

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

22nd Sunday Year C 28th August 2022 Psalter Week 2



It's the wedding reception. We scrutinize the guest list and table plan. Where am I sitting? Who's next to me? Dear God, I hope I am not sitting with....! Is the table near the top table? Who else have they invited? Oh no!, not them! Oh, he's okay. So it goes on. Oh, the daft questions –the head spins...

Jesus uses these kind of celebrations, dinners together as wonderful visual aids and sermons to make his points. Does it matter who we sit next to? Must we feel important? For Jesus, the table is a place of fellowship and communion. There is no fellowship when we worry about these questions. Last week I mentioned 'subversive wisdom' as opposed to conventional wisdom. Now we see Jesus subverting the usual conventions and social customs to the annoyance of those in charge, those who are apparently important, the politically correct. Jesus is redefining social order by doing things differently, subverting the usual customs.



Whom do you invite to share your meal with you? Who can be part of our faith community? Is there, or must there be an 'in' group, and an 'out' group? Can you invite the 'outsiders' (the apparent 'out' group) – I think we have a pretty good idea who may be outsiders in our communities today? In other words, if you really are part of God's family, the bigger picture, you will forget the world's status symbols and need for social importance. Such status symbols

and human hierarchies start to mean nothing as they mean nothing to God. Does it matter where your table is in relation to the top table? Or who you're sitting next to? What matters is our desire to be in communion, our simple common humanity.

Hence our 'Holy Communion' at Mass. Our Holy Communion becomes a lie if we are all about 'in groups' and 'out groups', who's up or who's down and so on. In that scenario, there is no real communion acted out in our lives for which Holy Communion is the beautiful and ultimate sacramental sign.

At social gatherings, can we let go of being concerned about the whos and wheres? Would we dare invite the outsider, and those who cannot repay us in kind? Demanding, but it really is the stuff of living heaven here on earth.

God Bless, Fr. Paul

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21, 30-31

Psalms: Psalm 67(68):4-7, 10-11

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 27th August	St Monica
5.30pm Mass	Terry Askem RIP (Frances Wiley)
Sunday 28th August	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Kath & Mike Geeson RIP (The Renshaw Family)
Monday 29th August	The Passion of St John the Baptist
9.00am	Kieran Fitzgibbon RIP (David & Veronica Micklewright)
Tuesday 30th August	
	Anthony Perrett RIP (Spooner Family)
Wednesday 31st August	
10.00 am	Sheila Murphy RIP (Curnock Family)
Thursday 1st September	St Sebba, King of the East Saxons
11am	Memorial Mass: Ashley Jayaweera RIP
Friday 2nd September	
10.00am	Eileen Young RIP (Jean Williams)
Saturday 3rd September	Feast of St Gregory the Great
5.30pm Mass	Elizabeth Fallaize RIP (Annie Fallaize)
Sunday 4th September	Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Martin Chandler RIP (Spooner family)

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>
--	---

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 Margaret Parsad whose anniversary occurs about this time.

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.

Please see the note about 1) Parish Pilgrimage to Lourdes and 2) A Mental Health First Aid 2 Day course, both at the end of this newsletter.

Please note: the Bethany Room lock has changed in order to make it easier to open the door. Please see Fr. Paul for a new key. A new key will only be given if considered needed. This new lock will be put on a new door when it is installed. (Apologies in advance if any inconvenience has been caused by this change to any of our groups).

Please note: For church insurance purposes and our records, church keys must NEVER be lent out under any circumstances, never given to another person and never cut, all unless express permission is given from the Parish Office. Thank you.

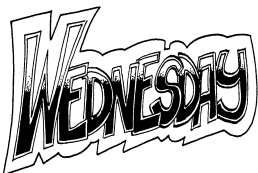


Kids" Bulletin

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.





Coffee Morning – 21st August

We collected £12.10 for this last week's coffee morning and over the last 4 weeks we have collected £100.02. This includes this week's money, as we said we would divide these takings and give half to Marie Curie and half would be added to our world emergency fund. So, we will donate £50 to Marie Curie and 50.02 to our world emergency fund.. Many thanks for your support and donations.



St. Bernadette's Relics are coming to Britain. Have a look at this video. [Be part of the St Bernadette Relic Tour this autumn - Brentwood Diocese \(dioceseofbrentwood.net\)](#) The relics will be visiting Brentwood Cathedral on 16/17 October and Our Lady of Lourdes, Wanstead on 18 October. Those wishing to attend should register through the tour website in order to manage numbers safely: (<https://stbernadette.org.uk>) [Registration - St Bernadette](#)

Used stamps on behalf of multiple sclerosis charity. Having taken over the collecting of used stamps, on behalf of multiple sclerosis charity, now sadly my friend's brother's condition has taken a turn and he is now housebound, so I no longer can send him the stamps

Does anyone require these used stamps? Would you like to take over collecting and sorting of them. These stamps are gratefully received so it would be great to have someone. Any more info please contact Ruth Fitzgerald on 07519 635544
Thank you for your continued support.

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

The Knights of St Columba will walk one leg of Relay 100, to raise funds for BCCS. The walk will be from Our Lady of Ransom Church to St Teresa's Church Rochford and will take place on this **Friday 2nd September at 3pm**. Any parishioner wishing to take part please contact Tom Kennedy on 01702 230578. One of the Knights will be outside Church after each weekend Mass to receive sponsorship money. Any amount, however small, will be gratefully received. Thanks.



The Parish Choir will start up again after the summer break. We intend to sing at the



10am Sunday Mass twice a month (normally 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month) and have a **choir practice at 7.30pm** on the Thursday prior to the Sunday we are singing. Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses all needed. No previous experience needed but it would be helpful. Why not come along and give it a try? The practice will be only an hour long and will be in the organ loft. Please consider joining us, as we are greatly depleted in number since the pandemic. Just contact Isobel Kennedy 01702 230578.

Our first choir practice will be Thursday 1st September at 7.30pm

Next parish children's picnic

Thursday 1 September in Hockley Woods.

Come and join us to make some nature art and have a picnic and play in Hockley Woods Meet at 10.30 in the car park at the gate near the play area. Please bring a picnic, picnic mat, one item of food to share and a bag to collect leaves, sticks etc.

If you are planning on coming please let Antonia Cevizli know on 07817686272

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

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

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@dioceseofbretnwood.org)



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.

PUBLIC MASSES

Please do not come if you have symptoms, sniffles, sneezes, coughs, immunity issues etc. Use common sense and think of others.

Wash your hands, cover your face, make space.



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.

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.



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.

You are invited to join a Mass for the *Season of Creation*. Saturday September 3rd at 4pm - Farm Street Church, W1K 3AH (nearest tube station is Green Park). Please email sianthomas@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information.

THE PARABLES OF LUKE

A Gidea Park Faith Talk on the Parables of Luke will be broadcast by live stream on Wednesday 21st September from 7 pm. Our distinguished speaker is Deacon Sean Loone, well-known in the diocese of Birmingham for his work in education and in evangelisation. Sean will speak about the parables in the Gospel of Luke, which we shall be hearing at Sunday Mass as we continue through Year C of the lectionary. To listen to the presentation live simply go to www.whatgoodnews.org There is no charge and no booking is needed. The recording of the talk will be available on the same website in due course.

Learning Support Assistant.

27.5 hours per week

Monday to Friday, 08:45am until 3.15pm- term time only

Salary - Scale 3 (CCT Essex Academies Pay Scale) - Salary Range - Point 4-5 (£19,264 - £19,650 Full Time Equivalent), plus Outer Fringe Allowance (£637).

Salary to be pro-rata.

The starting salary will be dependent on experience.

Closing Date for applications September 7th 2022 Start date: as soon as possible.

Location: St Peter's Catholic Primary, Billericay

More information:

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=78751>

Or call: 01277 653770

Job vacancy – Cook & Kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House Abbotswick.

We are looking to recruit a cook and kitchen supervisor at Walsingham House at Abbotswick (15 -20 hours/week, 39 weeks – hours will be a mix of mid-week and weekend work (Wed-Fri and/or Sat-Sun), and mainly term time only, starting as soon as possible. If you or any of your family and friends are interested in this role further information and a full job description can found on our website, www.bcys.net or by emailing clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org. The closing date is midday on 23rd September 2022, however applications will be reviewed as they arrive. Please note that on occasions, posts may close earlier than the closing date due to the volume of applications being received. Early applications are therefore advised.

Pilgrimage to Medjugorje. September 13th – 20th - in 2 weeks time..

Price £590 for 7 nights half-board.

Contact Fr. John Egan at Barking or Liam Driver on LMF.DRIVER@gmail.com

Tel 07415 520494

Only a few places remaining.

Mental Health First Aid Course

Thursday 17th November 8.30am – 4.30pm **and continued on**

Friday 18th November 10am – 5pm

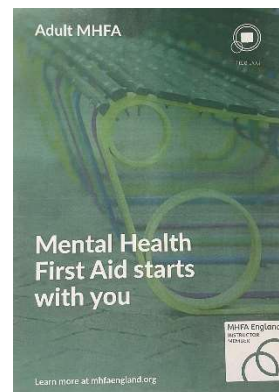
In the Bethany Room.

To learn more book onto an Adult MHFA Two Day course, please contact Fr Paul at the parish office on 01268 38 24 99 or

rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org

Cost £60.00 for the two day course (elsewhere this course would cost significantly more). Please book no later than Friday 28th October 2022.

Thank you.



What is Mental Health First Aid?

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) is an internationally recognised training course which teaches people how to spot the signs and symptoms of mental ill health and provide help on a first aid basis.

MHFA England training won't teach you to be a therapist, but just like physical first aid, it will teach you to listen, reassure and respond, even in a crisis.

Adult MHFA England courses are for everyone aged 16 upwards. Every MHFA England course is delivered by a quality assured Instructor Member who has attended our Instructor Training programme accredited by the Royal Society for Public Health, and is trained to keep people safe and supported while they learn.

What will I learn?

Learning takes place through a mix of group activities, presentations and discussions. What you learn will depend on the length of course you attend:

Two Day - Mental Health First Aiders

A practical skills and awareness course designed to give you:

- A deeper understanding of mental health and the factors that can affect people's wellbeing, including your own
- Practical skills to spot the triggers and signs of mental health issues
- Confidence to step in, reassure and support a person in distress
- Enhanced interpersonal skills such as non-judgemental listening
- Knowledge to help someone recover their health by guiding them to appropriate support

How will attending an MHFA England course help?

Research and evaluation shows that taking part in an MHFA England course:

- Raises awareness and mental health literacy
- Reduces stigma around mental ill health
- Boosts knowledge and confidence in dealing with mental health issues
- Promotes early intervention which enables recovery

To learn more or book onto an Adult MHFA Two Day course:

Mike Thakoordin
e: mikethakoordin@yahoo.co.uk
m: 07745 026539

Other Adult MHFA England courses

In addition to the Adult MHFA Two Day course, we also offer shorter training options including a one day MHFA Champions course and a half day Mental Health Aware course. To learn more about training options, visit mhfaengland.org.



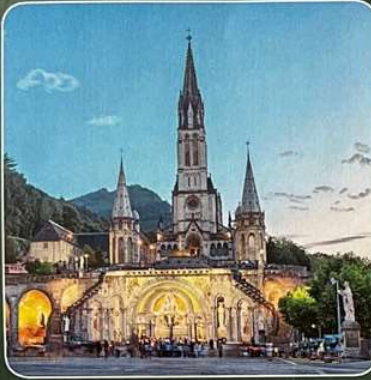
**TANGNEY
TOURS**
the pilgrims choice

Your Pilgrimage is
safe with us!

Pilgrim House, Station Court
Borough Green
Kent
TN15 8AF
t: 01732 886666
e: sales@tangney-tours.com
www.tangney-tours.com



Our Lady of Ransom - Pilgrimage to Lourdes
Monday 22nd May - Friday 26th May 2023



To express an interest in joining this 4 night pilgrimage, please contact:
Mrs Shelagh Mesher
Email: shelaghmesher@hotmail.com
or contact Father Paul

www.tangney-tours.com - 01732 886666

Full spiritual itinerary for all
destinations

Over 40 years of pilgrimage
experience

Pilgrimages with 100% financial
protection

A dedicated, knowledgeable &
caring team