

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

Eighteenth Sunday 31th July 2022 Psalter Week 2



Who won last year's FA Cup final? Who won the Oscar 2 years ago for best actor? Who won Eurovision 2 years ago? Who was on the front cover of your favourite magazine two weeks ago? Does anyone in Britain 'got talent'?

Can you answer any of the above without trying? Now try these.

Can you name your first teacher? Who helped you most when things were down? Who helped you in your first job? Who was your favourite pet? Name your favourite aunty or uncle. Name those who you know love you. Name those you love.

I bet the second questions were easier. Of course, because they are more personal. Do we really think our riches, fame or accomplishments impress others? If they do, it says something seriously sad and tragic about those who are impressed. Deep down we know that that is all vanity - as the first reading reminds us. Riches, fame and fortune come and go. Surely what matters is who we love and who loves us. That's eternal. Compassion, truth, peace, service, justice, faith and freedom, and the people and institutions that make them possible for us – that is what lasts, they endure and leave lasting impressions on us.

This is why Jesus seems totally disinterested in the question he is asked today. He will not get into any petty arbitrations about money, fame or fortune. They come and go. Jesus is more interested in us living now what lasts forever. Live it now. That is the freedom of God's kingdom – to live NOW what matters for eternity. Otherwise it is not that important – it is largely just vanity. Get things back into perspective. Get our priorities right.

Ask yourself the question: if you knew the world was going to end one month from today, what would you do *right now*? Money, success, fame – I doubt it! You know what you would probably do. No doubt you would contact as many people as possible and say 'sorry', or 'I forgive you', or 'I love you'. That's what lasts for eternity. That is Jesus' real concern. We must make sure it is ours. Now! The rest is pure vanity.

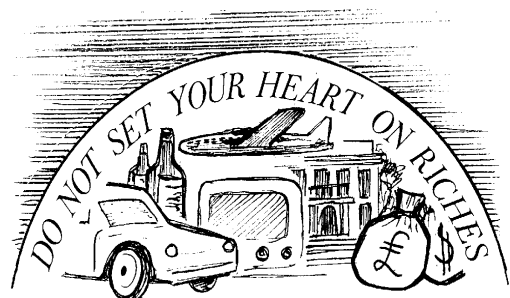
God Bless, Fr. Paul

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

Psalm: Psalm 89(90):3-6, 12-14, 17

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 30th July	St Bridget of Sweden
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 McLaughlin RIP (Mary & Tom Butterworth)
Monday 1st August	St Alphonsus
7.15pm	Alice Allso RIP
Tuesday 2nd August	
	Byron Brown, Len Hancock & Richard Cooper RIP (Helen Cooper)
Wednesday 3rd August	
10.00 am	Requiem Mass – Hannah “Joan” Rooke RIP
Thursday 4th August	St John Vianney (Cure of Ars)
	Hemming Family RIP
Friday 5th August	
10.00am	Patrick Lydon RIP (Kathy Hoare)
Saturday 6th August	Transfiguration of the Lord
5.30pm Mass	Teresa & Mervyn Ryder RIP (Anniversary)(Marian Pond)
Sunday 7th August	Nineteenth Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	John Duffy RIP (Kathleen Murray)
10.00am Mass	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.**

<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>Public Mass times: Saturdays 5.30pm Sundays 8am & 10.00am Mondays 7.15pm Wednesdays 10.00am Fridays 10.00am <i>Please be aware - Times and days of weekday 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 Kath Thomas, Gerardo Schiavi, Connie McCann, Sharon Blake, Reg Freeman, and Stella Everitt, whose anniversaries occur about this time.

May they rest in peace.

† Please remember Mrs. Hannah 'Joan' Rooke in your prayers. Hannah died recently, her Requiem Mass will be this 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.

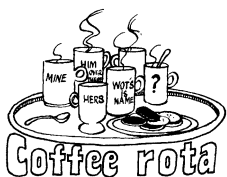
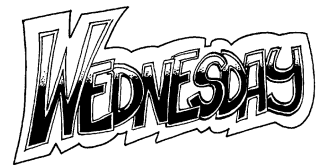
Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy will continue on 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.

Parish Children's Picnics

NEXT PARISH CHILDREN'S MEET UP

Come along and get to know some other families

Hockley Woods Nature walk and picnic

If you are planning on coming please text Antonia Cevizli on 07817686272

Tue 9th August, meet in the car park at the gates near the play area

10.30 nature trail walk begins

Afterwards we will go to the play area for picnic and play. If you arrive late we will find you in the play area later.

Please bring a picnic, mat and one item of food to share

PLEASE bring your own PENCIL for the trail

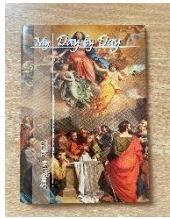


Bob Walker Memorial Mass

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.

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 5th September at 8pm in the Bethany Room (no meetings in August).

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

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.

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/>

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.

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/>