communion that weekend. This will be reviewed after July.
4. Please give careful thought about whether you would prefer to come to an 8am Mass, or one of the weekday Masses. Remember the obligation for Sunday Mass is still suspended.
5. Bear in mind, we have to be strict with Covid restrictions in place at the moment so spreading ourselves out over the other Masses is important, even if we *don't 'normally attend'* a certain Mass. Numbers of relatives/friends of the children who might attend is always an unknown quantity. Also be prepared that your usual place may be taken at a Mass you normally come to.
6. There will be a notice in the newsletter the weekend before if children are making their First Holy Communion at one of the 2 Masses the following weekend. There will be no First Holy Communions at the 8am Masses (or weekdays). Thank you.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CARDS AND GIFTS

A wonderful selection of cards and gifts are on display and for sale in the Bethany room which is accessible whenever the church is open for Mass.

Gift Catalogues are also available for people to browse and select further items provided they are ordered in good time and depending on availability.

If there is no-one there to help you, please leave payment in the Church wall box marked Repository (by the front door).

VIRTUAL LONDON MARATHON

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several charity places for this event taking place over 24 hours on 3rd October 2021. This can be run anywhere and on completion, runners will receive the official London Marathon Finisher's medal and New Balance T shirt. They will also have access to the London Marathon App allowing them to plot their run on the official London Marathon course. If you would like one of our places and think you could raise a fundraising total of £300, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk for registration details.

FR GERRY – HOSPITAL VISITS

The Chaplaincy Team are now allowed to resume duties at Southend Hospital.

Fr Gerry, Chaplain at Southend Hospital, is now visiting all people (unless Covid positive).

If you wish him to visit yourself or a family member please feel free to email him at frgerryd@gmail.com or call 07919 416263.

OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

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 / 01268 772998) if you have any questions.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION: On Saturday 12th June at 11 am Fr Jeremy Corley, lecturer in Sacred Scripture at St Patrick's College, Maynooth, will speak on 'Afterlife Hope before the New Testament'. This event is free of charge and can be accessed by going to www.whatgoodnews.org and following the instructions. No prior booking necessary. The event will be available subsequently on the same website. Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the CBA, will introduce the day and take questions.



MY DAY BY DAY

Booklets for June and July are now available priced £1 each.



LIVING FAITH (July - September)

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 or the church 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.

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.

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 the end of July.**



PLEASE PRAY

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

† ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Joan Daubney, Rita Reale, Colm Conneely and Margaret Cox 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.

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.



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

NEWSLETTERS

A few printed newsletters will be left on the shelf outside the presbytery after each weekend Mass. 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) and ask to be added onto the distribution list.

The newsletter will be emailed by the Saturday morning.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION FLOWER DONATIONS - over the next 3 months would be gratefully received.

Please place any donations in envelopes found at the back of the church and either hand to Fr. Paul, or put in collection baskets, or post through presbytery letterbox.

Please label the money in all cases.

Thank you – the flower team.

REDUNDANCY COACHING:

<http://www.vitaeopus.co.uk> provides free online information and advice about Job Hunting, Self Employment and Active Retirement for Parishioners adversely affected workwise by the pandemic.

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www.vitaeopus.co.uk

Click and go - to make it happen

With easy to use tools, techniques and activities about

Job Hunting - Self Employment - Active Retirement

Outcomes, depending your chosen route, include to

Take control of
your future

Get motivated
and engaged

Build your
wellbeing

Set and realise
clear goals

Produce
powerful CVs

Identify your skills
and strengths

Feel comfortable
networking

Learn how to be your
own best coach

Deal with adversities
with resilience

Maintain a positive
mental attitude

Be ready and keen
to move forward

Secure roles and
work opportunities

Use social media
effectively

Design compelling
achievements

Have an organised and
effective action plan

Develop your
confidence and courage

Manage presentations,
interviews and meetings

Enable your values and
aspirations to be fulfilled

Become employed or
self employed

Start, manage and grow
a new business

Enjoy a fulfilling and
active retirement

Be
Fraud
Smart!

essex.police.uk/
befraudsmart



Essex Police Fraud Alert System

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7th May 2021

MY INFO? I DON'T THINK SO!

Residents are reminded to keep their personal documents safe after a number of reports of scammers asking for copies of passports and driving licences.

Essex Police have seen a recent trend in scammers requesting personal details which can be used to steal someone's identity. This has been linked to a number of different scams including:

- HMRC/National Insurance fraud where the criminal claims they need your personal details to prevent prosecution or reinstate your NI number.
- Computer software frauds where the criminal claims to be from your internet provider. They take control of your computer and say they need to take a photo of you and your driving licence/passport to confirm your identity.

Requests for personal details should always be a red flag. You should never provide this information unless you have confirmed who you are dealing with. To protect you information and your money, Take Five:

- **STOP** - Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.
- **CHALLENGE** - Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.
- **PROTECT** - If you have provided personal details to someone over the phone and you now believe this to be a scam, contact your bank, building society and credit card company immediately and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.



DID YOU KNOW?

Over 70's can renew their driving licence for free with the DVLA?

For those under 70 it costs £14 and should be completed via www.gov.uk/renew-driving-licence or via the letter sent to your home address.



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 at essex.police.uk



Scams.... Social Media. INNOCENT OR CRIMINAL TOOLKIT?

Essex Police are reminding residents that what appear to be innocent games posted on social media have the potential to allow criminals access to your personal data—ultimately allowing them to get their hands on your money.



Local policing teams have recently identified an increase in Facebook posts encouraging users to post their 'Film Star Name' using a pet's name and mother's maiden name, or asking questions such as what was number one in the charts when you were 10. These seemingly harmless questions can provide criminals with lots of personal information that can assist them with stealing your identity. For example:

What is your favourite film star's name? First Pet? Mother's Maiden Name?

What was number one in the charts when you were 10? Allows criminals to work out your Date of Birth

What car did you pass your driving test in? Details of first car

Describe the city you were born in with a clue? Town of birth

All of these are potentially answers to bank account security questions. Remember to Take Five before posting personal details on social media and make sure to check your security settings so that your posts can only be seen by those who you want to see them!

Contact [essex.police.uk](https://www.essex.police.uk) or call 101 for help.

and more scam information from Essex Police

Holiday Scams .

**Please be careful when booking holidays. Be vigilant.
Fraud is on the increase. Criminals are becoming increasingly sophisticated through impersonating companies and flight comparison websites. Fake accommodation is rising.**



ALWAYS check the address is legitimate, make sure logos (pictures) or names are not slightly altered eg. going from .uk.co. to .org .

Please (online) research and don't just rely on one review. Make sure as far as you can the company is credible. Is it an ABTA/ATOL member? Does it have the proper logo/name?

Check their websites if in doubt. Pay safe, preferably by credit card where possible. Avoid paying individually into anyone's personal bank account. Check paperwork. Study receipts, invoices and terms and conditions.

Be wary if the company doesn't provide any paperwork at all when you book.

If a holiday club or time share, get a solicitor to thoroughly vet the contract first. Especially if first time.

Use your instincts: if a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

For information: £2.2 (million pounds) was lost to fraudsters in 020/1. A average of £1,242 a per person (victim).Ouch!

Do you want to be a part of those statistics?

Contact essex.police.uk or call 101 for help.

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 phoneline 0808 999 4040 www.respectphoneline.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.

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 or call 0300 123 2040.

Suspicious emails NCSC (National Cyber Security Centre)

report@phishing.gov.uk

Anxiety Call 08444 775774

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

Call 0845 390 6232

email – support@ocdaction.org.uk

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

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

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READINGS AT MASS – Trinity Sunday

First reading – Deuteronomy 4:32-34. 39-40

Psalm 32 – *Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.*

Second reading – Romans 8: 14-17

Alleluia, alleluia!

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is, who was and who is to come.***

Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 28:16-30

