

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

Fifteenth Sunday 10th July 2022

Psalter Week 3



Leicester Square was busy. Some years ago, I was walking along and came across a little stall by the Odeon. Flyers read: “repent, the end is nigh, “Jesus is Lord”... I glanced briefly. The elderly lady there scolded me “that’s right sonny, you’ll burn in hell like the rest of them - you youth have no idea”. I don’t think I’ve ever been condemned to hell! What had I done?! I replied that I practise my faith as a Catholic. To which the elderly man (her husband?) replied, “that’s even worse”! How quick some people like to judge, condemn, separate, divide.

Our Catholic Church has never condemned anyone to hell, only “canonised” them for heaven. The ability to condemn through hatred, exclusion and separation is part of the sad history of many religions. Many love to see themselves as the only ones “saved”. Only ‘they’ are pure and have all the ‘correct’ answers. All other people are excluded. Condemned. A people divided. All so very childish!

In this wonderful story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus is clearly moving us beyond any kind of narrow-minded worldview of who’s in or out. So often it is the outsider (Samaritan) who understands Jesus far more than the insider (priest and levite).

Holiness is never found through separation or exclusion of others, only through radical inclusion. To include those we think are dirty, smelly, those who are ‘different’, not like me. Any exclusionary system lays the very foundation for violence, either in what we think, speak, or do. Just look at the world around today. The ‘hated’ Samaritan, (the Jews and Samaritans mutually hated each other), the very one we expect to run away or finish him off, helps out, and, pays for the man’s help. Radical inclusion.

Jesus removes any ability to separate according to peripheral issues such as race, politics or religion. He leaves us no basis for ethnic hatred or creating victims whatsoever. In fact, this anticlerical story heavily criticises any dominant and dominating group in society. Ever true. Compassion, forgiveness and inclusiveness are part of the answer. Just nice sentiments? No. Jesus is clearly commanding us to live them out, ‘go do the same’. Radical stuff. But do we?

God bless, Fr. Paul

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Psalms: Psalm 68(69):14,17,30-31,33-34,36-37

Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 9th July	
5.30pm Mass	Jim Kelly RIP (Kenneth Kelly)
Sunday 10th July	Fifteenth Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Terry Askem RIP (Lorna Warren)
Monday 11th July	St Benedict
10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 12th July	
No Mass	
Wednesday 13th July	
10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 14th July	
No Mass	
Friday 15th July	St Bonaventure
10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Saturday 16th July	
5.30pm Mass	Brenda Lewis RIP (Pat & Mary Richard)
Sunday 17th July	Sixteenth Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Michael Lydon RIP (Kathy Hoare)

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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Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.30pm – 5pm Saturday evenings (not in the confessional box).

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

WELCOME

We welcome Fr Gerald Gostling to our parish for the masses this weekend.



ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Thomas 'Tommy' Smyth, Marie (Myra) Baxter, Marie Goulbourn, Gladys Tudor, Maud 'Penny' Mahoney, Eileen Young, Pat Moye, Russell Gonsal, Andrew Lowe, Roger Heath whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Congratulations to Poppy, Olive, Caiden, Ivy, Terri-Louise and Remaya 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.



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

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). We are looking forward to seeing you again!

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.

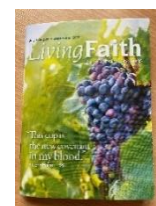


Coffee Morning – 10th July

Please join us for refreshments and cake after 10am mass on Sunday 10th July. Coffee morning is being run by the Ushers with all donations going to CAFOD.

Living Faith

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



First Holy Communion Winter 2022

If your child will be in Year 4 or above in September 2022, and would you like to apply for them to participate in our next First Holy Communion program, please pick up a form from the presbytery during office hours (Monday 14.00 – 17.30, Tuesday 09.00 – 13.30, Thursday 09.00 – 13.00). Completed forms to be returned to the presbytery by 24th July 2022.

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

Meet from 11am in the play area, followed by a picnic and games under the trees nearby

Please bring a picnic and one item of food to share. If you have any outdoor games like skittles, boules, football etc please bring them along.

If you are planning on coming, please text Antonia Cevizli on 07817686272 so we have an idea of who to expect.

Tuesday 9 August Hockley Woods: Nature walk and Picnic

Details to follow.



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/>

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

OLOR Pre School

It is with great sadness that we have to announce the departure from Our Lady of Ransom Pre-School of Mrs Ann Mitchener, after an amazing 30 years. We are very sorry to lose her but hope that she will continue to support us. If anyone has funny stories about her, or wishes to contribute to a collection or send a card, her last day is 20 July, so please contact me, Ruth Fitzgerald 07519635544.

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-seek-an-organising-secretary/>

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.

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.



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.



Vacancies:

Teaching Assistant

St Joachim's Catholic Primary School, Custom House, London

Start Date: September 2022

36 hours per week – Term time only

Unqualified Scale 2 point 3- £21,783 (pro rata) Qualified Scale 3 point 5 - £22,575 (pro rata)

Applicants should be enthusiastic, patient, flexible, hardworking, proactive and able to work with a variety of age groups and learning needs.

Deadline for applications: Forms to be returned to St Joachim's by 12:00 on Friday 15th July 2022.

Tests and interviews will take place on Wednesday 20th July 2022.

Further information about our school can be found at our website: www.st-joachims.newham.sch.uk

Application forms can be obtained from our school website: www.st-joachims.newham.sch.uk/jobs or by calling or emailing the school.

Applications can be returned to the school by email: jobs@st-joachims.newham.sch.uk referencing in the title Teaching Assistant MA22

St Bernard's High School for Girls:

Learning Mentor

Week, Term Time plus One Week,
8.00am – 4.00pm, Fixed Term to August 2023
Scale 6 – 11 (£20,043 - £22,129 pro rata)

An opportunity has arisen for a Learning Mentor to join our Pastoral Team. We are looking for someone to work alongside our Learning Mentor Team supporting identified students. Please complete a non-teaching application form which can be found on our website under School Information/Vacancies, and email it to zmb@stbernards.southend.sch.uk.

Please note that CVs will not be accepted.

Closing Date: Tuesday 12 July 2022, 9.00am

Interviews: tbc

Learning Support Assistant

Full-time, Term Time, Fixed Term (37 hours per week)
Hourly Rate - £9.99

Applications are welcomed from both experienced LSAs and those new to support.

ASD/Autism interest desirable

Please complete a non-teaching application form which can be found on our website under School Information/Vacancies www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk, and email it to zmb@stbernards.southend.sch.uk.

Please note that CVs will not be accepted.

Closing Date: Tuesday 12 July 2022, 9.00am

Interviews: tbc

Bishop's Delegate for Civil Administration

We are seeking to appoint a Bishop's Delegate for Civil Administration. In a time of significant change, the Diocese of Brentwood is seeking an experienced Executive to work on behalf of the Bishop to lead and nurture Senior Administrative and Pastoral Leaders within the Diocesan Curia.

Further details about the role can be found on the website here:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

The closing date for applications is 12 noon on Monday 11th July 2022.

St Peter's Catholic Primary School – Administration Assistant

St Peter's Catholic Primary School Billericay, part of The Christus Catholic Trust, are seeking to appoint a professional and highly motivated Administration Assistant for our friendly, busy school.

We require an individual with excellent interpersonal and organisational skills with a positive attitude, in line with our school values, together with the ability to remain calm under pressure and use their own initiative.

*Closing date for applications is midday on **Wednesday 13th July**. For more information please visit Essex Schools Jobs*

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=77888>