

Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



24th October 2021 30B Psalter Week 2

The Emperor's New Clothes. Remember the story? The emperor had no clothes on. What were the people indoctrinated and conditioned to see? Beautiful clothes. A collective and wrong seeing. Until a child who society hadn't yet conditioned....We probably know the story.

However brainy or intelligent we think we are, it is so easy to see what others see. It's what we are taught to see. It's so often what we are expected to see. And that's what we see.

A blind man, not conditioned by society or culture because he is on the edges of society, cries out to Jesus for help. A blind man, not indoctrinated by society uses his wisdom to see. To see the truth of who Jesus is. Those who are conditioned try to silence him. A conditioning that makes them blind to the truth. The man's only possession, a cloak, all he had, he threw aside, such was his faith. Everything he had he threw aside for faith. How much do we throw aside in the search for faith? Result: he could physically see as well as spiritually see.

So we must be careful with our indoctrinations and conditionings that can so easily blind us as to what is really there, what is right in front of us.

So we see that even well-intentioned and educated people are fooled. They cannot see beyond their own self-interests and society's expectations. The Emperor's New Clothes look beautiful! But the child or the blind person sees the truth, and embarrasses those who think they can see.

Like the blind man, we need the gift of wisdom. To go beyond any conditioning, brainwashing and indoctrination. Never easy. So we see truth. We see Jesus for who he really is. Seeing beyond society's lies. To see subtlety, nuances, different shades of meaning – this is the stuff of true wisdom and true seeing so desperately needed in our world today. To see truth. Dare we desire such seeing?

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:-

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 23rd Oct.	
5.30pm Mass	Doris Warrington RIP
Sunday 24th	29th Sunday of the Year
8am Mass	Stella Mary Ray RIP (Lucy Fletcher)
9.30am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 25th	
	Roy Flower RIP (Susan and Damian Lucibello)
Tuesday 26th	St. Chad and St. Cedd
	June and Alf McIntosh (Diamond) P&M Rickard
Wednesday 27th	
10am Mass	Stella Ray RIP (Peter and Kath Hands)))
Thursday 28th	St. Simon and St. Jude
	Paul Gurney RIP (Anniv) Rita Gurney
Friday 29th	
10am Mass	Mary Dillane RIP (Norah McPherson)
Saturday 30th	
5.30pm Mass	Mrs. Emma Lucibello RIP (Susan and Damian)
<u>All Saints</u>	
Sunday Masses	31st 8am Mass Deceased members of Rayner and Griffin Families RIP (Colin and Marie Griffin)
	9.30am Mass Parish Community

<p>PARISH PRIEST Father Paul Fox 50 London Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP 01268 38.24.99 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 2340

✠ Please keep Mrs. Sharon Hillman from our parish in your prayers. Sharon died last week. Please keep her husband Russell and the family in your prayers too. May she rest in peace ✠

Please Note: there will be no newsletter the weekend of the 6th /7th November.

Also please note Mass at 10am on All Souls Day – Tuesday November 2nd.

The Book of Remembrance will be in the church porch through November. All names recorded will be prayed for during November's Masses. Please feel free to write names in the book.

Remembrance Sunday November 14th. The Rayleigh Town Remembrance Service will take place outside the British Legion at 10.30am. Fr. Paul will be leading the service. All welcome.

Laudato Si Invitations, Commitments and Actions Document have been launched across the Diocese These contain much information about how we can play our part in Climate Change with a healthier environment. Information on cards in the church porch or go to www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/laudatosi or email laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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) / 01268 772998) if you have any questions. Thank you.

Red Missio Box

If anyone would like a Red Missio Box, please speak to one of the Stewards in the Church Entrance Porch before or after Mass and we will ensure that one is delivered to your address. It is a wonderful way of putting in any loose change during the course of the year. The boxes are collected two or three times a year and the monies banked into the Missio account to support the Missionaries and the communities which they serve around the world

CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received.

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable

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 next talk is on the **24th October** and the question being explored is **"What is the universal call to holiness?"** Fr Adrian Lowe, assistant priest at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, will consider this question. The website address is 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 ". adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org For more information about *The Thresholds of Hope Questions* go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk or adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org

(Twitter) @thresholdSH

(facebook) @ThresholdsofHope

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/ or email info@bycs.net

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 late December.**



PLEASE PRAY

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

† ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for James Marshall, Molly Walmsley, Margaret Heath, Doris Haysman, Alan Burton and Christina Frost. 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.

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.

Christmas Hampers. Would like to help with putting Christmas Hampers together regarding the Foodbank? If so, **Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm** at the Todman Centre, Castle Rd, Rayleigh SS6 7QF. If so, we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact [Janet Fox Hopeworx Manager](#) on 01268 743232 or 07936 271949 www.hopeworx.org.uk

Foodbank Box in the church porch.

Calais Light – volunteers are warmly welcome to join the first weekend convoy to Calais since Jan 2020, to support the three charities who are working there with refugees living in dire conditions. It is the fifteenth Calais Light trip, and first time volunteers will be well briefed and supported. The dates are Friday 26th – Sunday 28th November, and there will be a maximum of 30 people. To apply, you must be double vaccinated. Download the pdf version of your digital Covid Pass from the NHS app & email it to calaislight@yahoo.com before the deadline of Wed 27 Oct. You will then be contacted about booking. More information at www.calaislight.com

Chaplaincy Apprentice St Thomas More High School, Westcliff-on-Sea Full Time,
2 Year, Fixed Term

£17,842 - £19,312 actual salary (NJC Salary Scale Point 1- 5)

The school are seeking to appoint a Chaplaincy Apprentice, a new and exciting role with the opportunity to join the team of staff at St Thomas More High School. Our new Chaplaincy Apprentice will work with our staff to develop the school's community to provide spiritual and pastoral support to the students at the school, bearing witness to the mission statement and maintaining and enhancing the distinctive Catholic nature of the school. An ideal role for a young person taking a gap year or who is not yet in work.

For further information please contact Miss Niki Parr, Headteacher's PA on 01702 344933 nparr@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or visit the school website www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk for a recruitment pack.

Advent Service of Reconciliation

We invite you all to attend a Service of Reconciliation at St Teresa's Church on Thursday 16th December at 7.30pm . There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help you with your devotions. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Centres (in person learning)

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

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

01844 351 514 **CCRS Online (online learning)** ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk 0151 291 3055

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/

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

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

Parish Administrator Required in the Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham, Royal Docks working at St Anne's RC church, Berwick Road, E16 3DR. Candidates should have a background in Personal Assistance and Finance though training will be given in the first week. Hours: 20 hours p/w Monday-Thursday. Salary: £11,284 p/a (£10.85 p/h). Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to frdanielkelly@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date for applications will be Friday 29th October 2021 with shortlisting and interviews being held between 1st and 3rd November. Starting date: 8th November 2021.

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. 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)

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.

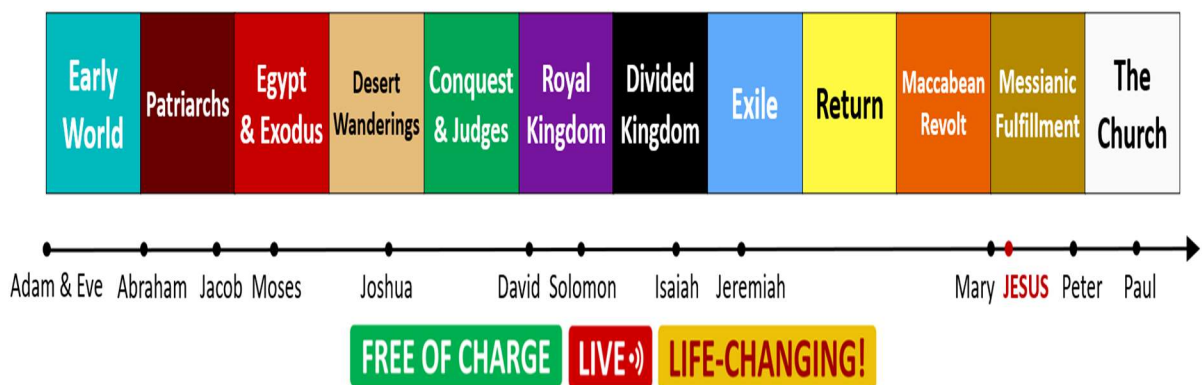
Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm).

Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Alternatively please contact mauro@comeandsee.org

Course Info & Registration: 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 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. We have now secured seats for this at a reduced price of £15 (all ages) Payment can be in two instalments and we can help arrange car share for anyone wishing to come who needs transport. Spaces limited so please email Clare at olortheatreclub@hotmail.co.uk to join us. All welcome.



Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School

"OUTSTANDING"

RE INSPECTION 2016

"GOOD"

OFSTED INSPECTION 2016

*** OPEN MORNINGS ***

Reception entry September 2022

Friday 8th October

Monday 6th December

Friday 15th October

Friday 7th January

Monday 15th November 9.30am ~ 11.00am

www.olorcps.net

info@olorcps.net



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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

Candlelight
FUNDS

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 09387396. Registered office: Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. 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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Catholic Agency for
Overseas Development

VARIOUS CAFOD ONLINE CONTACTS:

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

cafod.org.uk/fastday

cafod.org.uk/contactless

cafod.org.uk/gogreen

worldgifts@cafod.org.uk

cafod.org.uk/parish-giving

shop.cafod.org.uk/harvest

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

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults (3pm Friday 19th – 3pm Sunday 21st November 2021)

We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin (twin bookings must be made together with someone known to you). This price is for 2 nights accommodation and all meals (all rooms are en-suite). For more information, enquiries and bookings please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Remembrance Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick.

Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7th November at 3pm. Due to capacity please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or josephbeattie@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 ♦

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

Criminals continue to target the elderly

Essex Police is warning the public to protect their loved ones as criminals cheat older and vulnerable victims out of cash and high value items through courier fraud.



Data from Action Fraud, reveals that **£10,325,133** has been lost by victims to courier fraud since the start of this year – **an increase** of almost two thirds (**63 per cent**) compared to the same period last year.

- **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 okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you
- **Protect:** Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to
- **Protect:** Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to verify your personal details or PIN by phone, or offer to pick up your bank card by courier. Hang up immediately if you receive a

 If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call **Essex Police** on **101**
Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting **Action Fraud** at actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040

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



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.

SUPPORT -

Anxiety Call 08444 775774

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

email – 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

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.

READINGS AT MASS – 30th Sunday of the Year

First reading –Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 125 *What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.*

Second reading –Hebrews 5: 1-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Light of the World, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. ... Alleluia

Gospel – Mark 10:46-52



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Masses can be watched "live" or later as a recording.***

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

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Saturday 23rd Oct.	
5.30pm Mass	Doris Warrington RIP
Sunday 24th	29th Sunday of the Year
8am Mass	Stella Mary Ray RIP (Lucy Fletcher)
9.30am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 25th	
	Roy Flower RIP (Susan and Damian Lucibello)
Tuesday 26th	St. Chad and St. Cedd
	June and Alf McIntosh (Diamond) P&M Rickard
Wednesday 27th	
10am Mass	Stella Ray RIP (Peter and Kath Hands)))
Thursday 28th	St. Simon and St. Jude
	Paul Gurney RIP (Anniv) Rita Gurney
Friday 29th	
10am Mass	Mary Dillane RIP (Norah McPherson)
Saturday 30th	
5.30pm Mass	Mrs. Emma Lucibello RIP (Susan and Damian)
<u>All Saints</u>	
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	9.30am Mass Parish Community

<p>PARISH PRIEST Father Paul Fox 50 London Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP 01268 38.24.99 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 2340

✠ Please keep Mrs. Sharon Hillman from our parish in your prayers. Sharon died last week. Please keep her husband Russell and the family in your prayers too. May she rest in peace ✠

Please Note: there will be no newsletter the weekend of the 6th /7th November.

Also please note Mass at 10am on All Souls Day – Tuesday November 2nd.

The Book of Remembrance will be in the church porch through November. All names recorded will be prayed for during November's Masses. Please feel free to write names in the book.

Remembrance Sunday November 14th. The Rayleigh Town Remembrance Service will take place outside the British Legion at 10.30am. Fr. Paul will be leading the service. All welcome.

Laudato Si Invitations, Commitments and Actions Document have been launched across the Diocese These contain much information about how we can play our part in Climate Change with a healthier environment. Information on cards in the church porch or go to www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/laudatosi or email laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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 / 01268 772998) if you have any questions. Thank you.

Red Missio Box

If anyone would like a Red Missio Box, please speak to one of the Stewards in the Church Entrance Porch before or after Mass and we will ensure that one is delivered to your address. It is a wonderful way of putting in any loose change during the course of the year. The boxes are collected two or three times a year and the monies banked into the Missio account to support the Missionaries and the communities which they serve around the world

CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent

Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received.

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable

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 next talk is on the **24th October** and the question being explored is **"What is the universal call to holiness?"** Fr Adrian Lowe, assistant priest at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, will consider this question. The website address is 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 ". adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org For more information about *The Thresholds of Hope Questions* go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk or adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org

(Twitter) @thresholdSH

(facebook) @ThresholdsofHope

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/ or email info@bycs.net

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 late December.**



PLEASE PRAY

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

† ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for James Marshall, Molly Walmsley, Margaret Heath, Doris Haysman, Alan Burton and Christina Frost. 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.

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.

Christmas Hampers. Would like to help with putting Christmas Hampers together regarding the Foodbank? If so, **Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm** at the Todman Centre, Castle Rd, Rayleigh SS6 7QF. If so, we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact [Janet Fox Hopeworx Manager](#) on 01268 743232 or 07936 271949 www.hopeworx.org.uk

Foodbank Box in the church porch.

Calais Light – volunteers are warmly welcome to join the first weekend convoy to Calais since Jan 2020, to support the three charities who are working there with refugees living in dire conditions. It is the fifteenth Calais Light trip, and first time volunteers will be well briefed and supported. The dates are Friday 26th – Sunday 28th November, and there will be a maximum of 30 people. To apply, you must be double vaccinated. Download the pdf version of your digital Covid Pass from the NHS app & email it to calaislight@yahoo.com before the deadline of Wed 27 Oct. You will then be contacted about booking. More information at www.calaislight.com

Chaplaincy Apprentice St Thomas More High School, Westcliff-on-Sea Full Time,
2 Year, Fixed Term

£17,842 - £19,312 actual salary (NJC Salary Scale Point 1- 5)

The school are seeking to appoint a Chaplaincy Apprentice, a new and exciting role with the opportunity to join the team of staff at St Thomas More High School. Our new Chaplaincy Apprentice will work with our staff to develop the school's community to provide spiritual and pastoral support to the students at the school, bearing witness to the mission statement and maintaining and enhancing the distinctive Catholic nature of the school. An ideal role for a young person taking a gap year or who is not yet in work.

For further information please contact Miss Niki Parr, Headteacher's PA on 01702 344933 nparr@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or visit the school website www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk for a recruitment pack.

Advent Service of Reconciliation

We invite you all to attend a Service of Reconciliation at St Teresa's Church on Thursday 16th December at 7.30pm . There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help you with your devotions. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Centres (in person learning)

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

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

01844 351 514 **CCRS Online (online learning)** ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk 0151 291 3055

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/

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

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

Parish Administrator Required in the Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham, Royal Docks working at St Anne's RC church, Berwick Road, E16 3DR. Candidates should have a background in Personal Assistance and Finance though training will be given in the first week. Hours: 20 hours p/w Monday-Thursday. Salary: £11,284 p/a (£10.85 p/h). Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to frdanielkelly@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date for applications will be Friday 29th October 2021 with shortlisting and interviews being held between 1st and 3rd November. Starting date: 8th November 2021.

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. 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)

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.

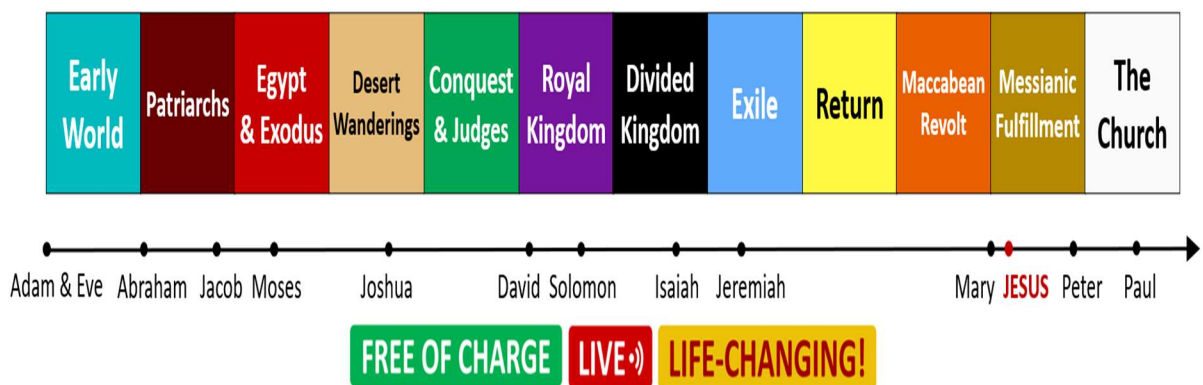
Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm).

Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Alternatively please contact mauro@comeandsee.org

Course Info & Registration: 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 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. We have now secured seats for this at a reduced price of £15 (all ages) Payment can be in two instalments and we can help arrange car share for anyone wishing to come who needs transport. Spaces limited so please email Clare at olortheatreclub@hotmail.co.uk to join us. All welcome.



Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School

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*** OPEN MORNINGS ***

Reception entry September 2022

Friday 8th October

Monday 6th December

Friday 15th October

Friday 7th January

Monday 15th November 9.30am ~ 11.00am

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info@olorcps.net



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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

Candlelight
FUNDS

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

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VARIOUS CAFOD ONLINE CONTACTS:

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

cafod.org.uk/fastday

cafod.org.uk/contactless

cafod.org.uk/gogreen

worldgifts@cafod.org.uk

cafod.org.uk/parish-giving

shop.cafod.org.uk/harvest

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

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults (3pm Friday 19th – 3pm Sunday 21st November 2021)

We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin (twin bookings must be made together with someone known to you). This price is for 2 nights accommodation and all meals (all rooms are en-suite). For more information, enquiries and bookings please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Remembrance Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick.

Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7th November at 3pm. Due to capacity please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or josephbeattie@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 ♦

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

Criminals continue to target the elderly

Essex Police is warning the public to protect their loved ones as criminals cheat older and vulnerable victims out of cash and high value items through courier fraud.



Data from Action Fraud, reveals that **£10,325,133** has been lost by victims to courier fraud since the start of this year – **an increase** of almost two thirds (**63 per cent**) compared to the same period last year.

- **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 okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you
- **Protect:** Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to
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 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](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040

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



Essex Police Fraud Alert System



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.

SUPPORT -

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.

READINGS AT MASS – 30th Sunday of the Year

First reading –Jeremiah 31:7-9

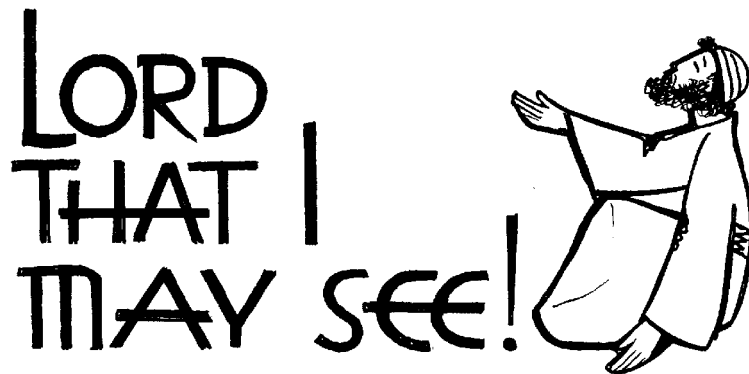
Psalm 125 *What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.*

Second reading –Hebrews 5: 1-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Light of the World, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. ... Alleluia

Gospel – Mark 10:46-52



Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



24th October 2021 30B Psalter Week 2

The Emperor's New Clothes. Remember the story? The emperor had no clothes on. What were the people indoctrinated and conditioned to see? Beautiful clothes. A collective and wrong seeing. Until a child who society hadn't yet conditioned....We probably know the story.

However brainy or intelligent we think we are, it is so easy to see what others see. It's what we are taught to see. It's so often what we are expected to see. And that's what we see.

A blind man, not conditioned by society or culture because he is on the edges of society, cries out to Jesus for help. A blind man, not indoctrinated by society uses his wisdom to see. To see the truth of who Jesus is. Those who are conditioned try to silence him. A conditioning that makes them blind to the truth. The man's only possession, a cloak, all he had, he threw aside, such was his faith. Everything he had he threw aside for faith. How much do we throw aside in the search for faith? Result: he could physically see as well as spiritually see.

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Our Parish is part of The Brentwood Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity Number 2340

✠ Please keep Mrs. Sharon Hillman from our parish in your prayers. Sharon died last week. Please keep her husband Russell and the family in your prayers too. May she rest in peace ✠

Please Note: there will be no newsletter the weekend of the 6th /7th November.

Also please note Mass at 10am on All Souls Day – Tuesday November 2nd.

The Book of Remembrance will be in the church porch through November. All names recorded will be prayed for during November's Masses. Please feel free to write names in the book.

Remembrance Sunday November 14th. The Rayleigh Town Remembrance Service will take place outside the British Legion at 10.30am. Fr. Paul will be leading the service. All welcome.

Laudato Si Invitations, Commitments and Actions Document have been launched across the Diocese These contain much information about how we can play our part in Climate Change with a healthier environment. Information on cards in the church porch or go to www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/laudatosi or email laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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

Wash your hands, cover your face, make space.



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 / 01268 772998) if you have any questions. Thank you.

Red Missio Box

If anyone would like a Red Missio Box, please speak to one of the Stewards in the Church Entrance Porch before or after Mass and we will ensure that one is delivered to your address. It is a wonderful way of putting in any loose change during the course of the year. The boxes are collected two or three times a year and the monies banked into the Missio account to support the Missionaries and the communities which they serve around the world

CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received.
cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable

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 next talk is on the **24th October** and the question being explored is **"What is the universal call to holiness?"** Fr Adrian Lowe, assistant priest at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, will consider this question. The website address is 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 ". adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org For more information about *The Thresholds of Hope Questions* go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk or adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org

(Twitter) @thresholdSH

(facebook) @ThresholdsofHope

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/ or email info@bycs.net

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 late December.**



PLEASE PRAY

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

† ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for James Marshall, Molly Walmsley, Margaret Heath, Doris Haysman, Alan Burton and Christina Frost. 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.

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.

Christmas Hampers. Would like to help with putting Christmas Hampers together regarding the Foodbank? If so, **Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm** at the Todman Centre, Castle Rd, Rayleigh SS6 7QF. If so, we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact [Janet Fox Hopeworx Manager](#) on 01268 743232 or 07936 271949 www.hopeworx.org.uk

Foodbank Box in the church porch.

Calais Light – volunteers are warmly welcome to join the first weekend convoy to Calais since Jan 2020, to support the three charities who are working there with refugees living in dire conditions. It is the fifteenth Calais Light trip, and first time volunteers will be well briefed and supported. The dates are Friday 26th – Sunday 28th November, and there will be a maximum of 30 people. To apply, you must be double vaccinated. Download the pdf version of your digital Covid Pass from the NHS app & email it to calaislight@yahoo.com before the deadline of Wed 27 Oct. You will then be contacted about booking. More information at www.calaislight.com

Chaplaincy Apprentice St Thomas More High School, Westcliff-on-Sea Full Time,
2 Year, Fixed Term

£17,842 - £19,312 actual salary (NJC Salary Scale Point 1- 5)

The school are seeking to appoint a Chaplaincy Apprentice, a new and exciting role with the opportunity to join the team of staff at St Thomas More High School. Our new Chaplaincy Apprentice will work with our staff to develop the school's community to provide spiritual and pastoral support to the students at the school, bearing witness to the mission statement and maintaining and enhancing the distinctive Catholic nature of the school. An ideal role for a young person taking a gap year or who is not yet in work.

For further information please contact Miss Niki Parr, Headteacher's PA on 01702 344933 nparr@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or visit the school website www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk for a recruitment pack.

Advent Service of Reconciliation

We invite you all to attend a Service of Reconciliation at St Teresa's Church on Thursday 16th December at 7.30pm . There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help you with your devotions. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Centres (in person learning)

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

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

01844 351 514 **CCRS Online (online learning)** ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk 0151 291 3055

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/

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

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

Parish Administrator Required in the Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham, Royal Docks working at St Anne's RC church, Berwick Road, E16 3DR. Candidates should have a background in Personal Assistance and Finance though training will be given in the first week. Hours: 20 hours p/w Monday-Thursday. Salary: £11,284 p/a (£10.85 p/h). Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to frdanielkelly@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date for applications will be Friday 29th October 2021 with shortlisting and interviews being held between 1st and 3rd November. Starting date: 8th November 2021.

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. 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)

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.

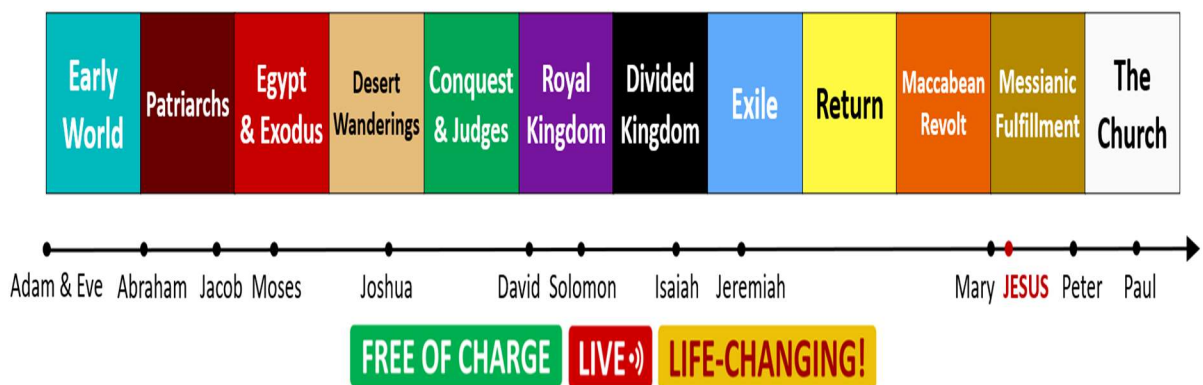
Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm).

Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Alternatively please contact mauro@comeandsee.org

Course Info & Registration: 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 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. We have now secured seats for this at a reduced price of £15 (all ages) Payment can be in two instalments and we can help arrange car share for anyone wishing to come who needs transport. Spaces limited so please email Clare at olortheatreclub@hotmail.co.uk to join us. All welcome.



Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School

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RE INSPECTION 2016

"GOOD"

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*** OPEN MORNINGS ***

Reception entry September 2022

Friday 8th October

Monday 6th December

Friday 15th October

Friday 7th January

Monday 15th November 9.30am ~ 11.00am

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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

Candlelight
FUNDS

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

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VARIOUS CAFOD ONLINE CONTACTS:

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

cafod.org.uk/fastday

cafod.org.uk/contactless

cafod.org.uk/gogreen

worldgifts@cafod.org.uk

cafod.org.uk/parish-giving

shop.cafod.org.uk/harvest

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

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults (3pm Friday 19th – 3pm Sunday 21st November 2021)

We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin (twin bookings must be made together with someone known to you). This price is for 2 nights accommodation and all meals (all rooms are en-suite). For more information, enquiries and bookings please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Remembrance Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick.

Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7th November at 3pm. Due to capacity please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or josephbeattie@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 ♦

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

Criminals continue to target the elderly

Essex Police is warning the public to protect their loved ones as criminals cheat older and vulnerable victims out of cash and high value items through courier fraud.



Data from Action Fraud, reveals that **£10,325,133** has been lost by victims to courier fraud since the start of this year – **an increase** of almost two thirds (**63 per cent**) compared to the same period last year.

- **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 okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you
- **Protect:** Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to
- **Protect:** Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to verify your personal details or PIN by phone, or offer to pick up your bank card by courier. Hang up immediately if you receive a

 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](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040

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



Essex Police Fraud Alert System



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.

SUPPORT -

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.

READINGS AT MASS – 30th Sunday of the Year

First reading –Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 125 *What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.*

Second reading –Hebrews 5: 1-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Light of the World, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. ... Alleluia

Gospel – Mark 10:46-52



Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



24th October 2021 30B Psalter Week 2

The Emperor's New Clothes. Remember the story? The emperor had no clothes on. What were the people indoctrinated and conditioned to see? Beautiful clothes. A collective and wrong seeing. Until a child who society hadn't yet conditioned....We probably know the story.

However brainy or intelligent we think we are, it is so easy to see what others see. It's what we are taught to see. It's so often what we are expected to see. And that's what we see.

A blind man, not conditioned by society or culture because he is on the edges of society, cries out to Jesus for help. A blind man, not indoctrinated by society uses his wisdom to see. To see the truth of who Jesus is. Those who are conditioned try to silence him. A conditioning that makes them blind to the truth. The man's only possession, a cloak, all he had, he threw aside, such was his faith. Everything he had he threw aside for faith. How much do we throw aside in the search for faith? Result: he could physically see as well as spiritually see.

So we must be careful with our indoctrinations and conditionings that can so easily blind us as to what is really there, what is right in front of us.

So we see that even well-intentioned and educated people are fooled. They cannot see beyond their own self-interests and society's expectations. The Emperor's New Clothes look beautiful! But the child or the blind person sees the truth, and embarrasses those who think they can see.

Like the blind man, we need the gift of wisdom. To go beyond any conditioning, brainwashing and indoctrination. Never easy. So we see truth. We see Jesus for who he really is. Seeing beyond society's lies. To see subtlety, nuances, different shades of meaning – this is the stuff of true wisdom and true seeing so desperately needed in our world today. To see truth. Dare we desire such seeing?

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>
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Laudato Si Invitations, Commitments and Actions Document have been launched across the Diocese These contain much information about how we can play our part in Climate Change with a healthier environment. Information on cards in the church porch or go to www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/laudatosi or email laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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

Wash your hands, cover your face, make space.



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) / 01268 772998) if you have any questions. Thank you.

Red Missio Box

If anyone would like a Red Missio Box, please speak to one of the Stewards in the Church Entrance Porch before or after Mass and we will ensure that one is delivered to your address. It is a wonderful way of putting in any loose change during the course of the year. The boxes are collected two or three times a year and the monies banked into the Missio account to support the Missionaries and the communities which they serve around the world

CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent

Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received.

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable

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 next talk is on the **24th October** and the question being explored is **"What is the universal call to holiness?"** Fr Adrian Lowe, assistant priest at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, will consider this question. The website address is 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 ". adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org For more information about *The Thresholds of Hope Questions* go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk or adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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(facebook) @ThresholdsofHope

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/ or email info@bycs.net

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 late December.**



PLEASE PRAY

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

† ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for James Marshall, Molly Walmsley, Margaret Heath, Doris Haysman, Alan Burton and Christina Frost. 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.

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.

Christmas Hampers. Would like to help with putting Christmas Hampers together regarding the Foodbank? If so, **Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm** at the Todman Centre, Castle Rd, Rayleigh SS6 7QF. If so, we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact [Janet Fox Hopeworx Manager](#) on 01268 743232 or 07936 271949 www.hopeworx.org.uk

Foodbank Box in the church porch.

Calais Light – volunteers are warmly welcome to join the first weekend convoy to Calais since Jan 2020, to support the three charities who are working there with refugees living in dire conditions. It is the fifteenth Calais Light trip, and first time volunteers will be well briefed and supported. The dates are Friday 26th – Sunday 28th November, and there will be a maximum of 30 people. To apply, you must be double vaccinated. Download the pdf version of your digital Covid Pass from the NHS app & email it to calaislight@yahoo.com before the deadline of Wed 27 Oct. You will then be contacted about booking. More information at www.calaislight.com

Chaplaincy Apprentice St Thomas More High School, Westcliff-on-Sea Full Time,
2 Year, Fixed Term

£17,842 - £19,312 actual salary (NJC Salary Scale Point 1- 5)

The school are seeking to appoint a Chaplaincy Apprentice, a new and exciting role with the opportunity to join the team of staff at St Thomas More High School. Our new Chaplaincy Apprentice will work with our staff to develop the school's community to provide spiritual and pastoral support to the students at the school, bearing witness to the mission statement and maintaining and enhancing the distinctive Catholic nature of the school. An ideal role for a young person taking a gap year or who is not yet in work.

For further information please contact Miss Niki Parr, Headteacher's PA on 01702 344933 nparr@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or visit the school website www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk for a recruitment pack.

Advent Service of Reconciliation

We invite you all to attend a Service of Reconciliation at St Teresa's Church on Thursday 16th December at 7.30pm . There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help you with your devotions. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Centres (in person learning)

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

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

01844 351 514 **CCRS Online (online learning)** ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk 0151 291 3055

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/

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

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

Parish Administrator Required in the Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham, Royal Docks working at St Anne's RC church, Berwick Road, E16 3DR. Candidates should have a background in Personal Assistance and Finance though training will be given in the first week. Hours: 20 hours p/w Monday-Thursday. Salary: £11,284 p/a (£10.85 p/h). Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to frdanielkelly@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date for applications will be Friday 29th October 2021 with shortlisting and interviews being held between 1st and 3rd November. Starting date: 8th November 2021.

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. 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)

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.

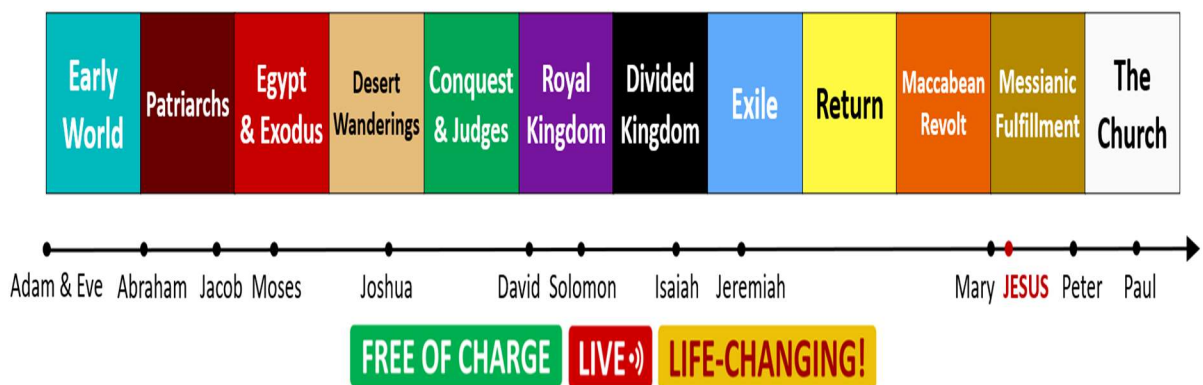
Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm).

Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Alternatively please contact mauro@comeandsee.org

Course Info & Registration: 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 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. We have now secured seats for this at a reduced price of £15 (all ages) Payment can be in two instalments and we can help arrange car share for anyone wishing to come who needs transport. Spaces limited so please email Clare at olortheatreclub@hotmail.co.uk to join us. All welcome.



Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School

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*** OPEN MORNINGS ***

Reception entry September 2022

Friday 8th October

Monday 6th December

Friday 15th October

Friday 7th January

Monday 15th November 9.30am ~ 11.00am

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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.



Candlelight FUNDS

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

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VARIOUS CAFOD ONLINE CONTACTS:

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

cafod.org.uk/fastday

cafod.org.uk/contactless

cafod.org.uk/gogreen

worldgifts@cafod.org.uk

cafod.org.uk/parish-giving

shop.cafod.org.uk/harvest

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

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults (3pm Friday 19th – 3pm Sunday 21st November 2021)

We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin (twin bookings must be made together with someone known to you). This price is for 2 nights accommodation and all meals (all rooms are en-suite). For more information, enquiries and bookings please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Remembrance Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick.

Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7th November at 3pm. Due to capacity please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or josephbeattie@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 ♦

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

Criminals continue to target the elderly

Essex Police is warning the public to protect their loved ones as criminals cheat older and vulnerable victims out of cash and high value items through courier fraud.



Data from Action Fraud, reveals that **£10,325,133** has been lost by victims to courier fraud since the start of this year – **an increase** of almost two thirds (**63 per cent**) compared to the same period last year.

- **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 okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you
- **Protect:** Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to
- **Protect:** Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to verify your personal details or PIN by phone, or offer to pick up your bank card by courier. Hang up immediately if you receive a

 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](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040

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



SOME USEFUL NUMBERS THAT MAY HELP YOU, YOUR FAMILIES OR NEIGHBOURS.



ABUSE AND OTHER HELPLINES – USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police - call 999 – if you cannot respond due to danger, tap the mobile handset or cough, then when prompted press 55 (this takes you straight through to the police)

Freephone National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 200 0247
www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

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

Rape Crisis 0808 9999 www.rapecrisis.org.uk

Respect 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.

SUPPORT -

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.

READINGS AT MASS – 30th Sunday of the Year

First reading –Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 125 *What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.*

Second reading –Hebrews 5: 1-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Light of the World, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. ... Alleluia

Gospel – Mark 10:46-52



Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



24th October 2021 30B Psalter Week 2

The Emperor's New Clothes. Remember the story? The emperor had no clothes on. What were the people indoctrinated and conditioned to see? Beautiful clothes. A collective and wrong seeing. Until a child who society hadn't yet conditioned....We probably know the story.

However brainy or intelligent we think we are, it is so easy to see what others see. It's what we are taught to see. It's so often what we are expected to see. And that's what we see.

A blind man, not conditioned by society or culture because he is on the edges of society, cries out to Jesus for help. A blind man, not indoctrinated by society uses his wisdom to see. To see the truth of who Jesus is. Those who are conditioned try to silence him. A conditioning that makes them blind to the truth. The man's only possession, a cloak, all he had, he threw aside, such was his faith. Everything he had he threw aside for faith. How much do we throw aside in the search for faith? Result: he could physically see as well as spiritually see.

So we must be careful with our indoctrinations and conditionings that can so easily blind us as to what is really there, what is right in front of us.

So we see that even well-intentioned and educated people are fooled. They cannot see beyond their own self-interests and society's expectations. The Emperor's New Clothes look beautiful! But the child or the blind person sees the truth, and embarrasses those who think they can see.

Like the blind man, we need the gift of wisdom. To go beyond any conditioning, brainwashing and indoctrination. Never easy. So we see truth. We see Jesus for who he really is. Seeing beyond society's lies. To see subtlety, nuances, different shades of meaning – this is the stuff of true wisdom and true seeing so desperately needed in our world today. To see truth. Dare we desire such seeing?

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:-

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 23rd Oct.	
5.30pm Mass	Doris Warrington RIP
Sunday 24th	29th Sunday of the Year
8am Mass	Stella Mary Ray RIP (Lucy Fletcher)
9.30am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 25th	
	Roy Flower RIP (Susan and Damian Lucibello)
Tuesday 26th	St. Chad and St. Cedd
	June and Alf McIntosh (Diamond) P&M Rickard
Wednesday 27th	
10am Mass	Stella Ray RIP (Peter and Kath Hands)))
Thursday 28th	St. Simon and St. Jude
	Paul Gurney RIP (Anniv) Rita Gurney
Friday 29th	
10am Mass	Mary Dillane RIP (Norah McPherson)
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<u>All Saints</u>	
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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:

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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) / 01268 772998) if you have any questions. Thank you.

Red Missio Box

If anyone would like a Red Missio Box, please speak to one of the Stewards in the Church Entrance Porch before or after Mass and we will ensure that one is delivered to your address. It is a wonderful way of putting in any loose change during the course of the year. The boxes are collected two or three times a year and the monies banked into the Missio account to support the Missionaries and the communities which they serve around the world

CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received.

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable

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 next talk is on the **24th October** and the question being explored is **"What is the universal call to holiness?"** Fr Adrian Lowe, assistant priest at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, will consider this question. The website address is 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 ". adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org For more information about *The Thresholds of Hope Questions* go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk or adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org

(Twitter) @thresholdSH

(facebook) @ThresholdsofHope

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/ or email info@bycs.net

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 late December.**



PLEASE PRAY

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

† ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for James Marshall, Molly Walmsley, Margaret Heath, Doris Haysman, Alan Burton and Christina Frost. 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.

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.

Christmas Hampers. Would like to help with putting Christmas Hampers together regarding the Foodbank? If so, **Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm** at the Todman Centre, Castle Rd, Rayleigh SS6 7QF. If so, we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact [Janet Fox Hopeworx Manager](#) on 01268 743232 or 07936 271949 www.hopeworx.org.uk

Foodbank Box in the church porch.

Calais Light – volunteers are warmly welcome to join the first weekend convoy to Calais since Jan 2020, to support the three charities who are working there with refugees living in dire conditions. It is the fifteenth Calais Light trip, and first time volunteers will be well briefed and supported. The dates are Friday 26th – Sunday 28th November, and there will be a maximum of 30 people. To apply, you must be double vaccinated. Download the pdf version of your digital Covid Pass from the NHS app & email it to calaislight@yahoo.com before the deadline of Wed 27 Oct. You will then be contacted about booking. More information at www.calaislight.com

Chaplaincy Apprentice St Thomas More High School, Westcliff-on-Sea Full Time,
2 Year, Fixed Term

£17,842 - £19,312 actual salary (NJC Salary Scale Point 1- 5)

The school are seeking to appoint a Chaplaincy Apprentice, a new and exciting role with the opportunity to join the team of staff at St Thomas More High School. Our new Chaplaincy Apprentice will work with our staff to develop the school's community to provide spiritual and pastoral support to the students at the school, bearing witness to the mission statement and maintaining and enhancing the distinctive Catholic nature of the school. An ideal role for a young person taking a gap year or who is not yet in work.

For further information please contact Miss Niki Parr, Headteacher's PA on 01702 344933 nparr@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or visit the school website www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk for a recruitment pack.

Advent Service of Reconciliation

We invite you all to attend a Service of Reconciliation at St Teresa's Church on Thursday 16th December at 7.30pm . There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help you with your devotions. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Centres (in person learning)

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

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

01844 351 514 **CCRS Online (online learning)** ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk 0151 291 3055

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/

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

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

Parish Administrator Required in the Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham, Royal Docks working at St Anne's RC church, Berwick Road, E16 3DR. Candidates should have a background in Personal Assistance and Finance though training will be given in the first week. Hours: 20 hours p/w Monday-Thursday. Salary: £11,284 p/a (£10.85 p/h). Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to frdanielkelly@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date for applications will be Friday 29th October 2021 with shortlisting and interviews being held between 1st and 3rd November. Starting date: 8th November 2021.

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. 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)

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.

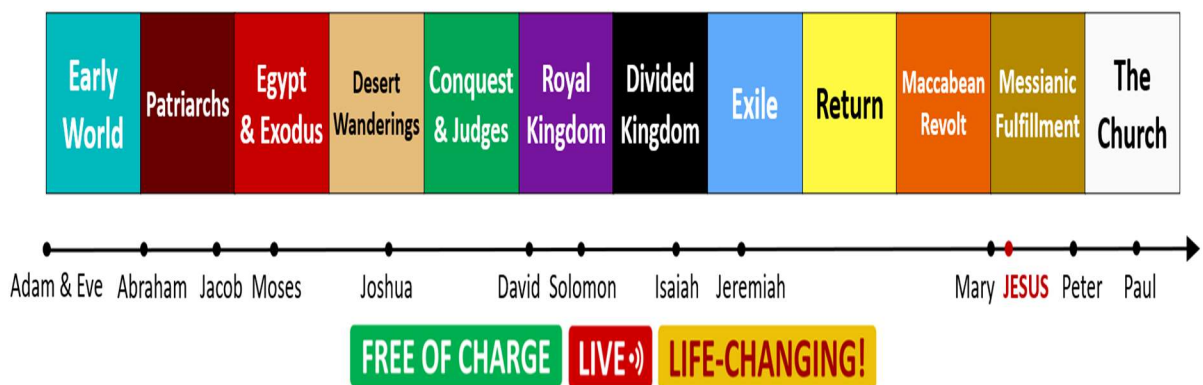
Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm).

Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Alternatively please contact mauro@comeandsee.org

Course Info & Registration: 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 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. We have now secured seats for this at a reduced price of £15 (all ages) Payment can be in two instalments and we can help arrange car share for anyone wishing to come who needs transport. Spaces limited so please email Clare at olortheatreclub@hotmail.co.uk to join us. All welcome.



Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School

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RE INSPECTION 2016

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*** OPEN MORNINGS ***

Reception entry September 2022

Friday 8th October

Monday 6th December

Friday 15th October

Friday 7th January

Monday 15th November 9.30am ~ 11.00am

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info@olorcps.net



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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

Candlelight
FUNDS

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 09387396. Registered office: Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Road, London SE1 7JB. 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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VARIOUS CAFOD ONLINE CONTACTS:

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

cafod.org.uk/fastday

cafod.org.uk/contactless

cafod.org.uk/gogreen

worldgifts@cafod.org.uk

cafod.org.uk/parish-giving

shop.cafod.org.uk/harvest

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

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults (3pm Friday 19th – 3pm Sunday 21st November 2021)

We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin (twin bookings must be made together with someone known to you). This price is for 2 nights accommodation and all meals (all rooms are en-suite). For more information, enquiries and bookings please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Remembrance Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick.

Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7th November at 3pm. Due to capacity please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or josephbeattie@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 ♦

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

Criminals continue to target the elderly

Essex Police is warning the public to protect their loved ones as criminals cheat older and vulnerable victims out of cash and high value items through courier fraud.



Data from Action Fraud, reveals that **£10,325,133** has been lost by victims to courier fraud since the start of this year – **an increase** of almost two thirds (**63 per cent**) compared to the same period last year.

- **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 okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you
- **Protect:** Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to
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 If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call **Essex Police** on **101**
Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting **Action Fraud** at actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040

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



Essex Police Fraud Alert System



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 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 or call 0300 123 2040.

SUPPORT -

Anxiety Call 08444 775774

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

email – 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

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.

READINGS AT MASS – 30th Sunday of the Year

First reading –Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 125 *What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.*

Second reading –Hebrews 5: 1-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Light of the World, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. ... Alleluia

Gospel – Mark 10:46-52



Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



24th October 2021 30B Psalter Week 2

The Emperor's New Clothes. Remember the story? The emperor had no clothes on. What were the people indoctrinated and conditioned to see? Beautiful clothes. A collective and wrong seeing. Until a child who society hadn't yet conditioned....We probably know the story.

However brainy or intelligent we think we are, it is so easy to see what others see. It's what we are taught to see. It's so often what we are expected to see. And that's what we see.

A blind man, not conditioned by society or culture because he is on the edges of society, cries out to Jesus for help. A blind man, not indoctrinated by society uses his wisdom to see. To see the truth of who Jesus is. Those who are conditioned try to silence him. A conditioning that makes them blind to the truth. The man's only possession, a cloak, all he had, he threw aside, such was his faith. Everything he had he threw aside for faith. How much do we throw aside in the search for faith? Result: he could physically see as well as spiritually see.

So we must be careful with our indoctrinations and conditionings that can so easily blind us as to what is really there, what is right in front of us.

So we see that even well-intentioned and educated people are fooled. They cannot see beyond their own self-interests and society's expectations. The Emperor's New Clothes look beautiful! But the child or the blind person sees the truth, and embarrasses those who think they can see.

Like the blind man, we need the gift of wisdom. To go beyond any conditioning, brainwashing and indoctrination. Never easy. So we see truth. We see Jesus for who he really is. Seeing beyond society's lies. To see subtlety, nuances, different shades of meaning – this is the stuff of true wisdom and true seeing so desperately needed in our world today. To see truth. Dare we desire such seeing?

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:-

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 23rd Oct.	
5.30pm Mass	Doris Warrington RIP
Sunday 24th	29th Sunday of the Year
8am Mass	Stella Mary Ray RIP (Lucy Fletcher)
9.30am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 25th	
	Roy Flower RIP (Susan and Damian Lucibello)
Tuesday 26th	St. Chad and St. Cedd
	June and Alf McIntosh (Diamond) P&M Rickard
Wednesday 27th	
10am Mass	Stella Ray RIP (Peter and Kath Hands)))
Thursday 28th	St. Simon and St. Jude
	Paul Gurney RIP (Anniv) Rita Gurney
Friday 29th	
10am Mass	Mary Dillane RIP (Norah McPherson)
Saturday 30th	
5.30pm Mass	Mrs. Emma Lucibello RIP (Susan and Damian)
<u>All Saints</u>	
Sunday Masses	31st 8am Mass Deceased members of Rayner and Griffin Families RIP (Colin and Marie Griffin)
	9.30am Mass Parish Community

<p>PARISH PRIEST Father Paul Fox 50 London Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP 01268 38.24.99 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 2340

✠ Please keep Mrs. Sharon Hillman from our parish in your prayers. Sharon died last week. Please keep her husband Russell and the family in your prayers too. May she rest in peace ✠

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Wash your hands, cover your face, make space.



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

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CAFOD: Thank you for supporting our Climate Crisis Appeal for our recent Family Fast Day. Every donation helps us in our work and is gratefully received.
cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

Please pray for the success of the upcoming UN climate talks in Glasgow, COP26, from 31 October to 12 November. There are prayer cards at the back of church; please do take one and pray that that world leaders will put the needs of marginalised communities around the world, those most affected by climate change, right at the heart of these climate talks. For more information see cafod.org.uk/COP26

May the Holy Spirit inspire all political leaders at COP26 and instill in them the courage and gentleness to implement fairer solutions for the most vulnerable

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 next talk is on the **24th October** and the question being explored is **"What is the universal call to holiness?"** Fr Adrian Lowe, assistant priest at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, will consider this question. The website address is 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 ". adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org For more information about *The Thresholds of Hope Questions* go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk or adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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(facebook) @ThresholdsofHope

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/ or email info@bycs.net

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 late December.**



PLEASE PRAY

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

† ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for James Marshall, Molly Walmsley, Margaret Heath, Doris Haysman, Alan Burton and Christina Frost. 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.

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.

Christmas Hampers. Would like to help with putting Christmas Hampers together regarding the Foodbank? If so, **Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm** at the Todman Centre, Castle Rd, Rayleigh SS6 7QF. If so, we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact [Janet Fox Hopeworx Manager](#) on 01268 743232 or 07936 271949 www.hopeworx.org.uk

Foodbank Box in the church porch.

Calais Light – volunteers are warmly welcome to join the first weekend convoy to Calais since Jan 2020, to support the three charities who are working there with refugees living in dire conditions. It is the fifteenth Calais Light trip, and first time volunteers will be well briefed and supported. The dates are Friday 26th – Sunday 28th November, and there will be a maximum of 30 people. To apply, you must be double vaccinated. Download the pdf version of your digital Covid Pass from the NHS app & email it to calaislight@yahoo.com before the deadline of Wed 27 Oct. You will then be contacted about booking. More information at www.calaislight.com

Chaplaincy Apprentice St Thomas More High School, Westcliff-on-Sea Full Time,
2 Year, Fixed Term

£17,842 - £19,312 actual salary (NJC Salary Scale Point 1- 5)

The school are seeking to appoint a Chaplaincy Apprentice, a new and exciting role with the opportunity to join the team of staff at St Thomas More High School. Our new Chaplaincy Apprentice will work with our staff to develop the school's community to provide spiritual and pastoral support to the students at the school, bearing witness to the mission statement and maintaining and enhancing the distinctive Catholic nature of the school. An ideal role for a young person taking a gap year or who is not yet in work.

For further information please contact Miss Niki Parr, Headteacher's PA on 01702 344933 nparr@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or visit the school website www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk for a recruitment pack.

Advent Service of Reconciliation

We invite you all to attend a Service of Reconciliation at St Teresa's Church on Thursday 16th December at 7.30pm . There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help you with your devotions. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Centres (in person learning)

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

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

01844 351 514 **CCRS Online (online learning)** ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk 0151 291 3055

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/

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

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

Parish Administrator Required in the Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham, Royal Docks working at St Anne's RC church, Berwick Road, E16 3DR. Candidates should have a background in Personal Assistance and Finance though training will be given in the first week. Hours: 20 hours p/w Monday-Thursday. Salary: £11,284 p/a (£10.85 p/h). Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to frdanielkelly@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date for applications will be Friday 29th October 2021 with shortlisting and interviews being held between 1st and 3rd November. Starting date: 8th November 2021.

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. 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)

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.

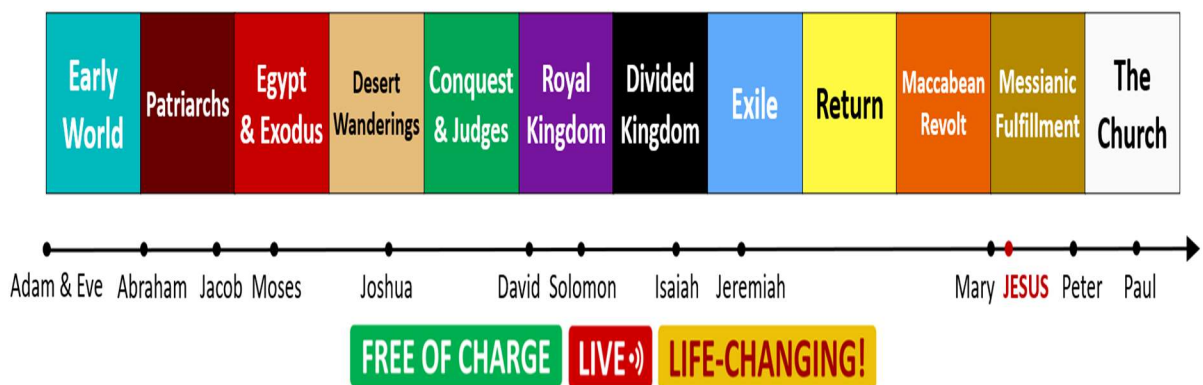
Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm).

Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Alternatively please contact mauro@comeandsee.org

Course Info & Registration: 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 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. We have now secured seats for this at a reduced price of £15 (all ages) Payment can be in two instalments and we can help arrange car share for anyone wishing to come who needs transport. Spaces limited so please email Clare at olortheatreclub@hotmail.co.uk to join us. All welcome.



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Reception entry September 2022

Friday 8th October

Monday 6th December

Friday 15th October

Friday 7th January

Monday 15th November 9.30am ~ 11.00am

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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

Candlelight
FUNDS

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

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VARIOUS CAFOD ONLINE CONTACTS:

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

cafod.org.uk/fastday

cafod.org.uk/contactless

cafod.org.uk/gogreen

worldgifts@cafod.org.uk

cafod.org.uk/parish-giving

shop.cafod.org.uk/harvest

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

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults (3pm Friday 19th – 3pm Sunday 21st November 2021)

We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin (twin bookings must be made together with someone known to you). This price is for 2 nights accommodation and all meals (all rooms are en-suite). For more information, enquiries and bookings please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Remembrance Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick.

Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7th November at 3pm. Due to capacity please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or josephbeattie@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 ♦

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

Criminals continue to target the elderly

Essex Police is warning the public to protect their loved ones as criminals cheat older and vulnerable victims out of cash and high value items through courier fraud.



Data from Action Fraud, reveals that **£10,325,133** has been lost by victims to courier fraud since the start of this year – **an increase** of almost two thirds (**63 per cent**) compared to the same period last year.

- **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 okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you
- **Protect:** Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to
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⚠ 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



Essex Police Fraud Alert System



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.

SUPPORT -

Anxiety Call 08444 775774

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

email – 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

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.

READINGS AT MASS – 30th Sunday of the Year

First reading –Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 125 *What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.*

Second reading –Hebrews 5: 1-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Light of the World, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. ... Alleluia

Gospel – Mark 10:46-52



Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



24th October 2021 30B Psalter Week 2

The Emperor's New Clothes. Remember the story? The emperor had no clothes on. What were the people indoctrinated and conditioned to see? Beautiful clothes. A collective and wrong seeing. Until a child who society hadn't yet conditioned....We probably know the story.

However brainy or intelligent we think we are, it is so easy to see what others see. It's what we are taught to see. It's so often what we are expected to see. And that's what we see.

A blind man, not conditioned by society or culture because he is on the edges of society, cries out to Jesus for help. A blind man, not indoctrinated by society uses his wisdom to see. To see the truth of who Jesus is. Those who are conditioned try to silence him. A conditioning that makes them blind to the truth. The man's only possession, a cloak, all he had, he threw aside, such was his faith. Everything he had he threw aside for faith. How much do we throw aside in the search for faith? Result: he could physically see as well as spiritually see.

So we must be careful with our indoctrinations and conditionings that can so easily blind us as to what is really there, what is right in front of us.

So we see that even well-intentioned and educated people are fooled. They cannot see beyond their own self-interests and society's expectations. The Emperor's New Clothes look beautiful! But the child or the blind person sees the truth, and embarrasses those who think they can see.

Like the blind man, we need the gift of wisdom. To go beyond any conditioning, brainwashing and indoctrination. Never easy. So we see truth. We see Jesus for who he really is. Seeing beyond society's lies. To see subtlety, nuances, different shades of meaning – this is the stuff of true wisdom and true seeing so desperately needed in our world today. To see truth. Dare we desire such seeing?

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:-

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 23rd Oct.	
5.30pm Mass	Doris Warrington RIP
Sunday 24th	29th Sunday of the Year
8am Mass	Stella Mary Ray RIP (Lucy Fletcher)
9.30am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 25th	
	Roy Flower RIP (Susan and Damian Lucibello)
Tuesday 26th	St. Chad and St. Cedd
	June and Alf McIntosh (Diamond) P&M Rickard
Wednesday 27th	
10am Mass	Stella Ray RIP (Peter and Kath Hands)))
Thursday 28th	St. Simon and St. Jude
	Paul Gurney RIP (Anniv) Rita Gurney
Friday 29th	
10am Mass	Mary Dillane RIP (Norah McPherson)
Saturday 30th	
5.30pm Mass	Mrs. Emma Lucibello RIP (Susan and Damian)
<u>All Saints</u>	
Sunday Masses	31st 8am Mass Deceased members of Rayner and Griffin Families RIP (Colin and Marie Griffin)
	9.30am Mass Parish Community

<p>PARISH PRIEST Father Paul Fox 50 London Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP 01268 38.24.99 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 2340

✠ Please keep Mrs. Sharon Hillman from our parish in your prayers. Sharon died last week. Please keep her husband Russell and the family in your prayers too. May she rest in peace ✠

Please Note: there will be no newsletter the weekend of the 6th /7th November.

Also please note Mass at 10am on All Souls Day – Tuesday November 2nd.

The Book of Remembrance will be in the church porch through November. All names recorded will be prayed for during November's Masses. Please feel free to write names in the book.

Remembrance Sunday November 14th. The Rayleigh Town Remembrance Service will take place outside the British Legion at 10.30am. Fr. Paul will be leading the service. All welcome.

Laudato Si Invitations, Commitments and Actions Document have been launched across the Diocese These contain much information about how we can play our part in Climate Change with a healthier environment. Information on cards in the church porch or go to www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/laudatosi or email laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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



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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/ or email info@bycs.net

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 late December.**



PLEASE PRAY

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

† ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for James Marshall, Molly Walmsley, Margaret Heath, Doris Haysman, Alan Burton and Christina Frost. 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.

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.

Christmas Hampers. Would like to help with putting Christmas Hampers together regarding the Foodbank? If so, **Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm** at the Todman Centre, Castle Rd, Rayleigh SS6 7QF. If so, we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact [Janet Fox Hopeworx Manager](#) on 01268 743232 or 07936 271949 www.hopeworx.org.uk

Foodbank Box in the church porch.

Calais Light – volunteers are warmly welcome to join the first weekend convoy to Calais since Jan 2020, to support the three charities who are working there with refugees living in dire conditions. It is the fifteenth Calais Light trip, and first time volunteers will be well briefed and supported. The dates are Friday 26th – Sunday 28th November, and there will be a maximum of 30 people. To apply, you must be double vaccinated. Download the pdf version of your digital Covid Pass from the NHS app & email it to calaislight@yahoo.com before the deadline of Wed 27 Oct. You will then be contacted about booking. More information at www.calaislight.com

Chaplaincy Apprentice St Thomas More High School, Westcliff-on-Sea Full Time,
2 Year, Fixed Term

£17,842 - £19,312 actual salary (NJC Salary Scale Point 1- 5)

The school are seeking to appoint a Chaplaincy Apprentice, a new and exciting role with the opportunity to join the team of staff at St Thomas More High School. Our new Chaplaincy Apprentice will work with our staff to develop the school's community to provide spiritual and pastoral support to the students at the school, bearing witness to the mission statement and maintaining and enhancing the distinctive Catholic nature of the school. An ideal role for a young person taking a gap year or who is not yet in work.

For further information please contact Miss Niki Parr, Headteacher's PA on 01702 344933 nparr@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or visit the school website www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk for a recruitment pack.

Advent Service of Reconciliation

We invite you all to attend a Service of Reconciliation at St Teresa's Church on Thursday 16th December at 7.30pm . There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help you with your devotions. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Centres (in person learning)

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

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

01844 351 514 **CCRS Online (online learning)** ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk 0151 291 3055

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/

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

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

Parish Administrator Required in the Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham, Royal Docks working at St Anne's RC church, Berwick Road, E16 3DR. Candidates should have a background in Personal Assistance and Finance though training will be given in the first week. Hours: 20 hours p/w Monday-Thursday. Salary: £11,284 p/a (£10.85 p/h). Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to frdanielkelly@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date for applications will be Friday 29th October 2021 with shortlisting and interviews being held between 1st and 3rd November. Starting date: 8th November 2021.

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. 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.

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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.

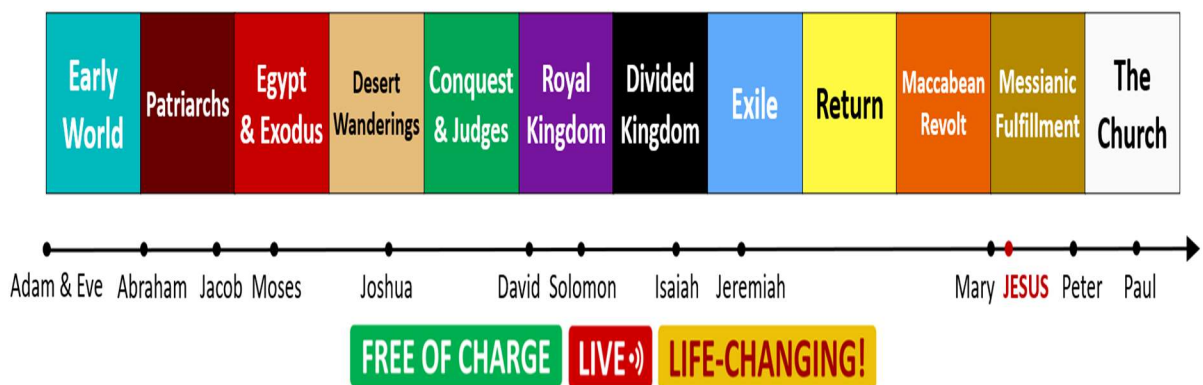
Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm).

Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Alternatively please contact mauro@comeandsee.org

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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 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. We have now secured seats for this at a reduced price of £15 (all ages) Payment can be in two instalments and we can help arrange car share for anyone wishing to come who needs transport. Spaces limited so please email Clare at olortheatreclub@hotmail.co.uk to join us. All welcome.



Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School

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*** OPEN MORNINGS ***

Reception entry September 2022

Friday 8th October

Monday 6th December

Friday 15th October

Friday 7th January

Monday 15th November 9.30am ~ 11.00am

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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

Candlelight
FUNDS

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

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VARIOUS CAFOD ONLINE CONTACTS:

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

cafod.org.uk/fastday

cafod.org.uk/contactless

cafod.org.uk/gogreen

worldgifts@cafod.org.uk

cafod.org.uk/parish-giving

shop.cafod.org.uk/harvest

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

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults (3pm Friday 19th – 3pm Sunday 21st November 2021)

We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin (twin bookings must be made together with someone known to you). This price is for 2 nights accommodation and all meals (all rooms are en-suite). For more information, enquiries and bookings please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Remembrance Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick.

Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7th November at 3pm. Due to capacity please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or josephbeattie@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 ♦

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

Criminals continue to target the elderly

Essex Police is warning the public to protect their loved ones as criminals cheat older and vulnerable victims out of cash and high value items through courier fraud.



Data from Action Fraud, reveals that **£10,325,133** has been lost by victims to courier fraud since the start of this year – **an increase** of almost two thirds (**63 per cent**) compared to the same period last year.

- **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 okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you
- **Protect:** Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to
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 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](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040

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



SOME USEFUL NUMBERS THAT MAY HELP YOU, YOUR FAMILIES OR NEIGHBOURS.



ABUSE AND OTHER HELPLINES – USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Police - call 999 – if you cannot respond due to danger, tap the mobile handset or cough, then when prompted press 55 (this takes you straight through to the police)

Freephone National Domestic Abuse Helpline: 0808 200 0247
www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk

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

Rape Crisis 0808 9999 www.rapecrisis.org.uk

Respect 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>

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SUPPORT -

Anxiety Call 08444 775774

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

email – 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

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.

READINGS AT MASS – 30th Sunday of the Year

First reading –Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 125 *What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.*

Second reading –Hebrews 5: 1-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Light of the World, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. ... Alleluia

Gospel – Mark 10:46-52



Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



24th October 2021 30B Psalter Week 2

The Emperor's New Clothes. Remember the story? The emperor had no clothes on. What were the people indoctrinated and conditioned to see? Beautiful clothes. A collective and wrong seeing. Until a child who society hadn't yet conditioned....We probably know the story.

However brainy or intelligent we think we are, it is so easy to see what others see. It's what we are taught to see. It's so often what we are expected to see. And that's what we see.

A blind man, not conditioned by society or culture because he is on the edges of society, cries out to Jesus for help. A blind man, not indoctrinated by society uses his wisdom to see. To see the truth of who Jesus is. Those who are conditioned try to silence him. A conditioning that makes them blind to the truth. The man's only possession, a cloak, all he had, he threw aside, such was his faith. Everything he had he threw aside for faith. How much do we throw aside in the search for faith? Result: he could physically see as well as spiritually see.

So we must be careful with our indoctrinations and conditionings that can so easily blind us as to what is really there, what is right in front of us.

So we see that even well-intentioned and educated people are fooled. They cannot see beyond their own self-interests and society's expectations. The Emperor's New Clothes look beautiful! But the child or the blind person sees the truth, and embarrasses those who think they can see.

Like the blind man, we need the gift of wisdom. To go beyond any conditioning, brainwashing and indoctrination. Never easy. So we see truth. We see Jesus for who he really is. Seeing beyond society's lies. To see subtlety, nuances, different shades of meaning – this is the stuff of true wisdom and true seeing so desperately needed in our world today. To see truth. Dare we desire such seeing?

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:-

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 23rd Oct.	
5.30pm Mass	Doris Warrington RIP
Sunday 24th	29th Sunday of the Year
8am Mass	Stella Mary Ray RIP (Lucy Fletcher)
9.30am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 25th	
	Roy Flower RIP (Susan and Damian Lucibello)
Tuesday 26th	St. Chad and St. Cedd
	June and Alf McIntosh (Diamond) P&M Rickard
Wednesday 27th	
10am Mass	Stella Ray RIP (Peter and Kath Hands)))
Thursday 28th	St. Simon and St. Jude
	Paul Gurney RIP (Anniv) Rita Gurney
Friday 29th	
10am Mass	Mary Dillane RIP (Norah McPherson)
Saturday 30th	
5.30pm Mass	Mrs. Emma Lucibello RIP (Susan and Damian)
<u>All Saints</u>	
Sunday Masses	31st 8am Mass Deceased members of Rayner and Griffin Families RIP (Colin and Marie Griffin)
	9.30am Mass Parish Community

<p>PARISH PRIEST Father Paul Fox 50 London Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP 01268 38.24.99 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 2340

✠ Please keep Mrs. Sharon Hillman from our parish in your prayers. Sharon died last week. Please keep her husband Russell and the family in your prayers too. May she rest in peace ✠

Please Note: there will be no newsletter the weekend of the 6th /7th November.

Also please note Mass at 10am on All Souls Day – Tuesday November 2nd.

The Book of Remembrance will be in the church porch through November. All names recorded will be prayed for during November's Masses. Please feel free to write names in the book.

Remembrance Sunday November 14th. The Rayleigh Town Remembrance Service will take place outside the British Legion at 10.30am. Fr. Paul will be leading the service. All welcome.

Laudato Si Invitations, Commitments and Actions Document have been launched across the Diocese These contain much information about how we can play our part in Climate Change with a healthier environment. Information on cards in the church porch or go to www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/laudatosi or email laudatosi@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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) / 01268 772998) if you have any questions. Thank you.

Red Missio Box

If anyone would like a Red Missio Box, please speak to one of the Stewards in the Church Entrance Porch before or after Mass and we will ensure that one is delivered to your address. It is a wonderful way of putting in any loose change during the course of the year. The boxes are collected two or three times a year and the monies banked into the Missio account to support the Missionaries and the communities which they serve around the world

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Formation and aims to help adults to deepen their relationship with Christ and His Church. The next talk is on the **24th October** and the question being explored is **"What is the universal call to holiness?"** Fr Adrian Lowe, assistant priest at Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead, will consider this question. The website address is www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk

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THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS ". adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org For more information about *The Thresholds of Hope Questions* go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk or adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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(facebook) @ThresholdsofHope

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/ or email info@bcys.net

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 late December.**



PLEASE PRAY

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

† ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for James Marshall, Molly Walmsley, Margaret Heath, Doris Haysman, Alan Burton and Christina Frost. 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.

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.

Christmas Hampers. Would like to help with putting Christmas Hampers together regarding the Foodbank? If so, **Thursday 9th December at 7.30pm** at the Todman Centre, Castle Rd, Rayleigh SS6 7QF. If so, we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact [Janet Fox Hopeworx Manager](#) on 01268 743232 or 07936 271949 www.hopeworx.org.uk

Foodbank Box in the church porch.

Calais Light – volunteers are warmly welcome to join the first weekend convoy to Calais since Jan 2020, to support the three charities who are working there with refugees living in dire conditions. It is the fifteenth Calais Light trip, and first time volunteers will be well briefed and supported. The dates are Friday 26th – Sunday 28th November, and there will be a maximum of 30 people. To apply, you must be double vaccinated. Download the pdf version of your digital Covid Pass from the NHS app & email it to calaislight@yahoo.com before the deadline of Wed 27 Oct. You will then be contacted about booking. More information at www.calaislight.com

Chaplaincy Apprentice St Thomas More High School, Westcliff-on-Sea Full Time,
2 Year, Fixed Term

£17,842 - £19,312 actual salary (NJC Salary Scale Point 1- 5)

The school are seeking to appoint a Chaplaincy Apprentice, a new and exciting role with the opportunity to join the team of staff at St Thomas More High School. Our new Chaplaincy Apprentice will work with our staff to develop the school's community to provide spiritual and pastoral support to the students at the school, bearing witness to the mission statement and maintaining and enhancing the distinctive Catholic nature of the school. An ideal role for a young person taking a gap year or who is not yet in work.

For further information please contact Miss Niki Parr, Headteacher's PA on 01702 344933 nparr@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or visit the school website www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk for a recruitment pack.

Advent Service of Reconciliation

We invite you all to attend a Service of Reconciliation at St Teresa's Church on Thursday 16th December at 7.30pm . There will also be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament to help you with your devotions. We look forward to seeing you there.

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

Centres (in person learning)

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

Life-Light Home Study Courses (distance learning)

info@studylifelight.com

01844 351 514 **CCRS Online (online learning)** ccrsonline@hope.ac.uk 0151 291 3055

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/

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

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

Parish Administrator Required in the Parish of Our Lady of Walsingham, Royal Docks working at St Anne's RC church, Berwick Road, E16 3DR. Candidates should have a background in Personal Assistance and Finance though training will be given in the first week. Hours: 20 hours p/w Monday-Thursday. Salary: £11,284 p/a (£10.85 p/h). Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to frdanielkelly@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Closing date for applications will be Friday 29th October 2021 with shortlisting and interviews being held between 1st and 3rd November. Starting date: 8th November 2021.

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. 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)

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.

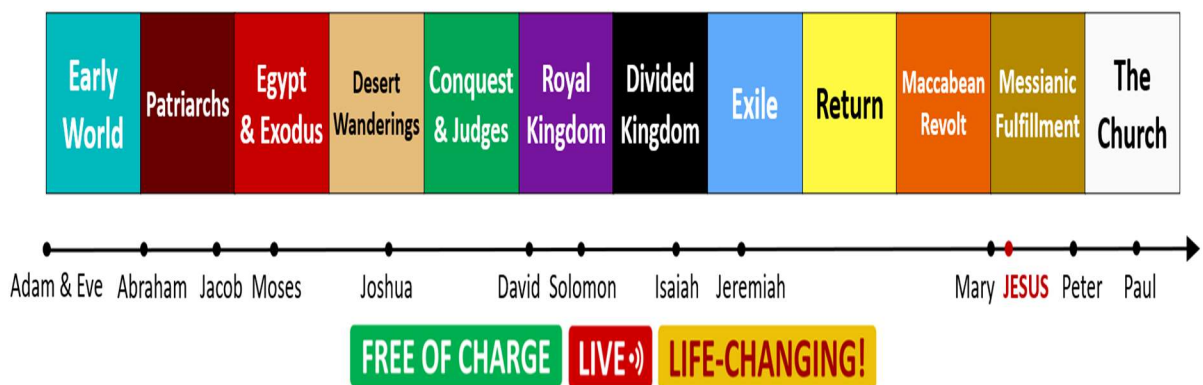
Eight Wednesday sessions (7pm-8:40pm).

Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

Alternatively please contact mauro@comeandsee.org

Course Info & Registration: 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 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. We have now secured seats for this at a reduced price of £15 (all ages) Payment can be in two instalments and we can help arrange car share for anyone wishing to come who needs transport. Spaces limited so please email Clare at olortheatreclub@hotmail.co.uk to join us. All welcome.



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Reception entry September 2022

Friday 8th October

Monday 6th December

Friday 15th October

Friday 7th January

Monday 15th November 9.30am ~ 11.00am

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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

Candlelight
FUNDS

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

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VARIOUS CAFOD ONLINE CONTACTS:

cafod.org.uk/climatecrisis

cafod.org.uk/fastday

cafod.org.uk/contactless

cafod.org.uk/gogreen

worldgifts@cafod.org.uk

cafod.org.uk/parish-giving

shop.cafod.org.uk/harvest

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

Rest and Reflection Weekend Retreat for adults (3pm Friday 19th – 3pm Sunday 21st November 2021)

We welcome you to join us for a weekend of reflection and prayer in the beautiful house, grounds and chapel of Walsingham House at Abbotswick. The cost is £150 for a single room, £200 for a twin (twin bookings must be made together with someone known to you). This price is for 2 nights accommodation and all meals (all rooms are en-suite). For more information, enquiries and bookings please contact Joe Beattie on 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Remembrance Service at Walsingham House at Abbotswick.

Those who have loved ones remembered within the ground at Walsingham House at Abbotswick are warmly invited to a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 7th November at 3pm. Due to capacity please contact Joseph Beattie in advance to reserve a place either on 01277 373959 or josephbeattie@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 ♦

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

Criminals continue to target the elderly

Essex Police is warning the public to protect their loved ones as criminals cheat older and vulnerable victims out of cash and high value items through courier fraud.



Data from Action Fraud, reveals that **£10,325,133** has been lost by victims to courier fraud since the start of this year – **an increase** of almost two thirds (**63 per cent**) compared to the same period last year.

- **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 okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you
- **Protect:** Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to
- **Protect:** Your bank or the police will never call you to ask you to verify your personal details or PIN by phone, or offer to pick up your bank card by courier. Hang up immediately if you receive a

 If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call **Essex Police** on **101**
Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting **Action Fraud** at actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040

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



Essex Police Fraud Alert System



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.

SUPPORT -

Anxiety Call 08444 775774

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

email – 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

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.

READINGS AT MASS – 30th Sunday of the Year

First reading –Jeremiah 31:7-9

Psalm 125 *What marvels the Lord worked for us. Indeed we were glad.*

Second reading –Hebrews 5: 1-6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the Light of the World, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. ... Alleluia

Gospel – Mark 10:46-52

