

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM

**The Body and Blood of Christ 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022 Psalter Week 4**



Giving a sermon at a local non-Catholic church was a lovely challenge. I offered to speak for about 10 minutes. Oops! “No way” - I was told sharply. Or I’d be short-changing them. ‘Give us about 45 minutes at least’, they asked. 45 minutes.... eek! I’d be throttled if I did that in our Catholic Mass!! I gave about 35 minutes in the end. Everyone was happy. Plus a genuine heartfelt applause... I have found that many non-Catholic communities can be lovely but quite verbal. Yet surely it is in the non-verbal language where we find the greatest power. This is why word-less prayer is ideal.

When it is all about words, people will necessarily argue about their interpretations and meanings. And so we have about 30,000 different Christian denominations, about 20,000 different English translations of the Bible. A once-upon-a-time unity continues to fracture over the meanings of words. A Eucharistic community, however, can absorb so much more than a verbal one. It communicates itself to our souls, not our heads. So far less words are needed because Eucharist just is. Receiving the Body and Blood of Christ should be wordlessly reminding us that we are truly part of the universal Body of Christ. Any good nutritionist tells us that we are what we eat. In the Body of Christ, the bread and wine being real presence is a powerful non-wordy proclamation that we are truly part of this cosmic real presence, the universal Body of Christ. It cultivates a desire to help, serve, love and forgive one another, always without social pay-offs- isn’t this the nature of true community, communion - holy communion?

Receiving our Lord’s sacred Body and Blood helps transform us into this amazing realization – we truly are part of Christ’s universal body. Only an appreciation of the real presence can do that. So the soul gets it, not the head. This is why it is beyond words. The sacraments are for the sake of people. Sadly in some places, it seems that Sacraments have become magical incantations for their own sake. It is so easy to overdo the ritual and forget the reality that the ritual signifies, eg. what the Body of Christ means for our lives - living out true community, (holy) communion - the Body of Christ. Living in the power and dignity of the universal Body of Christ, our Holy Communion can do extraordinary and wonderful work in us. Can we absorb that?

## **Today’s Readings**

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

Psalm: Psalm 109(110):1-4

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9:11-17



<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Terry Askem RIP (Patricia Holohan)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June    The Body and Blood of Christ</b>	
<b>8am Mass</b>	Parish Community
<b>10am Mass</b>	Elizabeth Fallaize RIP (Mike & Tricia Curnock)
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>10.00am</b>	Eucharistic Service
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June    St Aloysius Gonzaga</b>	
	No Mass
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June    National Feast John Fisher &amp; Thomas More</b>	
<b>10.00am</b>	Eucharistic Service
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> June    Nativity of St John the Baptist</b>	
<b>11.00 am</b>	Requiem Mass Joyce McCarthy RIP
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June    The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</b>	
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Terry Askem RIP (Hilary Barry & Family)
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June    The Immaculate Heart of Mary</b>	
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Ann Botting RIP (Anniversary) (James O'Farrell)
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June    Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>8am Mass</b>	Jim Sainsbury RIP
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Parish Community

***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.***

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## ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Phil Reilly, Edward (Ted) Mahoney, and Kathleen Scott whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

**Congratulations to Thea, Rose, Grace, Oliver, Archie, Ronnie, Xavier and Benjamin on receiving their First Holy Communion last weekend. We keep 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 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup> – 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, which 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](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com) and is aimed at primary school children. It can be downloaded and printed out.

### **Children's Liturgy**

**AMENDMENT TO DATES!!**- it has been wonderful to have children's liturgy sessions since Easter. There will be a break for a few weeks while some of our children make their First Holy Communion at the 10am mass. Children's liturgy will resume on 10th July and continue on 17th, 24th and 31st July at the 10am mass, for age group 3-8. (Any further adjustments will be included in the newsletter). Apologies for the change to previously announced dates. 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**

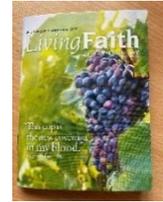
The window that was vandalised has been safely secured until replacement work is carried out.

### **LEGION OF MARY RETREAT**

Active and Auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary and any interested parishioners are most warmly invited to our Annual Legion of Mary Retreat which is to be held on **SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2022** at **ST HELEN'S CHURCH, MILTON ROAD, WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA** from **9.45am to 3.15pm**. The retreat will include Mass, Benediction, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions, Legion Prayers and talks by Fr Victor Aurellana of St Helen's Parish who will be leading the retreat.

## Living Faith

The latest copy of Living Faith for July to September is available to purchase at the back of the church.



## YEAR OF THE FAMILY

The 10<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families is taking place in Rome this coming week, with a programme of talks and liturgies which will be live-streamed via Vatican media channels. Our Diocese is marking the close of the Year of the Family at the annual Mass for Marriage and Family Life in July, which Bishop Alan will offer for the intentions of all families in the Diocese. If you would like a particular intention to be placed before the altar at this Mass, please complete the prayer request form which can be found on the new Marriage and Family Life pages of the Diocesan website, where you will also find more information about the World Meeting of Families: <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/marriage-family-life>

## Faith Lift Day

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX. The day will begin with 12.00 noon Mass, (this is optional if people would prefer to attend their parish Sunday Mass) followed by lunch at 1pm. At 2pm there will be prayer and praise, followed by a talk from 2.45 - 3.20. After a short break will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with opportunity for Confession, and Prayer Ministry from 3.45 finishing at 4.45 pm. Tea and coffee will be provided for the day, but please bring your own packed lunch. Everyone is welcome, and please feel able to join in the day at any time. No booking is required.

## Walsingham House – Gap Year Opportunity:

Just finished A-levels or Uni? Aged 18-22? Interested in working with young people? Join the Walsingham House Team 2022/23 for an amazing Gap Year opportunity starting September 2022. Details on [www.bcys.net](http://www.bcys.net) or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email [josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

## THINKING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? ...

The next RCIA meeting will be on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> 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@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.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](mailto: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](mailto:cathy@dioceseofbrentwood.org) or 07813 710070.

### **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](mailto:olorgiftaid@hotmail.com). Thank you.

### **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.

### **Knights of St. Columba Young Peoples Seminar 2022**

Theme: "Being Your Brother's Keeper"

Date Tuesday July 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

Venue: Hinsley Hall Leeds.

An invitation to all young people aged between 16 and 23, 25 **free** places.

Visiting the "Mercy Bus tour" in Leeds, with speakers and organizers

Please see poster with a QR Code for more details.

Why not Join the Knights and, among other things, help support our young people?

Brother Martin Doyle Action and Youth Officer.



### **FAREWELL AND THANK YOU TEA**

#### **FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**The Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral** is seeking a part-time Co-ordinator to assume responsibility for the day-to-day running of the charity. If you have strong interpersonal and organisational skills, coupled with the ability to work on your own initiative to implement the plans and actions determined by the charity's governing Council and its subcommittees, this role may be of interest. You will be a good communicator, able to sustain engagement with our members through personal contact, written and digital channels. In addition to being able to plan and execute a range of fundraising events, you will have a keen eye for detail, enabling you to deliver the exacting level of administrative support needed for a successful membership organisation. Full details at <https://westminstercathedral.org.uk/the-friends-seek-an-organising-secretary/>

### **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.



## Vacancies

### Choral Director Vacancy – The Diocese of Brentwood Schools Singing

**Programme** We are seeking to appoint a Choral Director, this is a new and exciting post which is part of the National School Singing Programme. Further information about the role can be found on the website <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/NSSP-Choral-Director-Application-Pack-002.pdf> Closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 4 July 2022.

## **St Peter' Catholic Primary School – Catering Assistant**

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Billericay, part of The Christus Catholic Trust, are seeking to recruit a Catering Assistant to join our established catering team preparing approximately 250 meals a day.

Candidates must have experience of a similar environment as well as a passion for great food. For more information please visit Essex Schools Jobs:

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=76759>

Closing date: 22/06/22 - midday

## **Open Evenings:**

### **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](http://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk), Milton Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 7JS Tel: 01702 343583

### **St. Thomas More High school - open evening, Thursday, 7th July 4.00p.m. to 7.00p.m**

For families who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2023 - come and see the school, meet the staff and pupils.

The Headteachers talk will begin at 6.00pm

Parents of boys who wish to apply to St. Thomas More School for a place in September 2023 should complete the local education authority single application form (saf) and fill in the supplementary information form (sif) that can be collected at the open evening.

If you are unable to come to the open evening, please contact the school in order to get the supplementary information form. The form can also be downloaded from the school web

site:- [WWW.ST-THOMASMORE.SOUTHEND.SCH.UK](http://WWW.ST-THOMASMORE.SOUTHEND.SCH.UK)

## 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.

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Do:

- report the message to us at [phishing@hsbc.co.uk](mailto: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>