

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

Nineteenth Sunday 7th August 2022 Psalter Week 3



I believe in the sun when it does not shine.

I believe in love when it is not shown.

I believe in God when he remains silent.

Words found on a wall by the Allied Forces after the Second World War, where people were hiding. Pure faith.

Little Annie is frightened of the dark. Now mummy is there little Annie is OK, all fear gone, she has total faith in her mummy. Just mummy's presence is enough. Faith and fear.

The total opposite to faith is not unbelief, but fear, anxiety, worry, panic. How much do we worry? This is why 365 times we read the words 'do not worry, do not be afraid'. Have faith. We worry about the vanities we heard about last week, things that are not eternal. Without such faith we are going to be overly concerned with management, materialistic and security questions. Without a faith that knows God is for us, we will be self-preoccupied. In fact it would be silly not to be. We become self-centred, we become the centre of our own universe. But our God has taken these worries from us. That's our loving God. So we do not need to worry. Nor grovel, or try to earn God's approval, we have it already. God loves us unconditionally. Our own love and goodness flow freely and enduringly from this realisation.

Now we understand why Jesus says the things he does today. Basically ask yourself the question: *where do I spend my time and money?* That is where our treasure is. The focus of our time and money will say something about what our God is and what is important to us. Maybe our flexible friends and diaries reveal what our real beliefs are.

So we are not to worry. God is not out to catch us out. But similar to last week's message, we are called to live life now. That is God's joy. That is what we were created for. Not to miss out. Don't let life just carry us along. Live, enjoy, choose each moment. In other words, as the great prophet said, **do not be afraid of dying, be more afraid of not having lived.** Or as Jack said in the film 'Titanic', *make it count*. There are no threats about the future, but an invitation to live *now*. Maybe now re-read this Gospel (Luke 12: 35-48) and see if you appreciate it in an entirely new way.

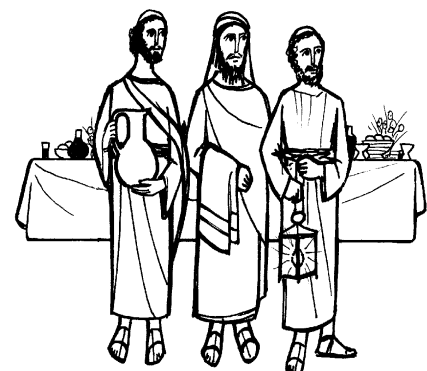
God Bless, Fr. Paul

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Psalm: Psalm 32(33):1, 12, 18-20,22

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 6th August	Transfiguration of the Lord
5.30pm Mass	Teresa & Mervyn Ryder RIP (Anniv)(Marian Pond)
Sunday 7th August	Nineteenth Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	John Duffy RIP (Kathleen Murray)
10.00am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 8th August	St Dominic
7.15pm	Williams Family & Betty Curran RIP
Tuesday 9th August	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
	Michael McLaughlin RIP (Sadie & Joe Christie)
Wednesday 10th August	St Lawrence
10.00 am	Gerardo Schiavi & deceased family members of the Schiavi family RIP (Fiorella Schiavi)
Thursday 11th August	St Clare V
9.30am	Requiem Mass: Mary Picton RIP
Friday 12th August	
10.00am	Bridget & Luke Kavanagh RIP (Anniv) (Shelagh Mesher)
Saturday 13th August	
5.30pm Mass	Parish Community
Sunday 14th August	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8.00am Mass	Allan Wise Ints (Alana Dave)
10.00am Mass	Prayer Board Intentions

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 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 Reg Freeman, Stella Everitt, Richard King, Gabriella Prideaux, Ellen Lydon, Noel Cullen, whose anniversaries occur about this time.

May they 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.

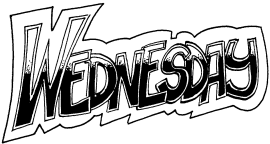


Kids' Bulletin

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 be taking a break during August. Enjoy the summer holidays!



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

this Tuesday 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.

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 13 - 16 October 2022 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 24 - 26 February 2023, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

See poster at the end of this newsletter.

Join the Walsingham House Team

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. You'll find information at <https://bcys.net/applications-for-the-walsingham-house-team-2022-23-now-open/> or contact Joseph Beattie – josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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.

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 Closing date for registration is the 20th August 2022.

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

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-look-for-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.

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/>

A Lifeline for Marriage!

Has Covid put you under more stress as a couple?

Has your marriage become stressed, unloving, cold?

Do you argue more?

Do you want to improve your communication?

Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking about it?

Do you want to try again?

The **Retrouvaille** programme may be just what you need!

The next programme commences with a virtual weekend

13 - 16 October 2022

The following programme commences with a face to face weekend in Welwyn Garden Centre

24 - 26 February 2023

For more information phone or text: +44 788 729 6983

Email: retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com

Website: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Complete confidentiality assured

