

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

Seventeenth Sunday 24th July 2022 Psalter Week 1



As God calls to us, how might He be re-assuring us:

My Child who art on earth, worried, lonely, tempted; I know your name perfectly, and I pronounce it to make it holy, because I love you. No, you are not alone, but lived in by me, and together we are building the kingdom which you are going to inherit. I like you to do my will, because my will is that you should be happy, for my glory is you fully alive. Always count on me and you will have bread for today; do not worry, I only ask that you should get used to sharing it with your sisters and brothers. You know that I forgive your trespasses even before you commit them; that is why I ask that you should do the same to those who trespass against you. So that you should never fall into temptation, take my hand tightly and I will deliver you from evil, for you are my child and I love you more than you can ever imagine. Amen. (Source unknown).

Some call this the 'Lord's Prayer in Reverse'. For authentic prayer is allowing God's spirit to pray through us (as St. Paul says). It's what God wants. This needs a calming of the mind and heart as I mentioned last week. Many techniques exist for calming ourselves. When this happens, we begin to develop some form of union with God and His will, now we realise we are already receiving what we are asking for and doors are already opening where we have been knocking. If on the other hand, our prayer is only about telling God what I think I need, this becomes the stuff of judgements, resistance, criticisms and control, now prayer is not real - but says more about a person's self-centredness and greed. No-one can manipulate God, he knows what is best, He sees the bigger picture.

Allow God's spirit to flow through. After all, he already lives in us. He created us. Let our prayer be much more of a dialogue instead of us only "reading" prayers or making announcements. Rather, just calmly sit and spend more time listenening. Far more enjoyable. This is the ancient form of prayer, it is clearly the "Jesus" way of prayer. Try and see. Make it a practice and enjoy the extraordinary benefits – doors open everywhere, and we receive so much.

God Bless, Fr. Paul

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm: Psalm 137(138):1-3,6-8

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 23rd July	St Bridget of Sweden
5.30pm Mass	Jack & Margaret Nelson RIP (Anniversary) (Joan Gardiner)
Sunday 24th July	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	Joyce McCarthy RIP (Mary & Barry Mason)
10.00am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 25th July	St James
7.15pm	Tunde Macaulay Ints
Tuesday 26th July	Ss Joachim & Anne
	Terry McManus RIP (Anne McManus)
Wednesday 27th July	
10.00 am	Deceased Members of The McGrath Family (Helen Cooper)
Thursday 28th July	
	Kieran Connolly RIP (Mary & Barry Mason)
Friday 29th July	Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus
10.00am	Tom Seery RIP (Kathleen Murray)
Saturday 30th July	
5.30pm Mass	Sean O'Connor RIP (Kay O'Connor)
Sunday 31st July	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Michael McLaughlan RIP (Mary & Tom Butterworth)

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



ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Paul Usher, Anne Shrimplin, Ivy Yeates, Cornelius 'Neil' McCarthy, Valerie O'Malley whose anniversaries occur about this time.

May they rest in peace.

† Please remember Mrs. Hannah Rooke in your prayers. Hannah died recently, her Requiem Mass will be on Wednesday August 3rd at 10am. Please keep Barry and all the family in your prayers. May she rest in peace. †

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

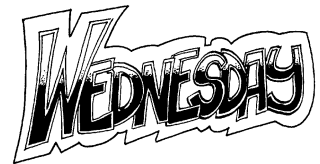
Children's liturgy will continue on 24th and 31st July at the 10am mass, for age groups 3-8. (Any further adjustments will be included in the newsletter).

We are looking forward to seeing you again!

Wednesday Coffee Mornings

Please note that there will be no coffee mornings after masses on Wednesdays throughout August.

More volunteers are needed to help with the running of these lovely coffee mornings. If you are able to help, please either speak to the ladies at the coffee morning, or contact Tori in the parish office.



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 11am on Thursdays.



Coffee Morning – Sunday 17th July

Last weekend's coffee morning raised £7.50 for Ukraine. The ushers are donating £42.50 from their reserve funds, making it a total of £50.00, donating a further £50.00 to CAFOD.

Many thanks for your donations.



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.



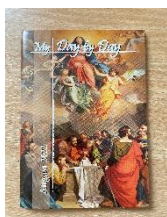
Bob Walker Memorial Mass

Joan Walker and family are having a memorial mass for Bob on Friday 19th August at 2pm as his funeral was in lockdown. They would like to invite everyone to join them for refreshments after the mass at Pope John Paul Hall.

Brentwood Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage, 23rd – 29th July 2022

This week the Diocese are travelling to Lourdes for the first time since 2019, with a total group of around 200.

If you would like to be part of the pilgrimage from home, please do follow the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter by searching @brentwoodcys. You can also see us on "Lourdes TV" at www.lourdes-france.org/en for our Grotto Mass on Tuesday 26th July at 09:30, The Torchlight (Marian) Procession on Wednesday 27th July at 22:00 and the Blessed Sacrament Procession on Thursday 28th July at 18:00.



My Day by Day

New My Day by Day books are available to purchase at the back of the church, for August and September 2022.



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 cost will start be £850 for one place in a double room, with an additional charge of £165 for single occupancy. Flights, half board at 3 and 4 star hotels, travel in Romania and tour guides are included in the price. For more information or to register your interest please send an email to benfleet@dioceseofbrentwood.org

THINKING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? ...

The next RCIA meeting will be on Monday 18th 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@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

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-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.

Beginning Experience Weekend:

If you have suffered a divorce, separation or the death of your partner, a residential weekend to help you to heal will be held from 14th to 16th October 2022 at the Sion Community, Brentwood, Essex. If you would like more details, please ring Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 07795-498445 or email besouthofengland@gmail.com.

MASS AND SYMPATHY CARDS...

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

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.

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.



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.*

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:

Parish Secretary Required

@ St Francis of Assisi, 90 Colchester Road, Halstead, Essex, CO9 2EW

Hours: 3 hours per week.

Hourly Rate: £10 per hour.

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to halstead@dioceseofbrentwood.org.

Closing date for applications is 29th July 2022.

For a full job description, visit <https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

Bar 'n' Bus Youth Work Opportunity

Role: Youth Support Worker

Location: Basildon (and South Essex)

Contract: Part Time (16 hrs/wk), 1 Year Fixed with possible extension

Wage: £10.50/hr

As part of this role workers will also receive accredited training to qualify them as Level 3 Youth Support Workers – a nationally recognised youth work qualification.

Deadline for applications is 11th August with start dates in September.

More details can be found at <https://barnbus.org.uk/vacancies/>