

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM



**3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021 27B Psalter Week 3**

Divorce, re-marriage, separation. Highly sensitive issues. People so wrongly and unjustly stigmatised. Understanding and encouragement are always needed, not the raising of eyebrows in quiet criticism. So many good, decent people have been badly hurt by marriage break-ups, and are making an admirable job in putting their lives back together again. Yes, we live a very secular world that doesn't appreciate our teachings on marriage, relentlessly imposing its own problems, agendas and challenges to married couples, which leaves us wondering about God's will for us. Hard, often for married couples, so it is with the priest.

Yes, a couple commit themselves to each other in love for life at God's altar, with families and friends as witnesses. This must of course be the genuine intention of both. It is a partnership that involves the full weight of both personalities, this is God's desire, no lightweight thing. *A priest lies prostrate before God at his ordination and commits himself for life to prayer and serving the people of God with love in his heart.* He must intend this. Priesthood and marriage both need regular re-commitment. The couple continually remind each other of their mutual love through telling each other and by their actions. The priest regularly re-commits himself through prayer along with a sound and balanced service of the people. *Both these vocations need working at.* Life is not easy, nor is it meant to be, challenges, hard as they can be, help us to grow, develop, learn, deepen.

Yes, marriage between baptised people is of its nature indissoluble, that is our church teaching and Catholic tradition as it is. I am not offering this as personal or pastoral advice. Individual cases are not being addressed here. It is only right that adequate consideration to church teaching be given. Equally; the church must be fair and compassionate about the results of the harsher, maybe unjust blows life throws at us. In all people's and couples' troubled lives, how can we work and struggle together to find growth, life, grace, mercy, peace and God himself – in these people in their unique and troubled situation, right here, right now. That is, and must always be the church's mission.

We need to strike a fair balance. Fairness and consideration must work both ways.

**God Bless Fr. Paul**

**All Masses and Church Services are now Live Streamed.**

**To take part please go to <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/channel/olor>  
Masses can be watched "live" or later as a recording.**

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

<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>Saturday 2 Oct.</b>	<b>Holy Guardian Angels</b>
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Parish Community
<b>Sunday 3rd</b>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>
<b>8am Mass</b>	William Anderson RIP (Pat Wood)
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Patricia Herlihy RIP (Anniv ) Eithne and Una
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Francis of Assisi</b>
	Holy Souls RIP
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup></b>	
	Dan Milgate RIP (Kath and Peter Hands)
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>10am Mass</b>	Heather Francke RIP (Hilary Barry)
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b>
	Fr. Colin Watling RIP
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Osyth</b>
<b>10am Mass</b>	Delia Shears RIP (Frank and Jean Lowry)
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. John Henry Newman</b>
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Stella Ray RIP (Pat and Mary Rickard)
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b><u>28<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</u></b>
	<b>8am Mass</b> Terry McManus RIP (Anne McManus)
	<b>9.30am Mass</b> Parish Community

<p><b>PARISH PRIEST</b>  Father Paul Fox  50 London Hill, Rayleigh  Essex SS6 7HP  <b>01268 38.24.99</b>  <b>www.olorchurch.org</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 8am &amp; 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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✝ ✝ PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS....

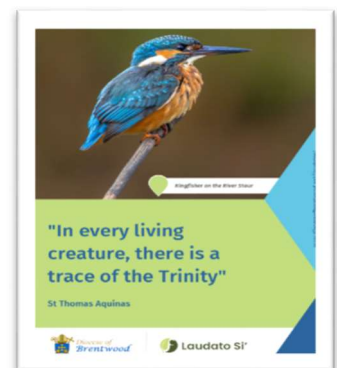
Mrs. Stella Ray . Stella's Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday October 6<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. RIP. (*Apologies for previous misprint*). This will be livestreamed. .

Mr. Derek Hand. Derek ,(Margaret Hand's son) died last Monday. Please keep him and the family in your prayers. RIP.

Mrs. Heather Francke . A Memorial Mass will be celebrated for Heather on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 11am. This will be followed by a memorial tea at Rayleigh Lodge, The Chase, Rayleigh SS6 8RW Heather was a former parishioner whose funeral was celebrated recently in Glasgow. Due to Covid, if you wish to come please call Cathy on 07825 718303 by October 4<sup>th</sup>. as contact details will be needed. Thank you.

**Laudato Si** Invitations, Commitments and Actions Document are launched across the Diocese this weekend. Containing much information about how we can play our part in Climate Change with a healthier environment. For more information please go to [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/laudatosi](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/laudatosi) or email [laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**Living *Laudato Si'*** – Your Parish and Your Planet – Online Retreat – 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2021. Open to all, this retreat will help personal prayer and reflection, and parish action, on the critical issue of care for God's creation. Bishop Alan will open the retreat, which will be led by expert speakers. For more information see the poster at the back of church or email [laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org)



## Letter from Bishop Alan:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, in today's first reading, from the Book of Genesis, we heard about the creation of Eve, from the rib of Adam. In the Gospel Jesus tells us, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs."

These two images chime deeply this pivotal moment in the life of our planet. God's creation was gifted to us in that same Book of Genesis. Adam and Eve are asked to "till" and "keep" the earth – to steward it, care for it, and cherish it. Yet as we consider the children in the Gospel, so precious in Jesus' sight, we have to ask ourselves what kind of world we are handing on to our children, and children yet unborn? This summer has seen wild fires raging in Southern Europe, traumatic flooding in India, Pakistan and America, and a devastating earthquake in Haiti. There can be no doubt that weather patterns are shifting,

and it is the poorest people in the world who are often the ones that are suffering the most.

So how can we respond? Our faith roots us in a Biblical landscape full of natural images – lakes and mountains, fish and sheep, fig trees and olive groves, wheat and lambs. Pope Francis says, “The Lord was ... in constant touch with nature, lending it an attention full of fondness and wonder.” The Pope wrote those words in 2015, in a letter addressed to the whole world. It is called *Laudato Si'* and these are the first words of a prayer of St Francis of Assisi – they translate as, Praise Be.

“Praise Be to brother sun and sister moon,” writes St Francis as he continues referring to all creation as brother and sister. In those simple words he reminds us that we are all interconnected. St Thomas Aquinas, the great Philosopher and Theologian, said “In every living creature there is a trace of the Trinity.” In *Laudato Si'* Pope Francis draws together these centuries of prayer and wisdom, and asks us urgently to “Listen to the Cry of the Earth, and the Cry of the Poor.”

Now, in the autumn of 2021, we find ourselves at a moment which will define how human beings respond to the challenges of Climate Change. In less than a month world leaders gather in Glasgow, and the decisions they make will affect us all. So today you are receiving information about what the Diocese is doing, and what you are invited to do, as individuals and as a parish. As part of this, each of us are asked to make three personal pledges, three ways in which we will act differently. This is not just another environmental campaign; it is an integral part of our faith. In making your personal pledges – in working to heal the planet, and in striving for justice for the poorest people in the world – you are a living witness to Jesus Christ: do not be afraid to tell people why you are doing whatever you choose to do.

Let me now offer some very personal words. I have been deeply blessed in my life to explore mountains, often in Scotland. Mountains are part of the Biblical landscape, where they are places of encounter with God. For me, they are places where I see the immense scale, detail, force and wonder of God's creation. There are moments when I have savoured the stillness and peace of an unparalleled view from a mountain peak. I sense God, and such moments inspire me to pray. So as I see the destruction of God's creation due to the effects of climate change, I take the pledges that I make today very seriously. I will be eating less meat; I will be walking more often; I will be praying much more regularly on the challenges to God's Creation and the urgent issues around climate change.

Today, I am also mindful of my role as Shepherd of the Diocese. It is a feature of our Church that much good work can remain hidden. This weekend, unusually, we are shining a light on what we do, so that you know about it and can share

it. For over thirty years Brentwood Diocese has firmly refused to invest in tobacco or weapons manufacturers, into addition to those who produce pornography, or those who make chemical products that go against our teaching that all life is sacred. Now we have added to this; in the last three months we have divested completely from companies that produce or trade fossil fuel. In 2018 we became an employer that pays the real living wage, lifting families from poverty. The electricity and gas used in almost all our Diocesan buildings now comes from renewable sources.

To reinforce these Diocesan actions, and our personal pledges, today I urgently encourage every school and parish to work towards the Cafod LiveSimply award; this will have a great effect across East London and Essex. The Diocese is full of natural beauty, and we can help to enhance that, creating new havens for wildlife, volunteering with local charities, and growing fruit and vegetables on our land. Personally, I am very pleased to be helping to lead work which will seriously examine our use of energy in the Diocese, most especially in our buildings, and you will hear more about that in your own parish during 2022.

In an interview, Mother Teresa, now a Saint of our Church, was once asked about how her work with the poorest people in Calcutta could possibly make a difference, as there were so many of them. She replied, "Is what I am doing to serve the poor just a drop in the ocean? Yes. It is. But many drops make a different ocean."

Our personal pledges are drops in the ocean – but there are, at least, over 45,000 committed Catholics in our Diocese. That's 135,000 pledges! Making sacrifices; listening to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. In this way, in the name of Jesus Christ, we can help to make a different ocean.

I ask you, with me, to offer it all in prayer: "Teach us afresh, Lord, to care for our common home in the way that you care for us Teach us afresh, Lord, to see 'a trace of the Trinity' in every part of creation Teach us afresh, Lord, the precious truth that each person we meet is a sister or brother of your Son, Jesus Christ."

Yours in Christ and Mary  
Bishop Alan Williams, sm

## LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS

If you are strict about social-distancing, the pews on the right hand side (as we face the altar) are largely reserved for those who wish to do so.

### Public Masses:

**Face Coverings** – please continue wearing a face covering as a mark of respect for one another's health and protection.

Please **do not come** if you have symptoms, sniffles, sneezes, coughs, immunity issues etc. Use common sense and **think of others**.

**Social Distance** should be maintained as much as possible – again – out of mutual respect.

Please continue to follow only the directions of the Stewards.

**Holy Communion** only to be received on the hand for added protection.

The church will continue to be both cleaned and sanitised regularly



## OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

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

## DONATIONS USING QR CODES

To avoid having too much cash lying around, it is now possible to make donations in Church using your mobile phone and QR codes.

*There are notices in the porch for contributions to the parish*



## ONLINE DONATIONS

To make a donation online go to <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/donations/olor>

**GIFT AID / ENVELOPES.** 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.

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



**RELAY 100: summer community event.**

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**RELAY 100:** The Knights of St. Columba - Tom Kennedy, Martin Doyle, Sean Corr and Brendan Murphy undertook the 63<sup>rd</sup> leg of the Diocesan Relay from OLOR to St. Theresa's last Friday evening. Whilst the walk was open to all parishioners, there were **no partakers** and **very little sponsorship**. But you can still donate (no family is expected to give more than £5.00) up to the end of September.

Donations will be gratefully received by Tom Kennedy 01702 230 578. Thank you for your support.

**THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE WEBSITE** has now been launched. This new online resource is the work of the Brentwood Diocese Vicariate for Adult Formation and aims to help adults to deepen their relationship with Christ and His Church. The website address is [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk)



**THE THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS** are a series of talks for adults who want to grow in understanding and confidence when questioned or speaking about their Catholic Faith. The talks and discussion will take place on Zoom from 4.00 - 5.00 p.m. on a Sunday afternoon. THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS The next talks will be on the 3rd and 10th October and the question being explored is "***What does it mean to talk about God?***" Fr Mark Reilly, parish priest of Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford, will consider this question. If you would like to join this discussion, please forward a contact email to [adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org) For more information about *The Thresholds of Hope Questions* go to [www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk](http://www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk) or [adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

## **BCYS EVENTS:**

**BRAND NEW BCYS YOUTH MASS** Takes place on the first THURSDAY of the month at Brentwood Cathedral. The evening will start with a celebration in the Parish Hall at 6pm, where we will provide pizzas and drink as we know many will come straight from school or work. Youth Mass follows in the Cathedral at 7:30pm followed by refreshments after at about 8.30pm. All welcome.

For more information please visit [www.bcys.net/events/september-youth-mass/](http://www.bcys.net/events/september-youth-mass/) or email [info@bcys.net](mailto:info@bcys.net)

**BCYS AUTUMN YOUTH GATHER** – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, Walsingham House at Abbotswick

The BCYS invite all young people from school year 9 and above to join us at Walsingham House at Abbotswick for a one day event on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, with outdoor activities and inflatables and 2 fantastic speakers - John Pridmore will speak about his conversion from a life of organised crime in the East End of London, to teach us that we are all capable of changing our futures and Leila Bousbaa will inspire and educate us on the Catholic response to climate change.

We are asking £20 for the day and you can book online NOW at <https://bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2021/>

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION.** Following enquiries from parents with children who would normally start their Holy Communion Catechism this September, we need to advise that the course is postponed until January 2022. Whilst nothing is guaranteed this will allow the 2021 children to receive their course and make their First Holy Communion. .

## **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.

## **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-November.**





### PLEASE PRAY

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

### † ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Marion Ryan, Luke Molloy and John Hedges. May they rest in peace.

**MASS CARDS & SYMPATHY CARDS** ...can be obtained at the repository shop and the presbytery. Please contact Fr. Paul to arrange a convenient time to come, choose, collect and pay for the cards if the shop is closed.



**CAN YOU HELP THOSE IN NEED?** During the Coronavirus pandemic your SVP Conference has continued to help those from within and outside the local Catholic community. Thanks mainly to contributions donated by a number of parishioners the Conference is keeping its finances afloat. However, age and personal circumstances have caught up with some of our members. We now need to appeal for anyone who can spare approximately 1 per cent of their time to join us in our efforts. The work is not arduous, involving mainly befriending the housebound and lonely, collecting and delivering food parcels, running occasional errands and offering, where able, other practical help. If you feel you can commit to undertaking these charitable works, please contact Colin Griffin (tel. no. 01268 772322) or any other SVP member.

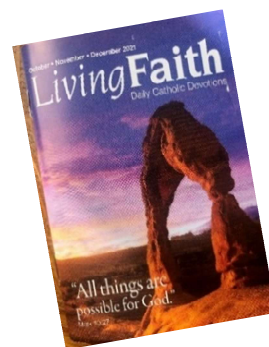
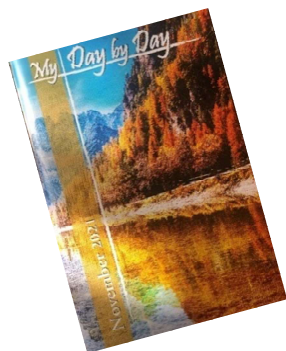
### NEWSLETTERS

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

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



**Living Faith (October - December.) and Bible Alive (October) Donations welcome.**

**Day by Day for October and November £1 each**



**Rediscover Your Marriage – Retrouvaille** simply means 'rediscovery' and is a programme that offers you the chance to rediscover yourself, your spouse, and a loving relationship in your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples having difficulties in the marriage and even heading for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. There is no group therapy or group work.

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the programme commencing with a 'Virtual' weekend on 21<sup>st</sup> –24<sup>th</sup> October 2021... Call or text +44 788 7296983 or +44 797 3380443 – or Email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### **Sacramental Preparation for members of the Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities:**

We are looking for volunteers who would be interested in helping children from GRT communities prepare for the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

If you would like to find out more about this work we will be running two training sessions in the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre behind the Most Holy Redeemer Church in Billericay, 21 Laindon Road, CM12 9LL

The two training sessions will be on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> October and Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> October from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

If you would like more information please phone the Billericay Parish Office on 01277 624891 or email the Parish Office at: [billericay@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:billericay@dioceseofbrentwood.org).

Please note that as this involves working with children, it will be necessary to have a DBS certificate issued by the diocese.

### **Brentwood Ursuline Open Mornings**

Queen's Road Brentwood Essex CM14 4EX  
01277 227156 [admin@buchs.co.uk](mailto:admin@buchs.co.uk)  
[www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk](http://www.brentwoodursuline.co.uk)

**Open Mornings** Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 9.30am -11am *By appointment only.*



This weekend (October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) we have a Missionary Father from the Comboni Missionary Society coming to make an appeal at all Masses. We assure them of our prayers.

**Certificate in Religious Studies.** (CCRS) “..gave me such understanding and confidence about my faith for my parish work.” The Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) provides parish leaders with knowledge and understanding of theology and the Catholic faith. 88% participants recommend the course to others. Learn in person, by distance learning or online For more information visit [brs-ccrs.org.uk](http://brs-ccrs.org.uk)

**Centres (in person learning)**

<http://brs-ccrs.org.uk/index.php/course-centres>

**Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)**

[info@studylifelight.com](mailto:info@studylifelight.com)

01844 351 514

**CCRS Online (online learning)**

[ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk](mailto:ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk)

0151 291 3055

**Afghanistan.....what can we do?**

As the tragedy unfolding in Afghanistan fills the news, adding to the miseries of those who have fled Syria, Iraq, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Eritrea in recent years, it may well be that parishioners ask, “what can we do?”

There is now a wealth of experience within the Diocese to support any parish (or, more realistically – as part of the scheme requirement is to fundraise £9,000 – group of parishes) who wishes to look into this more deeply. I would be happy to help, and have the Chelmsford application as a template. The section of the Home Office that deals with this (known as “Reset”) is also immensely supportive, with excellent briefings and training, and – via CSAN (Caritas Social Action Network) nationally, there are further networks and resources to draw from.

In Redbridge and in Colchester Catholics have been part of ecumenical projects that have welcomed families. It would also be an ideal project for an embryonic Parish Partnership to look into.

A very helpful summary is on the Reset website: <https://resetuk.org/about/what-is-community-sponsorship>

There is also excellent initial information on the CSAN website. Salford Diocese were the first to welcome a family via Community Sponsorship, and their learning has been a huge help.  
<https://www.csan.org.uk/community-sponsorship/>

More detailed initial information is in the Home Office’s own “step by step” guide:

[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/694789/MiniGuide\\_16th\\_June.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/694789/MiniGuide_16th_June.pdf). Caritas Brentwood is recognised as a “Lead Sponsor” which will eliminate some of the hurdles.

Another source of support is Citizens UK who have a dedicated website for this aspect of their work: <https://www.sponsorrefugees.org/>

**Can you help?**

**Prayer for Afghanistan and the Peoples of the Middle East.**

God of Peace, Bearer of Hope, we seek your help for the peoples of the Middle East.

Quiet the clamour of war and guide us towards peace.

Where there is hatred and division, sow seeds of calm and openness.

Where there is destruction help us to rebuild.

Where children are crying, bring an end to tears.

Shelter your peoples and protect them. Guide them and keep them from harm.

Show us how to break down the barriers of history and fear and breathe whispers of love.  
Amen.

CAFOD (based on St. Francis)

## Assisted Dying Bill. What can we do?

This October, an 'Assisted Dying' Bill will be debated in the House of Lords. If successful it will allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live, assistance to commit suicide. The Catholic Church teaches that this represents a crime against human life, we cannot directly choose to take the life of another, even if they request it. The Bishops therefore urge you to **PRAY** this Bill is defeated, **WRITE** to Peers and MPs expressing concern about this proposed legislation and **SHARE** our resources and those of our allies, in the weeks ahead with family and friends, especially via social media.

Guidance on how to write to politicians can be found here:

[parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/](http://parliament.uk/get-involved/contact-an-mp-or-lord/)

Resources, which will be updated in the weeks ahead, can be found here:

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

## THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE

Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this **FREE OF CHARGE**, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli.

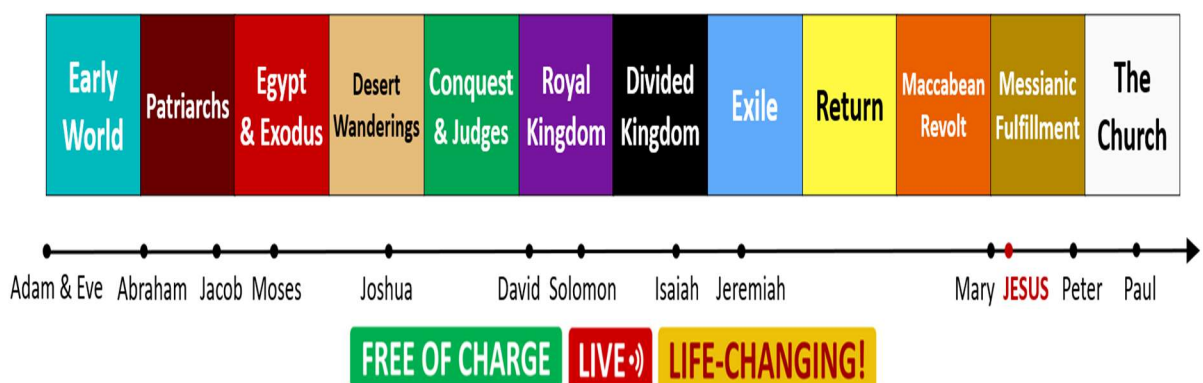
Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm).

Info & Registration: [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

Alternatively please contact [mauro@comeandsee.org](mailto:mauro@comeandsee.org)

Course Info & Registration: [www.comeandsee.org](http://www.comeandsee.org)

## The Bible Timeline Course



## OLOR Theatre Club Pantomime Trip Return!

The Our Lady of Ransom Theatre Club have organised group bookings for Simon Fielding's famous Christmas Pantomimes at Basildon's Towngate Theatre for almost ten years. After what has been a trying and difficult year, we hope to bring you some festive cheer by inviting you to join us for ' **Beauty and The Beast** ' on **Saturday 4th December 1pm**. 120 stall seats are reserved! Tickets are £21.50 pp and suitable for ages 3 upwards! Payment is via Bank Transfer only (no cash / cheque). Please email [olortheatreclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:olortheatreclub@hotmail.co.uk) to book. Please note, in order for as many to enjoy this experience as possible, we are limiting the tickets to max 8 per household. Clare Mason and OLOR Theatre Club

### Scrooge ! Palace Theatre Westcliff

Supporting Amateur Theatre in our local community, OLOR Theatre Club invites you to join us for Charles Dickens unforgettable Christmas Tale 'Scrooge!' presented by Southend Operatic and Dramatic Society at the recently reopened Palace Theatre on Thursday 25th November 7.30pm. Our group rates: £22pp /16 yrs & under £15 /family of 4 £60. Please email Clare [olortheatreclub@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:olortheatreclub@hotmail.co.uk) to book and join us. All welcome.

**Candlelight FUNDS**

Celebrate a life and give hope to thousands more

Giving to charity in memory of someone special is a beautiful way to celebrate their life. Remember a loved one with a donation to CAFOD today and we'll create a Candlelight Fund in their memory.

Your Candlelight Fund will be a wonderful celebration of your special someone and a ray of hope for families all over the world.

*"because the fund allows me to give my son a birthday or Christmas present. It helps to relieve some of the pain on these special occasions"*

*"because I never stopped loving them and I never will"*

**What is a Candlelight Fund?**

A Candlelight Fund is a special fund in memory of a loved one who has died. All donations in their memory, now and in the future, will be combined to make a life-changing difference to families in some of the world's poorest communities.

It can be a private act of remembrance – donating to mark special moments like your loved one's birthday – or you can invite others to join in too.

*"All the darkness in the world cannot extinguish the light of a single candle"*  
St Francis of Assisi

With your prayers and donations, families around the world will be given hope for a brighter future, all in memory of your loved one.

CAFOD is the official aid agency of the Catholic Church in England and Wales and part of Caritas International. Charity no 1160384 and a company limited by guarantee no 09387398. Registered office: Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 72B. Printed on paper from well-managed forests. Help us build a world where **no one is beyond reach** of the love and care they need.

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**Cafod Prayer:** Walk beside me Lord in the cool of the Day; in the garden you have created as our common home. Walk beside us Lord as the cries of the forest pierce the dawn, and flames rip through our common home. Grant us courage Lord as we walk beside all those who struggle to protect our common home. Grant us hope Lord, and the vision to walk dark paths in the light of a single sunbeam. Grant us grace Lord to put the flourishing of all people and the wonder of your creation at the heart of all we do. As we strive to be guardians of our common home. St. Francis pray for us.

## VARIOUS CAFOD ONLINE CONTACTS:

[cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](https://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)

[cafod.org.uk/fastday](https://cafod.org.uk/fastday)

[cafod.org.uk/contactless](https://cafod.org.uk/contactless)

[cafod.org.uk/gogreen](https://cafod.org.uk/gogreen)

[worldgifts@cafod.org.uk](mailto:worldgifts@cafod.org.uk)

[cafod.org.uk/parish-giving](https://cafod.org.uk/parish-giving)

[shop.cafod.org.uk/harvest](https://shop.cafod.org.uk/harvest)

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**£18** could equip a volunteer firefighter with the tools they need to combat forest fires.

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**Give this Family Fast Day to support people around the world working to protect God's creation, and to help the poorest people adapt to climate change.**

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**Thank you!**

Your donations to our **Climate Crisis Appeal** will help the poorest people adapt to climate change, and support women, men and children around the world working to protect God's creation.

You can still donate at [cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis](https://cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis)

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Add your voice to our petition calling for the Prime Minister to show leadership in tackling the climate crisis. Go to: [cafod.org.uk/reclaim](https://cafod.org.uk/reclaim)

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## **Job Vacancy (amended from last week) PA to the HR and Finance Team**

**Appointment Type:** Full time, permanent, 35 hours per week.

**Working Pattern:** Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

**Location:** Cathedral Centre, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AT

**About:** We are looking to recruit a suitably experienced individual to provide office management and oversight of the administration of the HR and Finance Team. This role will have responsibility for providing robust administrative and secretarial support to the HR Manager and Director of Finance and teams across all areas but particularly in relation to the IT, Telephony, and Data Protection. This role will also provide secretarial support including distributing of papers, minute taking and post meeting follow-up as required at monthly Board Meetings.

**What we are looking for:** A self-motivated individual, experienced in office management with excellent administrative and interpersonal skills. Flexibility is key and the successful individual will be adept at organising and prioritising their workload to provide effective support across a range of disciplines. The post-holder will be comfortable interacting with several stakeholders and be able to communicate effectively and in a professional manner with colleagues, the clergy, service providers and members of the public. They will have a good knowledge and understanding of confidentiality, professional boundaries and dealing with sensitive information.

**The successful candidate will:**

- Have suitable, relevant, substantial experience working in a similar role within an office environment including experience of using Microsoft packages such as Word, Outlook, Excel, and PowerPoint.
- Be able to work unsupervised and use their own initiative.
- Possess the ability to work with sensitivity in a Catholic environment.
- Have excellent organisational skills and be able to prioritise and meet tight deadlines.
- Be able to work with discretion and confidentiality.
- Possess high levels of resilience.

**Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Monday 11 October 2021.**

Interviews will take place week commencing 18 October 2021.

Job Description PA to HR and Finance Team

To be considered for the role, please send a CV and covering letter (no longer than one side of A4) to [recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

## **Job Vacancy: Accounts Clerk: Cathedral House**

**Appointment Type:** Part Time, permanent, 28 hours per week.

**Working Pattern:** 4 days a week

**Location:** Cathedral House, Ingrave Road, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 8AT

**About:** We are looking to recruit a suitably experienced individual to provide effective and efficient support in all aspects of general accounts administration, including accounts payable and accounts receivable tasks.

**The successful candidate will:**

- Have suitable, relevant, substantial experience working in a similar role including experience of using Sage 50 General Ledger.
- Have excellent time management with the ability to multitask and prioritise workload.
- Be able to work with discretion and confidentiality.
- Have excellent organisational and planning skills.

**Closing date for applications: 12 noon on Friday 15 October 2021.**

Interviews will take place week commencing 25 October 2021.

To be considered for the role, please send a CV and covering letter (no longer than one side of A4) to [recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

Job Description Accounts Clerk

Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

For an informal chat with Richard Fairlamb, Finance Manager, please email [hr@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hr@dioceseofbrentwood.org)



FROM ESSEX POLICE -



**Stopping Adult Sexual Exploitation** This month's newsletter is to coincide with a law enforcement campaign, which started on 6th September 2021, to increase awareness of Modern Slavery & Human Trafficking, in particular focusing upon Adult Sexual Exploitation.

As part of our commitment to tackling organised crime, we are asking for your support in identifying properties that may be being used in this way so that we can work together to protect our Community. You will undoubtedly be aware of the detrimental effects, misery and harm that modern slavery, trafficking and sexual exploitation bring, not only to our wider communities but, in particular, to those vulnerable individuals within society who are often forced, coerced or exploited into carrying out this illegal activity on behalf of organised gangs

Types of Adult Sexual Exploitation

There are 2 main ways in which victims become involved in Adult Sexual Exploitation: 1. The victims are smuggled into the UK illegally and are If you have any information about possible organised crime, victims of such crime or vulnerable people subject of exploitation,

please inform Essex Police or CrimeStoppers on 0800 555111 Organised Crime Newsletter forced into prostitution in order to pay off their debts. 2. The victims are vulnerable UK citizens and the Organised Crime Groups prey upon their vulnerabilities through threats of violence or by supplying them drugs or alcohol. Signs of Sexual Exploitation • A longer-term rent of more than 2 weeks and less than 2 months of any premise. • Frequent visitors throughout the day and night • Rubbish full of condoms and massage oil • Curtains closed permanently during the day and night • A variety of cars parked up on the drive during the hire period. • Evidence that numerous people have been staying at the address, not just the number listed (modern day slaves could be kept 4 or more to a room meant for just 1 person) • Occupants not seen to leave the premise during the time of the hire • Complaints by neighbours of an increased level of noise or anti-social behaviour •

General suspicious behaviour How to report: Should you have any concerns about child exploitation then please report via one of these ways: ♦ POLICE immediate threat to life - 999 ♦

To report a crime or for advice around any concerns you may have - 101 or online at [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk) ♦

The confidential UK Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700 or online at [www.unseen.org](http://www.unseen.org) ♦ CrimeStoppers on 0800 555 111 or submit information via their anonymous online form.

## 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 4years 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.

**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](mailto: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](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 – 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year**

**First reading –Genesis 2::18-24**

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**Psalm 127 `      *May the Lord Bless us all the days of our Life...***

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**Second reading –Hebrews 2:9-11**

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**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Your Word is Truth Oh Lord, consecrate us in the Truth.. Alleluia**

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**Gospel – Mark 10:2-16**

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