

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

2nd Sunday of the Year - Year C

Psalter Week 2 – 15th /16th January 2022



Immigration. Migrants. Illegal immigrants. Refugees. Asylum seekers. Economic refugees. Brexit. All quite apart from Covid, issues we hear over and over again in our news.

Maybe driving us mad! Quite apart from other issues we are continually bombarded with from the news. Do we do something, or do we remain silent?

What if bodies were washed up on the Southend beach? Could we still remain silent? Many have learned the art of denial, turning eyes away, pretending it's not really happening. The prophet Isaiah would not remain silent. He would not grow weary. He dreamed. He was a visionary. And he dared to share his dreams and militate for them. He let his views be known, desperate to see Israel restored, Jerusalem rebuilt.

Remember, if we do not voice our hopes and visions, others will. The vacuum we leave will always be filled by others – and they may not be the most appropriate voices or visions. They could well be far from Our Lord's Gospel of Life. So we need Isaiah as our example, sharing our dreams and visions for a more just world.

The present Synod is a way of voicing our hopes and dreams for the future of our church.

Today is 'Peace Sunday', Pope Francis has reminded us that 'good politics serves peace'. I would like to add that 'good politics comes from honest and prayerful self-reflection'. How many politicians today are honestly prayerful and self-reflective? Might that explain certain things? Through honest self-reflection, we learn to listen to one another, and especially to those who are often ignored and looked down on.

So be honestly and prayerfully self-reflective. That will lead to good, healthy thinking about the issues we face today. Good politics. In turn serving peace. And let those thoughts, dreams and visions become words and actions, so that, like Isaiah, we show we are willing to share them. Humbly speaking and acting out our truth. We might amaze ourselves at the result – all of which comes from honest and prayerful self-reflection.

What kind of society do we want? What kind of church do we want? What kind of future do we want in our church and society especially mindful of our children and grandchildren?

God Bless, Fr. Paul

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



TODAY'S READINGS:

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalms 95

1 Corinthians 12: 4-11

John 2: 1-11

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

| MASS INTENTIONS | |
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| Saturday 15th Jan. | |
| 5.30pm Mass | Mike Healy (Ints) (Rita Gurney) |
| Sunday 16th 2nd Sunday of the Year | |
| 8am Mass | Parish Community Ints |
| 9.30am Mass | Hilary Barry (Ints) (Legion of Mary) |
| Monday 17th | |
| | Janet Wallaker RIP (Patricia Holohan) |
| Tuesday 18th | |
| | Sr. Philomena McGroarty RIP (Gumley & Smith families) |
| Wednesday 19th | |
| 10am Mass | James Downey Derrick RIP (Gwyn Derrick) |
| Thursday 20th | |
| | David McLean Thorne RIP (Anne McManus) |
| Friday 21st St Agnes | |
| 10am Mass | Paul Gurney RIP (Rita Gurney) |
| Saturday 22nd | |
| 5.30pm Mass | Colin Adcock RIP (Jean Williams) |
| Sunday 23rd Jan. 3rd Sunday of the Year | |
| 8am Mass | Parish Community Ints |
| 9.30am Mass | John Enever RIP (Tom & Isobel Kennedy) |

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| <p>PARISH PRIEST Father Paul Fox 50 London Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP 01268 382 499 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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Thank you to all those that took the time to respond to the synod questions

PAX CHRISTI – PEACE SUNDAY - 16th JANUARY

This Sunday is PEACE SUNDAY and this year Pope Francis asks us to think about 'Education, work and dialogue between generations: tools for building lasting peace'.

The need for peace in the world is obvious. People are struggling against violence and conflict, growing inequalities, the effects of climate change and the covid pandemic. How can we harness the gifts and energy of all generations in the work of peacemaking? Which 'tools for building lasting peace' do you think Pope Francis might be talking about?

In this country we have an active Catholic peace movement in Pax Christi, which does a great deal of good work to promote peace and nonviolence through parishes, schools and social media.

Their website suggests many ways we can all become better peacemakers. There are activities for families to do at home, including a peace liturgy for young children.

<https://paxchristi.org.uk/peace-sunday-2022>

Pax Christi needs our support to keep going. If you'd like to make a donation, small or large, here is the link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxfcw67x> If you'd like your personal donation to be counted towards your parish contribution please give your parish name and town in the 'Additional Information – Order Notes' box on the checkout page.

Or send a cheque payable to 'Pax Christi' to:

Pax Christi, St Joseph's, Watford Way, London NW4 4TY

Tel: 0208 203 4884

PRAYER FOR PEACE



GOD OF LOVE

Show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.

Enlighten those who possess power and money, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.

O LORD, *seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty.*

PRAISE BE TO YOU! AMEN.

Pope Francis (adapted from Laudato Si')

PARISH SECRETARY REQUIRED for our parish, here at Our Lady's.

The successful applicant will ideally be a Secretary or Administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. They must be a good team player with excellent communication and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel and financial experience. It is important that all applicants are self-motivated, organised, can multi-task, work to deadlines, and use their own initiative within this role.

Hours: 19.5 hours p/w Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Closing date for applications is Wednesday 26th January 2022



The family of Walenty Krolikowski wish to thank all those who attended his Requiem Mass, and for the many kind words of support which brought comfort at this difficult time.

PLEASE SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS....

Please save your used stamps and leave them in the container in the Porch.
These are being collected for the MS charity. Thank you in advance, Ruth Fitzgerald.

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTIONS: *What is the point of Canon Law...*

will be given by Fr Gary Dench, assistant priest at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 16th January 4-5pm. To join this Zoom meeting simply forward a contact email to adultformationvicariate@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

For more information go to www.thresholdsofhope.co.uk



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE

FRIDAY 4TH MARCH. 10.30am AT RAYLEIGH BAPTIST CHURCH.

This is an Interdenominational, Ecumenical service for ALL. Light refreshments after service. NO PARKING. Drop off only. Please park in town

BE PART OF THE WALSINGHAM HOUSE TEAM 2022/23:

If you are 18+ and looking for an exciting gap year opportunity, then a year on the Walsingham House Team could be for you. Spend a year as a volunteer in a thriving young Catholic Community, working with thousands of young people from Essex and East London. We are looking for inspiring individuals who want to share their faith with other young people and are also looking to learn new skills, grow deeper in their own faith and enjoy a challenge.

For more information please contact Joseph Beattie, manager of Walsingham House, by emailing josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or calling 01277 373959. There is more information about our work on our website (www.bcys.net) and social media @Brentwoodcys

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE IN CATECHESIS AND YOUTH MINISTRY:

The Bishop's Certificate is designed to be an entry level qualification to help in the ongoing formation of adults involved in sacramental preparation or youth ministry in the Diocese of Brentwood. It includes both the development of practical skills & the deepening of theological knowledge. The course is online and taught through engaging, short videos with expert interviews. The course will begin on the evening of **24th February**, with an introduction and welcome evening, held at Walsingham House at Abbotswick. For more information please see our website: <https://bcys.net/bishops-cert/> or email your expression of interest to bishopscertificate@dioceseofbrentwood.org by Monday 22nd February.



PLEASE PRAY

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

† ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Luciano Menegatti, George Isaacs and Hannah Moore. May they rest in peace.

† † PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

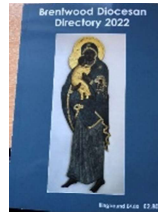
Margaret Thomas (Mother to Alison) who died on Monday 10th January following a long battle with cancer. Please keep the family in your prayers. † †

MASS AND 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.

LIVING FAITH (Jan – March)



Popular booklet with a thought for every day for the next three months. Limited number available in the porch.... Voluntary donations for the booklets welcome.



2022 Brentwood Diocesan Directories
Now available from the Porch or Presbytery –
£2.80 each

THE DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE IN 2022, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Sunday 24 – Friday 29 July in Lourdes. Costs have not yet been confirmed.

This will be the first time in three years that the diocese has returned to Lourdes. Brochures for the pilgrimage, which will include costs, will be available soon. If you would like further information now, please contact Cathy O'Connor, the Administrative Director: cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org or 07813 710070.

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2022: 23rd – 30th JULY 2022.

Applications are **now open** for our summer pilgrimage to Lourdes for those in Years 11-13, with those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders. This is one of our most popular events and after a 2 year gap we are excited to be returning next year. The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage as we assist the elderly and infirm with going to Masses and services, as well as visiting shops and cafes within the town. For those travelling with the BCYS the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, as well as social events and a party. Please see www.bcys.net/events/sl22/ for more information including visas, vaccinations and how to apply.

ST THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL – VACANCIES

We 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.

Please see the school's website for full details www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk or telephone Miss Parr, Headteacher's PA on 01702 344933.

We are looking for **Cleaners** to work Monday to Friday 3:45pm-6:45pm ideally or 6:00am-8:30am. If these hours would suit you and you would like to find out more, please see the school's website for full details and an application form or telephone the school on 01702 344933 and ask for Mrs Newman, HR Co-ordinator.

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT VACANCY

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Billericay, part of The Christus Catholic Trust, are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated Learning Support Assistant to join our team. The post involves supporting learning within the classroom; working with individuals and small groups to engage pupils, develop their self-confidence and fostering independence.

For more information please visit Essex Schools Jobs

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=71210>

PUBLIC MASSES

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.

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 cleansed 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. If you are a taxpayer and donate to the parish online, 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.

