

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

Fourteenth Sunday 3rd July 2022 Psalter Week 2



The “cracked pot” apologised. For two years the man carried two pots, each hanging on each end of a pole across his neck. One was cracked, one was perfect. The long walk from the stream to the house meant that the cracked pot arrived only half full. Ashamed of its imperfection, and feeling the man was not getting full value for his efforts, it apologised. Feeling sorry and compassionate for the cracked pot, the man asked the pot to look carefully at the path from the stream to the house. On the cracked pot’s side of the path, there grew beautiful flowers and good vegetables. The other side was dry. The man assured the cracked pot that he was aware of its “flaw”, and told the pot that every-day the cracked pot watered the seeds he had planted on his way back to the house, the flowers that grew beautifully decorated the house, and the vegetables were lovely to eat.

How often our ‘crackedness’, imperfections and vulnerabilities can be our strengths without us even realising it? So often, wounded, rejected, ‘cracked’ people have a better chance of seeing truth more clearly and have something real to say. They can feel an “outsider” - not part of the group or the system anymore. Whatever the reasons one may feel an outsider, such people recognise the selfishness and illusions going on inside the system – be it the system of religion, country, politics or whatever. The “insider”, company-person, is too comfortable to see the self-serving greed operating within the system. It all serves his purpose, security, livelihood and promotions. So why would he want to change? What happens - he ignores this self-serving greed, and so it perpetuates.

Is this not why Jesus instructs the disciples to take nothing for the journey? Crazy? No. He is sending them into certain vulnerability, maybe rejection, maybe failure, where they have to rely on each other, on other people, and God. It’s about relationship and truth. This is why Jesus made himself an outsider. So he could see authentic truth and right relationship – not as a ‘company person’. Jesus sees truth as truth is. He wants the same for all of us. Have we felt an outsider? Felt lost? On the losing side? Part of a minority? Rejected? Vulnerable? Cracked? Like the cracked pot, this can often be the place of transformation. True wisdom emerges from what we do with this pain. Do our crucifixes remind us of this truth - Jesus’ own transformative pain? And ours too?

God bless, Fr. Paul

First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14

Psalms: 65(66):1-7,16,20

Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Gospel: Luke 10:1-12,17-20



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 2nd July	
5.30pm Mass	Joyce McCarthy RIP (Lorna Warren)
Sunday 3rd July	Fourteenth Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	Terry Askem RIP (Rita Gurney)
10.00am Mass	Parish Community & all First Holy Communion Children
Monday 4th July	
10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 5th July	
	No Mass
Wednesday 6th July	
10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 7th July	
	No Mass
Friday 8th July	
10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Saturday 9th July	
5.30pm Mass	Jim Kelly RIP (Kenneth Kelly)
Sunday 10th July	Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (Sea Sunday)
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Terry Askem RIP (Lorna Warren)

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 Frank Kaye, Rosemary Hassell, John Richards, Niqui Denkmayer, Thomas 'Tommy' Smyth, Marie (Myra) Baxter, Marie Goulbourn, Gladys Tudor, Maud 'Penny' Mahoney, whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Congratulations to Isabelle, Adam and Alex on receiving your 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 Mass next weekend at the 10am Mass. We keep all the children in our prayers.



NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

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



Kids' Bulletin

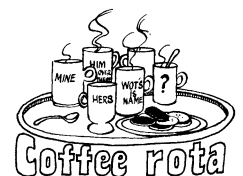
A children's version of the gospel is available weekly. This can be accessed on the following website: www.thekidsbulletin.com and is aimed at primary school children. It can be downloaded and printed out.

Children's Liturgy

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.



SAVE THE DATE

Parish Children's Picnics

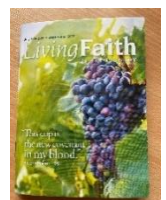
Come along and get to know some other families.

Monday 25 July: King George V Playing Field, Rayleigh: Picnic and Play in the Park.

Tuesday 9 August: Hockley Woods: Nature walk and Picnic.
More details to follow nearer to the time.

Living Faith

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



Faith Lift Day

Next Sunday 10th 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 <https://bcys.net/applications-for-the-walsingham-house-team-2022-23-now-open/> or contact Joseph Beattie – phone 01277 373959 or email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Transylvania: Religion, History & Culture

Fr Eduard Fartan from Holy Family in Benfleet is organising a Pilgrimage to Transylvania from 18th - 25th October 2022. The tour will include many beautiful churches and monasteries often set amongst the stunning Romanian countryside and focus on the melting pot of ancient cultures that have been present in the area. The approximate cost will start at £850 for one place in a double room. For more information or to register your interest please send an email to benfleet@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Roe v Wade decision

As you have probably seen in the media, on Friday 24 June, the US Supreme Court struck down the Roe v Wade decision, returning the matter of abortion legislation to individual states.

There has been much misinformation spread online about the implications of this decision.

Lord Alton has published an excellent piece that sets out the key facts on the decision:

<https://thecritic.co.uk/reversing-a-tragic-half-century-of-lost-lives/>

WORKS OF MERCY

The Helpers of God's Precious Infants

The next Rosary Procession Vigil will be held on 9th July, St. Francis of Assisi Church, Grove Crescent Road, Stratford E15 1NS. 10am The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, 10.30-11.30am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament. 10.35am Prayerful and peaceful procession, following an Image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, to BPAS abortion Centre, where we shall pray 15 decades of the Rosary and sing hymns. 12.00pm return to St. Francis of Assisi Church. For full details see poster on church notice board. For further details tel. 01727 763832 or e-mail marg@helpersuk.org

THINKING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? ...

The next RCIA meeting will be on Monday 4th July 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)



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

SHARING THE CHURCH'S STORY CONFERENCE aims to bring people together for an experience of profound personal renewal and to be equipped for mission. With world-class speakers, including Bishop Robert Barron, panels, and moments of powerful prayer and worship, we are excited for what God will do through this event. The Conference takes place on Saturday 17th September in London, to find out more about this important conference and to book go to www.sharingthechurchsstory.com

Knights of St. Columba Young Peoples Seminar 2022

Theme: "Being Your Brother's Keeper"

Date Tuesday July 26th to Friday 29th

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.



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-see-an-organising-secretary/>

BCYS Youth Mass, 7th July from 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral

Join us for Pizza in the Parish Hall at 6pm, followed by a Music Workshop in the Cathedral led by Art Wangcharoensab of the Cathedral Music Dept.

Singers, instrumentalists and young people (roughly year 9+) are all very welcome, whether you wish to join in or simply watch and listen! Mass will begin in the Cathedral at 7:30pm, celebrated by Fr Damien Wade.

All information can be found on our website www.bcys.net/events

Adventure in Faith – journey towards World Youth Day, Porto and Lisbon, July 26th – August 9th 2023

This amazing opportunity is for anyone who will be aged 17 – 27 in August 2023. Find out more at <https://bcys.net/events/wyd23/>. Express your interest with an email to WYD@dioceseofbrentwood.org. Only 40 places available.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL ASSOCIATION OF GREAT BRITAIN

The Association announces its next Scripture talk, to be given by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest and member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission, on 'Jonah: Prophet for Today'. You can attend the talk in-person at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH, from 11.00 BST on Saturday 9th July. Coffee will be provided in the hall from 10.30. If you are attending in-person please book your place by clicking on the Eventbrite link on the poster. The venue is a short walk from Gidea Park Station (TfL from Stratford or Shenfield). Alternatively please join the livestream by going to www.whatgoodnews.org at 11 a.m. on 9th July. There is no need to book if attending by livestream. The talk will be available subsequently on You Tube and on www.whatgoodnews.org

MASS AND SYMPATHY CARDS...

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

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.



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



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.



ONLINE DONATIONS

To make a donation online go to <https://stream.seccomgroup.com/donations/olor>

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.

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, 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