

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

The Most Holy Trinity 12th June 2022 Psalter Week 3



“Strictly Come Dancing” has drawn big audiences. I guess there is something compelling in watching dancing that is beautifully rhythmical, complementary, and graceful. Where movements are wonderfully reciprocal, exactly to time, it is inherently and aesthetically pleasing. In the very old days, this is how the church Fathers described God. God is the dance. Not a dancer, but the dance itself. In God, there is perfect reciprocal movement, towards and away, giving and receiving. This is about as best as we can do to try and grasp the ungraspable concept of the Trinity – as a perfect, graceful, exact complementary movement - or dance - between three persons. A perfect relationship between three.

It’s all about relationship. Scientists today, looking through telescopes and microscopes, at atoms and planets, are finding that the power and energy of things is not in the atoms or particles themselves, not in the planets or stars themselves – but in the very orbits they make with each other. The power and energy comes from the relationship ‘*between*’. So we have an entirely relational universe. And our Holy Trinity was saying that all along! All reality is based on relationship. How we intuit so well, but explain so poorly. This is old Trinitarian language, maybe with a new, fresh and vital re-appreciation. God is relationship so God must be love, since love is the basis of all healthy and right relationship.

So if God is love and where all healthy and right relationship is, surely God is two (if you love, there must be another to love)? Yet we say **God is three**. Why?

When two people really love each other **so much**, they know their relationship is, and has something bigger than the two of them put together. And it holds them together. That something bigger is the Holy Spirit, the 3rd person, a 3rd entity in that relationship. In Christian language, that 3rd something is the Holy Spirit; the shared, mutual, explosive, overflowing love between Father and Son. The 3rd entity, the 3rd person. Overflowing love bringing supreme joy inviting and alluring us in. So God must be three. A perfect relationship of three. And Jesus’ mission as the 2nd person of the Trinity is to bring us into this supreme overflowing joy of the Trinity, into the ecstatic dance. So Jesus commands us ‘strictly, come dancing’. So let’s be sure to join the dance, and let the dance go on...

Today’s Readings

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

Psalm: Psalm 8:4-9

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel: John 16:12-15



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 11th June	St. Barnabas
5.30pm Mass	David Conyer RIP (Mike & Tricia Curnock)
Sunday 12th June	The Most Holy Trinity
8am Mass	Terry Askem RIP (Shirley McCamley)
10am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 13th June	St Anthony of Padua
7.15pm Mass	Natalie Stanley & Scott Morgan RIP (Maureen Stanley)
Tuesday 14th June	
	Emma Louise Lucibello RIP Anniv (Susan & Damian Lucibello)
Wednesday 15th June	
10.00am Mass	Terry Askem RIP (Esther Thomas)
Thursday 16th June	
	Anna Gavlik Ints (Slavek Gavlik)
Friday 17th June	
10.00am Mass	Christine Keenan RIP (Hilary Barry & Family)
Saturday 18th June	
5.30pm Mass	Terry Askem RIP (Patricia Holohan)
Sunday 19th June	
The Body and Blood of Christ	
8am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Elizabeth Fallaize RIP (Mike & Tricia Curnock)

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 38.24.99 www.olorchurch.org email: rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org</p>	<p><u>Public Mass times:</u> Saturdays 5.30pm Sundays 8am & 10.00am 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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ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Gwendoline Hill and Gwen Hassell whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

† **Joyce McCarthy RIP.** Please keep Joyce and her family in your prayers. Her Requiem Mass will be at Our Lady's at 11am on Thursday June 23rd. May she rest in peace.

Congratulations to Stephanie, Caleb, Matthew, William and Grace on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation last week. We keep the 5 of you in our prayers that you may experience Our Lord's presence throughout your lives.

First Holy Communion Masses will take place on Sundays June 12th, 19th, 26th and July 3rd – all at the 10am Mass. We keep all the children in our prayers.



Rotas for Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Coffee Morning etc.

Please note. It is so wonderful to have volunteers to be part of a rota in the volunteering for the various projects of our church community such as the ones mentioned above and others of course.

We must make it **abundantly clear** that personal details such as email addresses and phone numbers **MUST NEVER** be given out indiscriminately as part of a rota. It is a breach of confidentiality, data protection and in some cases possibly a breach in the protection of our children. Is that right?

The convenience of having a list of people that can swap on a rota on our email data is evident, but it is the responsibility of the person themselves to obtain email or contact addresses of others so they can swap, not to have them indiscriminately given out as part of a list. Whilst this may be inconvenient, this is in order to protect our children, and protect one another's personal details – data protection. It is the law.

When organising a rota or a list, **ALWAYS, ALWAYS, ALWAYS,** blind-copy the list where it says Bcc, and send it to yourself, that way individuals only see what pertains to themselves alone.

This is not being fussy or picky, over-dramatic nor a laughing, jokey matter. This is deadly serious, who knows who could pick up a child's email...and

then... Do you want to be responsible for that? Or anyone else's email...you've heard of cyber-bullying....

If you are responsible for rotas, adult individuals will have given you their contact details, that is fine. But these details **MUST** be blind-copied to anyone else. They must be treated as completely confidential. Of course, most especially if adults have given you their children's email addresses as a rota organiser.

This may be fairly new to some, opinions are irrelevant, it is the law and we need to protect our children and one-another. Ignorance is no protection.

Please adhere to this important request. Thank you.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

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

Please see the warning regarding scams at the end of this newsletter.



"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 few weeks, welcoming new children and those who have returned. We are pleased to advise that there will be children's liturgy during June and July, at the 10am mass, for age group 3-8. (Any further adjustments will be included in the newsletter). Thanks for your support and thanks to the children for their enthusiasm!

Sunday Coffee Mornings

If you are interested in hosting a Coffee Morning after 10am Sunday Masses to raise money for a charity of your choice, please contact the parish office by midday on Thursdays.



Vandalised Window

The window that was vandalised has been safely secured until replacement work is carried out.

Walsingham House Team 2022/23: Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022, for those in current year 13, up to age 22.

Details on www.bcys.net or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THINKING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? ...

The next RCIA meeting will be on Monday 6th June at 8pm in the Bethany Room.

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



The Universe – Catholic Paper:

The Universe Catholic Weekly is thrilled to announce that we have launched our new online newspaper with the full support of our first subscriber none other than His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols. Order your Digital 4 weeks FREE trial supply by calling Michelle on 0743 661 7650 or email: michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

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.

Corpus Christi Procession

The Mid Essex Deanery invite you to join them, in taking part in the annual Corpus Christi Procession, through the streets of Chelmsford **THIS Sunday 12th June 2019 at 3pm**. Starting at Our Lady Immaculate School, New London Road, Chelmsford, the Holy Eucharist is held in a processional monstrance carried by Abbot Hugh Allen and priests from the Mid Essex Deanery. The procession is accompanied by a marching band, catholic groups and organisations, first communion children, lay people and their families. Don't miss this extraordinary event, bring your family and friends and join us as we witness to the presence of Christ. For further information please contact Des Kelly by email at kelly.clan@btinternet.com

YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN – A STUDY DAY FROM GIDEA PARK

On Saturday 18th June from 11 am Fr Gerard Bradley will lead a study day entitled 'Your sins are forgiven: exploring the sacrament of pardon and peace'. To follow this free live streamed event please go to www.whatgoodnews.org Our speaker, Fr Gerard Bradley, is a parish priest in the archdiocese of Southwark and taught Liturgy and Spirituality at St John's Seminary, Womersley. Two sessions will be followed by the opportunity for questions. The event will end by 1 pm. Recording of the study day will be made available subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org

St Bon's Alumni Event - 17th June 2022, 4-6:30pm

All former students and staff are welcome to attend - please help spread the word! Order a ticket at: www.stbons.org/alumni - Email any questions to alumni@stbons.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

St Thomas More Alumni Memorial Mass - Wednesday 22nd June at 8pm

This year's annual Memorial Mass for deceased pupils and members of staff of St Thomas More High School will be held in the school at 8pm on Wednesday 22nd June.

A tradition that began in 1980, this occasion is open to all former pupils as well as current and former members of staff and offers an opportunity to remember and honour former classmates and teachers.

The Mass is followed by a buffet reception and the chance to renew acquaintances over a drink or two.

Trinity Fair – Sunday 12th June 2022 11am – 4pm

AN EVENT FOR THE WHOLE COMMUNITY - FREE ENTRY FOR ALL

The original Trinity Fair ran in Rayleigh each year from 1227. The Trinity Fair was shut down in 1899 as it had become "too rowdy." Following the tremendous success of the previous 3 years of Trinity Fair, Rayleigh Trinity Fair returns again in 2022. This event is proudly run in association with Rayleigh Town Council.

The High Street will be closed to traffic on this day and will be filled with stalls, live music on stage, dancing and other entertainment. This is an event for the whole Community to come and enjoy. Entry to the event is free for everybody all day.

Barn Dance – Home Start Essex

Home-Start Essex is a leading family support charity offering practical and emotional support to families with young children across mid, south and west Essex. They recruit and train volunteers who visit families in their homes on a weekly basis for up to six months, this can be to help with practical tasks, to help reduce isolation, to support parents' mental health and emotional wellbeing and to help families implement routines.

They are holding a fundraising barn dance at the British Legion Club in Rayleigh on Friday 15th July to help raise some much-needed funds to enable them to support more families. Further details, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/barn-dance-with-live-traditional-caller-sibby-tickets-329507916047>



FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TEA

FRIDAY 5TH AUGUST. 2 – 3.45pm at CHRIST CHURCH, CROWN HILL, RAYLEIGH

It is with sadness that the RCCRG feels that the time has come to close down. A small organisation that has been around Rayleigh for over 60 years.

Like so many organisations, we have shrunk in size, due to various reasons. We have supported many people over this time, and we will continue to honour our commitment with World Vision sponsored children.

We feel that we need to say thank you, to the people of Rayleigh, and beyond, by holding a farewell tea.

Please join us

Gift Aid Claim:

I will shortly be making a Gift Aid claim for the tax year 2021/2022. Would anyone who has set up an online payment since the start of Covid, who wishes for Gift Aid to be claimed but who has not yet signed up to the parish' Gift Aid scheme, please contact Sandra Cowdrey on 01268 772998 or email olorgiftaid@hotmail.com. Thank you.

Home Help Available

Trusted parishioner, reliable and CRB checked.

Full references provided on request.

Call Linda Felton on 07949169276

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

Wash your hands, cover your face, make space.



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.

MASS AND SYMPATHY CARDS...

These can be obtained at the repository shop and the presbytery.

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.



St Bernard's High School

A Catholic Academy for Arts and Science

Open Evening for Year 5 Students

(Prospective Year 7 in 2023)

Wednesday 6 July 2022 6.00pm to 9.00pm

We would be delighted to welcome Year 5 girls and their parents/carers to our Open Evening. This is an evening for girls wishing to join Year 7 in September 2023.

We are also offering an opportunity for parents/carers to visit the school during a normal teaching day, dates will be published on our website later this academic year.

St Bernard's High School offers selective places based on success in the CSSE selective tests and non-selective places according to faith-based admissions criteria. (Please see school website for full details.)

'The school is welcoming and inclusive. In 2015, many pupils made significantly better progress than other pupils nationally' Ofsted 2016

'The gifted, able and talented programme provides challenging enrichment across all year groups and is acknowledged by the NACE Award' Ofsted 2016

'St Bernard's High School is an outstanding Catholic school... Attainment and progress of students is outstanding' (Diocesan Inspection, 2017)

www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk, Milton Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 7JS Tel: 01702 343583

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford - Teaching Vacancies in KS1 & KS2

Required from September 2022.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Romford, are seeking to appoint teachers in KS1 & KS2.

Visits to the school are highly recommended by appointment with the Headteacher, Mrs Jenny Waterfield. Visit our school [website](#) to see a Virtual Tour to find out more about our school.

Deadline for applications: 12:00 noon on Monday 13th June 2022. Please contact the school office on office@st-peters.havering.sch.uk to arrange a visit. Please send applications to:

<https://ats-haveringschools.jgp.co.uk/vacancies/197571>

Warning – Scams!

Please find below details of some of the scam communications in circulation:

Text purporting to be from the Royal Mail advising that a payment must be made in order for a package to be delivered. This type of communication is likely to be a scam. Please do not make any payments.

Examples of Royal Mail scams can be found here: <https://www.royalmail.com/help/scam-examples>

Some messages purport to be from HSBC advising that a payment has been made from your account and to click on a link if you did not instruct the payment.

PLEASE DO NOT CLICK ON THE LINK

PLEASE DO follow the advice on the HSBC website for further guidance – link below:

<https://www.hsbc.co.uk/help/security-centre/received-a-text/>

An extract from the advice is detailed below.

Do:

- report the message to us at phishing@hsbc.co.uk
- report the message to your mobile operator by forwarding the message to 7726, free of charge
- contact us using the number on the back of your card if you want to check whether the message was genuine
- delete the message

Parish contacts including parishioners from many different parishes, have received emails purporting to be from the Parish Priest requesting that they purchase vouchers from Amazon - for the Parish Priest.

Details of common scams can be found here:

<https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/help/customer/display.html?nodeId=GGKDN3QZSKBFGNB>

F. Please raise awareness of these scams where possible.

Frauds may be reported to Action Fraud at <http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/report-a-fraud-including-online-crime-questions>