

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

6th Sunday of the Year - Year C

Psalter Week 2 – 12th /13th February 2022



Partygate. Do people trust politicians? Do people trust in their moral authority? Why? Why not? Many say moralities are not honoured, too many promises and manifestos are too easily broken. Maybe they are. Others say not so.

Today Jesus produces his manifesto. He has called his disciples, and now summarises what he will preach, setting out his vision. Often called the “Sermon on the Mount”, or the “Beatitudes”. Jesus is saying that if we have had a glimpse or experience of God, these teachings will make total sense. If not, then we still have a way to go before we can even begin to understand these Beatitudes.

The difference between Jesus and any politician is that Jesus lives out his manifesto, lives out his vision in every sense, in his very body. Ghandi thought that these Beatitudes were Jesus’ “piece de resistance”. He got it. So many (Christians) do not, they yawn and skip over it. Pious platitudes? No! Be poor now, so you will be happy in the next world? No - absolutely not! Jesus’ equivalent to the Ten Commandments - definitely not! Definitely not a list of laws.

Something hugely deeper. Maybe too threatening for many, so they are avoided. In this vision, Jesus is subverting the whole social world order, turning everything as previously understood upside down. Too threatening to anyone who wants to climb the ladder of success, wealth, and power – or if already at the top. Often better to pretend it is just a piece of nice rhetoric, or nice poetry –or that “Jesus never really said that”, or “we have misunderstood”. I’m afraid he did say it and intended it to be threatening – Jesus always tries to de-stabilise our previous way of thinking and replace it with a totally upside-down new kind of meaning.

In short, Jesus is saying that those who are not unhealthily attached to worldly things, like prestige, power, possessions, money, personal reputation, self-satisfaction – such people are the fortunate ones, for they are free enough to experience God in their lives. These worldly things are not coming between themselves and God, as Jeremiah suggests, so they know true happiness – directly from God. Jesus lives this truth out in his very life, to the very end. No compromise. How much can we live this truth?

How blessed, fortunate, (happy) are you, when you are not addicted to the things of the world, now you are free enough to fully let God into your life and follow his will. You are truly blessed.

God Bless, Fr. Paul



TODAY’S READINGS:

Jeremiah 17: 5-8

Psalms 1

1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Luke 6: 17, 20-26



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

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 12th Feb.	
5.30pm Mass	Betty Power RIP (Rae and Mike Healy)
Sunday 13th	6th Sunday of the Year
8am Mass	John Enever RIP (Rennie family)
9.30am Mass	Parish Community Ints
Monday 14th	Ss Cyril Monk & Methodius
	Williams family & Betty Curran RIP
Tuesday 15th	
	John Enever RIP (Lorna Warren)
Wednesday 16th	
10am Mass	Martin Barry RIP (Anniv) (Hilary Barry)
Thursday 17th	
	Doris Warrington RIP
Friday 18th	
10am Mass	Mick O'Malley RIP (Susan & Damian)
Saturday 19th	
5.30pm Mass	John Enever RIP (Hilary Barry)
Sunday 20th Feb.	7th Sunday of the Year
8am Mass	Mick O'Malley RIP (Lorna Warren)
9.30am Mass	Parish Community Ints

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.***

<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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Our Parish is part of The Brentwood Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity Number 234092

BCYS SUMMER LOURDES PILGRIMAGE, 23RD - 30TH JULY 2022

Join the Youth pilgrimage to Lourdes this Summer, assisting pilgrims to Masses, services, shops and cafes of the beautiful French town, take part in retreats and a youth led reconciliation service, visit the baths and the stunning mountain town of Gavarnie, experience the amazing Lourdes processions, as well as social nights, party and so much more! The cost is £625 for the week, and is open to all those in school year 11 and above. (funding and grant opportunities are available!)

You can email gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org or visit www.bcys.net/events/sl22 to find out more and apply now! **The deadline for applications is Sunday 20th February.**

THRESHOLDS OF HOPE QUESTION:

What do devotions to Mary tell us about her Son, Jesus?



Input will be given by Fr Michael Barwick, assistant parish priest of Our Lady and St George, Walthamstow, today, Sunday 13th February, 4 – 5pm via Zoom.

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

AROUND THE WORLD IN 36 HOURS

You too can be part of this journey. Starting in Samoa, travelling westwards across the Globe, across the Pacific, on through Asia, countries of Africa and the Middle East before reaching the shores of Europe. Then across to the Americas, ending the day as the sun sets over American Samoa. Thousands of people will be taking part in World Day of Prayer.

It all began in the 19th Century, in North America, when Christian women started praying with one another, making a difference to their lives, and the support and help they could give each other. So, we share hopes, fears, joys, sorrows, needs and opportunities of women around the world, praying with them and for them, to turn prayers into positive action. Gradually, over the years this spread over the World, and the decision to use ONE specific day a year was begun. There are now around 120 countries taking part. For several years it was known as Women's World Day of Prayer. But this interdenominational, ecumenical event is for EVERYONE, Men and Women, Youth and school children. So now it is known as WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

It takes place on the first Friday in March each year. Each country uses the same Order of Service, but in their own language. Every Year the service is written by women of a different country, focusing on their country's social problems, as well as the joy from worshipping together.

It takes time to organise these services, and many years of hard work are involved in putting it together.

You can be part of this event in RAYLEIGH.

Come and join us at RAYLEIGH BAPTIST CHURCH, on FRIDAY 4TH MARCH at 10.30.

It is free, and there are light refreshments after the service.

You may find a friend there, or you may make a friend there. So don't be shy.

Come and see us, and join in this world-wide event.

BISHOP ALAN'S VISIT

Bishop Alan will be visiting our Parish on the afternoon of Wednesday 23rd February. There will be an evening Mass at 7.30pm.



Mrs. Christina Cannon. Huge thanks to Christina for her extraordinary and outstanding work, commitment and time as our Parish Secretary and Administrator. For well over 12 years, Christina has worked tirelessly for the benefit of our parish, way beyond any call of duty for which we are so so grateful. Christina leaves us at the end of this month.

We congratulate and welcome **Mrs. Tori McGhee** who will be taking over in early March. Some of you may know Tori from her work on the Parents' Association in the School and also from her involvement in our Parish. If you know Tori, please congratulate her. We wish her well.



† † PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Mick O'Malley, whose Funeral will be celebrated on Thursday March 3rd at 11.15am here at Our Lady's. Please keep Ian, Louise and all the family in your prayers.

May he rest in peace. † †

THINKING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? ...

Perhaps you are, or maybe you know someone who has stopped coming to Church, and is wondering about returning. Or, you yourself might wish to informally ask questions, deepen your understanding and faith. Whatever your circumstances, you are welcome to come along to our Parish RCIA programme and learn more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

Our next programme will be starting on Monday 25th April at 8pm in the Bethany Room (covid restrictions permitting).

If you are not part of the Catholic Tradition, and you decide during the programme you would like to commit to the Catholic Faith, you will be received into the Church at Easter next year.

If you are interested in joining the programme, please contact Fr. Paul for more details.

(01268 382499 / rayleigh@dioceseofbretnwood.org)

WELFARE AND ADMINISTRATION OFFICER VACANCY AT OLOR SCHOOL

Band 3 Points 4-6 (approximately £10.50 per hour) Required to work 3 days per week (Mon, Tues, Thu) 21 hours 8.30 am – 4.30 pm (term time only)

The successful candidate will have excellent communication skills and be IT proficient, preferably having a good working knowledge of SIMS (or similar Management Information System) and experience of working with the Google Office suite of applications.

He/she will also have recent previous experience of working in a busy office environment, be able to multi-task, remain calm under pressure, work well in a team and use their own initiative.

The full Job Description, Person Specification and CES Application Form are available on the School website www.olorcps.net

Applications should be returned to mrs.pink@olorcps.net

Closing date: Monday 14th February 2022 (4pm)

EXAM INVIGILATORS required at St Bernard's High School for this year's exam season.

£9.50 per hour. **Deadline for applications: Monday 21 February 2022**

Application Form on our website: www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk under shared information/vacancies

FACE COVERINGS:

Although the legal requirement to wear a face covering no longer applies, the government suggests you continue to wear a face covering in crowded and enclosed spaces. ***We strongly encourage parishioners to continue wearing a face covering/mask while moving around the Church. While you are in your place in Church, please feel free to remove your face covering if you so wish.***

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.

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.



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Every penny, pound and prayer you put in your Red Box helps Missionaries like Fr Michael ignite God's love around the world.



SPONSORED SLEEPOUT 2022

SLEEP OUTSIDE TO RAISE FUNDS FOR CHARITIES SUPPORTING THE HOMELESS IN ESSEX & EAST LONDON AND THE BRENTWOOD CATHOLIC YOUTH SERVICE

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people from the night of April 8th to the morning of April 9th, to join the 2022 Sponsored Sleepout; Raising awareness and money to help our local homeless charities and the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service.

All information can be found at

www.caritasbrentwood.org/sleepout or by emailing sleepout@dioceseofbrentwood.org



PLEASE PRAY

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

† ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Selberia 'Be' Wrangmore and Ezio Carminati whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

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.

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.

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.

