

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

Easter 3C- 1st May 2022

Psalter Week 3



The human body. Weight issues. Good-looks? Cosmetics and medication – to make our bodies look and act wonderful – it's big business today? It seems that today, much is focussed on the body. Watch and listen to the adverts.

Many are obsessed with the body. Maybe it is no surprise that obesity and anorexia can be such major issues. And what about the sexual? The easiest way to feel shame, or to shame someone else, is - in the body. The sins of the 'physical' make for much greater scandal, gossip and readership than other sins. Even in our churches. And yet, strangely, Jesus rarely refers to the sins of the body. But he does refer time and again to the spiritual sins of the ego or the mind. Pride, arrogance, oppression, superiority games, pretence, illusion, ambition, denial, materialism, and more— many of which are largely ignored by most people – even people who profess to be Christian. To commit a 'hot sin' of the body leaves us feeling far more guilty than those above that Jesus continually condemns. Should it not be the other way round? But it isn't, is it? How do so miss Jesus' point?

Poor St. Peter. Why would someone who is almost naked put on a cloak to jump in the water? As Peter sees Our Lord, he is reminded of his own denials and doubts, and the only way to cope is to cover the body, the place of shame. Light always exposes darkness. The brighter the sunshine, the more the car-windscreen dirt is visible. Also, like Peter, during a crisis, we go back to old securities and work faster and more intensely at them. For Peter, it's fishing. So Peter covers all this shame *in his body*—Adam and Eve did too, remember? And Jesus' triple 'do you love me' undoes Peter's triple denial and doubts. He is forgiven and given a task - not scolded, not reprimanded. Just forgiven. Wow! So we see in the first reading, a later-on, much different Peter – strong, bold, confident, self-assured. His shame has been removed, he knows his task and is prepared to die for it.

Is any shame localised only in our bodies? Or are we honest about the things Jesus referred to much more? Do we allow his Holy Spirit to enter, forgive and remove any shame, so we can go forward boldly, with faith, confidence, strength and self-assurance?

God Bless, Fr. Paul



Today's Readings

First Reading: Acts 5:27-32, 40-41

Psalms: Psalm 29(30): 2, 4-6, 11-13

Second Reading: Apocalypse 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 30th April	
5.30pm Mass	Frank & Ann O'Farrell RIP (Jim O'Farrell)
Sunday 1st May Third Sunday of Easter (St Joseph the Worker)	
8am Mass	Madge Woolnough RIP (Kathy Hoare)
9.30am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 2nd May	
7.15pm Mass	People of Afghanistan and Eritrea
Tuesday 3rd May Feast of Philip and James	
	Alice Allso RIP
Wednesday 4th May National Feast of The English Martyrs	
10am Mass	Vera Cooling RIP (Anniversary) (Tony Cooling)
Thursday 5th May	
	Williams Family & Betty Curran RIP
Friday 6th May	
10am Mass	Jack Gardiner RIP (Anniversary) (Joan Gardiner)
Saturday 7th May	
5.30pm Mass	Parish Community
Sunday 8th May Fourth Sunday of Easter (Day of Prayer for Vocations)	
8am Mass	Prayer Board Intentions
9.30am Mass	Tom & Pat Herlihy RIP

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 Mondays 7.15pm 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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† The Requiem Mass for Mrs. Elizabeth Fallaize will be on Tuesday May 17th at 10.30am.

The Requiem Mass for Mr. Joseph McWilliams will be this Thursday May 5th at 12.00 midday.

The funeral for Mrs. Anne Reilly will take place at Southend Crematorium this Tuesday May 3rd at 11.40am.

May they all rest in peace. †

Thank You – to everyone who contributed in some way to making our Easter Services so beautiful. However small, however large, your contribution is so much appreciated. Thank you.

ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Kate Clinch, Robert Scott, and Hugh Kirkland whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Easter Flowers

Huge thanks to all who gave towards helping covering the costs of the Easter Flowers. Everyone would agree that the flowers looked fabulous (and still do). Huge thanks to the team who gave so much time in arranging the flowers. Thank you.



“Kids” Bulletin

A children’s version of the gospel is available weekly. This can be accessed on the following website: www.thekidsbulletin.com and is aimed at primary school children. It can be downloaded and printed out.

Children’s Liturgy

It has been wonderful to have children’s liturgy sessions over the last two weeks, welcoming new children and those who have returned. We are pleased to advise that there will be children’s liturgy on Sunday 1st and 8th May, for age group 3-8. We will announce further dates shortly. Thanks for your support and thanks to the children for their enthusiasm!



Knight’s of St Columba



A huge thank you to the parish for the great support given to our Easter Raffle. The proceeds will be donated to Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society, Brentwood Ecclesiastical Education Fund and St. Vincent De Paul Society here in Rayleigh. A list of prize winners is displayed in the Church Porch.

Coffee Mornings

This weekend's coffee morning will be run by the Ushers. Please join us for tea, coffee, cake and biscuits after 9.30am mass on Sunday.



If you are interested in hosting a Coffee Morning after 9.30am Sunday Masses to raise money for a charity of your choice, please contact the parish office by midday on Thursdays.



Last week £43.11 was raised which will go to the Ukraine. Thanks to all who helped, came and donated.

Santiago de Compostella Pilgrimage in aid of Ukraine

Miss Freya Hannah, teacher at Our Lady of Ransom School, has completed her pilgrimage in time to attend the pilgrims' Mass at the Cathedral. She would like to send her heartfelt thanks to all the parishioners who so very generously sponsored her. All proceeds are being sent to CAFOD's relief fund for the Ukraine.

Mill Hall. Whatever your feelings may be about the proposals to demolish Mill Hall, for or against, please do at least consult the website **savemillhall.org** or go to Facebook "Save Mill Hall". Thank you.

Migrants Mass Invitation

The Dioceses and Ethnic Chaplaincies of Southwark, Westminster and Brentwood invite you to a celebration of the annual Mass for *Migrants* on Monday, 2nd May 2022, at 2.30pm. Banner bearers are invited to gather in Westminster Cathedral Hall from 1pm for the banner procession at 2pm.

The Mass will be hosted by the Diocese of Westminster and live-streamed from Westminster Cathedral. The celebrant is Bishop Michael Campbell OSA. You are kindly invited to attend in-person to celebrate the significant contribution made by *migrants* to the life of our Dioceses.

We hope to see you there.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 28th May 2022

Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham as we celebrate the Year of the Family 'Hearing and Doing the Word of God'. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House. If you would like to come please contact the parish office.

THINKING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? ...

The next RCIA meeting will be on Monday May 9th at 8pm in the Bethany Room.

If you are interested in joining the programme, please contact Fr. Paul for more details. (01268 382499 / rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org)



Confirmation

The next confirmation class will be taking place at 19.00 this Tuesday 3rd May at The Presbytery.

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their now-annual 'Relay 100' community event this May and June. This initiative is an opportunity to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals or groups to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: ddillon@bccs.org.uk / 07912 308000 or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/fundraising-and-events/all-events/relay-100> to read more about this event.

**EDEL QUINN PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD, KENT
SATURDAY 14TH MAY 2022.**

Important message for those travelling to Aylesford on this pilgrimage:

The coach will be picking us up from the bus stop in Eastwood Road Rayleigh (outside M&S) at 9.15am. Any queries please contact I Kennedy 01702 230578.



The Universe – Catholic Paper.

If you are interested and would like to subscribe to this paper please go to:

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Fundraiser – In memory of Patricia Harris

On Sunday 12th June 2022, there is an event to raise money for the Brain Cancer Charity, DKMS in memory of Patricia Harris, a former member of staff at Our Lady of Ransom School. The event will be held at Pontlands Park, Chelmsford, CM2 8HR on Sunday 12th June 2022, Tickets cost £60 per person which includes a 3-course-meal. For further details or tickets, please contact Sean Harris on 07545 942785.

THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES:

Throughout the fifty days of Easter we read from the Acts of the Apostles, the New Testament book which narrates the early years of the Church. Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, has prepared faith talks on 'The Acts of the Apostles' and 'Paul in Acts', for your use through the Easter season. To access these free audio recordings please go to the home page of www.whatgoodnews.org and scroll down to 'Acts in Easter'. Thank you.

Online Auction for Afghan Refugees

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people from April 22nd to May 2nd, to take part in an online auction organised by The Kelvedon Parish of St Mary Immaculate and the Holy Archangels. This is to raise awareness and money to help to settle an Afghan refugee family.

If you would be interested in considering such a project, then please contact

caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

To access the online auction, go to: <https://auction.kelvedoncatholicparish.org.uk/>

Home Help Available

Trusted parishioner, reliable and CRB checked.

Full references provided on request.

Call Linda Felton on 07949169276

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.

'The Conversation' Vocations Sunday Event Thursday 5th May at 7:30pm

Vocation Sunday is fast approaching and is taking place on the 4th Sunday of Easter (8th May). The National Office for Vocation has planned a week of events leading up to the day and on the day itself which will help celebrate people living out their vocation and also to encourage discerners as they listen to God's call. This year's theme is 'the Journey', chosen due to the paths we all take on the road to holiness.

All details can be found at <https://www.ukvocation.org/vocations-sunday>. **Thursday 5th May at 7:30pm – 9pm 'The Conversation'** *Listen in and ask our panel of guests key questions on vocation, discernment and their work within the Church.*

Discerning your vocation? Want to hear others talk and discuss theirs? Join us for The Conversation, where we have a panel of guests to discuss how they live out their vocation and the work they carry out in the Church.

Our panel of guests include:

Helena Judd (Radio Maria)

Deacon Toby Duckworth (Transitional Deacon at the VEC)

Richard Mills (Catenias)

Elliot Vanstone (Mission Adviser - Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales)

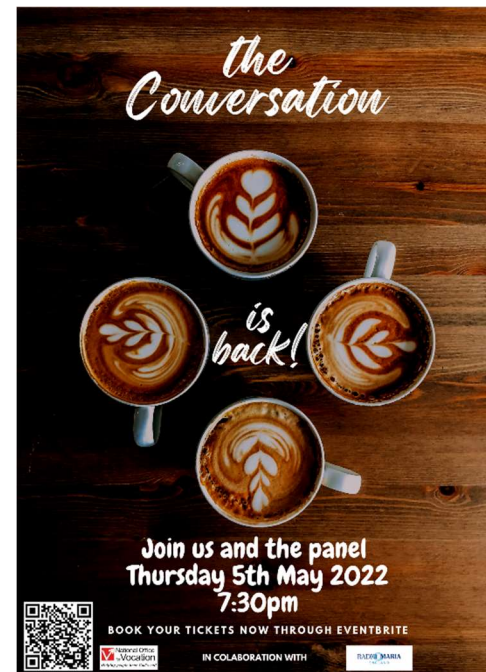
Annabel Ward (Youth 2000)

Catherine Wiley (Catholic Grandparents Association)

And more to be announced...

This event takes place on Zoom and live on Radio Maria England. It is free to join, come with burning questions and submit them in the chat.

To book on free of charge visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-conversation-tickets-306529176017>



The Passage – The Big Give

The Passage, a Catholic charity working with homeless people is raising funds through the Big Give a matched giving scheme until 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May. Every £1 donated online before 12.00 noon on Monday 9 May makes £2 and £2.25 if you are a taxpayer through Gift Aid. Please visit: <https://bit.ly/BigGiveAprilMay22> to support the campaign. The campaign 'It takes more than a house to make a home' focuses on the services we provide to people who have been homeless in their journey to being happily settled in a new home. The Passage would be very grateful for your support. For questions about the campaign or assistance making a donation please ring 020 7592 1856.'

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Please ensure all items for the parish newsletter are submitted to the office by 11am on Thursdays at the latest.

Fully escorted PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE, IRELAND, 23rd May 2022.

£699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight with 10kg hand luggage, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Lunches on days out. Wheelchair accessible rooms. Single room supplement £100. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages is a member of the Travel Trust Association and is fully protected by ATOL T7613.

Red Box Contributions 2021: Thank You!

Our Lady of Ransom RC Church, Rayleigh raised **£2,670.17** in 2021 through our Red Boxes, both donations in the boxes and by parishioners giving by direct debits, cheques and online to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. On behalf of Fr Anthony Chantry, Missio National Director, **thank you to all our Parishioners and Promoters.**

Our missionary community here at Our Lady of Ransom is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayer and financial assistance.

The founder of this network (APF/Missio), Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified on 22 May this year. This remarkable lay woman's life was marked by intense suffering and great trust in God. Pauline's life helps us to see how every prayer, however short, and every contribution, however small, is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Thank you for being a part of Pauline's legacy. Visit missio.org.uk to find out more about Pauline, and how your support of Missio changes lives for the better.

Monthly evenings for Vocations Enquirers

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 3 May at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. The speaker will be Fr Gary Dench.

For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org

LATE VOCATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD:

A vocation discernment weekend for men between the ages of 30 and 55 will take place at St Beuno's in North Wales from Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th September 2022. The direct link for further details and booking: Discernment Weekend

<https://www.pathwaystogod.org/courses-events-retreats/discernment-weekend-older-men-2>

Poverty Challenge

Following the pandemic, many households now also face new hardships as prices rise. Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), the Catholic agency addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales, has released a free new booklet to increase awareness of Catholic Social Teaching on poverty, and to inform local responses. Please take a moment to read and encourage groups and individuals to engage with it. Download from www.csan.org.uk

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

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 Welcomers.

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

The church will continue to be both cleansed and sanitised regularly



PLEASE SAVE YOUR USED STAMPS....

Please continue to save your used stamps and leave them in the container in the Porch.

Ruth Fitzgerald would like to thank everyone who has donated used stamps – these have been passed on to the MS charity.

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.



GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR NEW TAX YEAR

We want to encourage everyone to pay online, so envelopes will need to be requested. There will be no Special Collection envelopes for those paying by Standing Order. Please use either the charity's own Special Collection envelope, or pay online using your Surname, Gift Aid No. and Charity Name or use a blank/yellow envelope with your details printed on the front.

MASS AND SYMPATHY CARDS...

These 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.

REFUGEE COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP

A volunteer group is being set up at St John Payne, in conjunction with the Diocese of Brentwood and Caritas Brentwood, to raise funds and provide practical support for a refugee family, to be housed in Colchester. Anyone interested in becoming involved or finding out more is warmly invited to attend a meeting on Saturday 7th May 2022 at 1.30pm, at St John Payne Catholic Church Hall, Blackthorn Avenue, Colchester CO4 3QD. Please email SJPRefugeeProject@gmail.com for more information.

Open Day for Ukraine Visitors and Hosts:

The Megacentre are having an open day for Ukraine visitors and their hosts - the date proposed is Friday 13th May to be held at The Megacentre and The Hub partners will host three sessions on this day – to allow for more people to attend in case they cannot make the morning. The timings will be - 10am – 11.30am. 1pm – 2.30pm. 6pm – 7.30pm

This is a wonderful opportunity for them to meet other hosts, meet other families, find out information and together we can provide support for all. All updates and information can be found on the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/TheHub-at-TheMegacentre>

Vacancies....

St Peter's Catholic Primary School – Deputy Head

St Peter's Catholic Primary School is a popular, friendly school which primarily serves the Catholic communities of Billericay and Wickford. Each and every child is cherished and expected to achieve their very best. We deliver our mission statement by enabling our pupils and the wider community to love and learn, together with Jesus and develop a love of learning in the process. The Christus Catholic Trust and the Governors of St Peter's School invite applications from enthusiastic and suitably qualified, practising Catholic leaders to join our Trust and the leadership team at St Peter's to continue to build on our successes.

For more information please visit Essex Schools

<http://www.essexschools.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=74639>

Closing Date is midday on 12th May.

Family Co-ordinator - Parish of the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay

Responsibilities:

Extend and consolidate the present children and families work and be responsible for developing new projects within the parish.

Support the work that is happening at St Peter's Catholic Primary school (our parish school).

Support the parish Sacramental programmes which involve working with children and families (Baptism, First Holy Communion, and Confirmation).

This will involve meeting with catechists and visiting families both before, during and after the sacramental programmes have finished.

Support the Toddler's and Children's Liturgy at the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses.

Have a presence out and about in the parish, especially through school's work, being known and trusted by families in the area, providing a bridge between them and St. Peter's School.

Support and work with the Parish Priest on matters relating to children and families, especially their mission and ministry within the parish and community.

Nurture and develop a team of volunteer leaders and helpers.

Meet with children and family workers in other local churches, to see what else is happening, where the gaps might be and how we might address them together as the wider church in this town.

Candidates will have a passion for outreach to families and children helping them to have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

Hours of work: 15 hours per week

Contract: 3 years fixed term.

Closing date: Friday 27th May 2022

Interviews: TBC

To be considered for the role, please send a CV and covering letter (no longer than one side of A4) to office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.

Please note that you will need to be eligible to work in the UK to apply for this position. You must provide proof of Right to Work in the UK.

For an informal chat with the Parish Priest, please email office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk

Bar 'n' Bus – Youth Development Worker

Bar 'n' Bus are seeking to appoint a Youth Development Worker to join our dynamic youth work team, extending and growing our work in Rochford.

Youth Development Workers pioneer, develop and co-ordinate youth work provision with a specific area of work. They recruit, train and lead youth work teams to sustain and grow this work as well as networking with churches, schools, voluntary and statutory agencies, and local authorities in order to increase impact.

Location: Rochford, Essex. Contract: Full Time (37.5 hrs/wk), Permanent

Salary: £24,011 to £29,576 depending on qualifications and experience

For full Recruitment Pack and Application Form please visit:

<http://barnbus.org.uk/vacancies/> Application Deadline: Noon, Friday 27th May