

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM

18<sup>th</sup> September 2022 25th Sunday Year C Psalter Week 1



Shabbily dressed, hair a-mess, a man walked up to the bank clerk in a centre of London bank and requested a loan of £5000. Eying him over, the clerk informed him patronizingly that he needed some collateral to borrow against. Pointing to the Rolls Royce parked outside the bank, the man said it was his, and that was his collateral. With some surprise, the clerk checked credentials, and yes, in fact, it was his Rolls. He explained that he was going abroad for two weeks and on his return he would pay back the £5000 plus about £75 interest. He also requested that they keep the Rolls safe. "Of course", reassured the clerk, "we'll keep it in our underground car park on CCTV until you pay us back".

All happened exactly as agreed. On returning and re-paying the £5000 plus interest, the clerk questioned him. "Sir, while you were away, we checked, and we found out that you are company director of several global corporations, chairman of various boards – in fact you are a seriously wealthy man! Why did you need to borrow £5000? He answered, "where- else in the centre of London can I park my Rolls Royce for two whole weeks, and know it's being looked after, and all for only £75?!"

Arguably an updated parable on Jesus' one today. Immoral? Unethical? Or maybe just pure genius? Jesus praises the astuteness of a dishonest steward. What!? He is saying that, yes, be canny, be wise to the ways of the world, use the ways of the world, but do not become overly attached – as one day, the ways of the world will fail us. Then what? So much is illusion. If we are too attached to these illusions we can sink into major depressions when all fails us. And we can end up on medication. And it will surely go wrong, it will let us down, since nothing lasts forever. Is it worth it?

So, yes, be worldly-wise, but also be focussed on the eternal. Get a balance. Truly enlightened people experience the eternal *in* this world. (That is the deeper message of the *Incarnation*). These people can be totally and profoundly trusted. Over doing the eternal leaves us foolish, delusional and of little practical help to others in the here-and-now. Over doing the "this world", leaves us shallow, addicted, selfish and without hope. Are we trying to get that balance? Do we see aspects of the eternal in the here-and-now? Is the here-and-now pointing us to the eternal? There, lies true holistic wisdom.

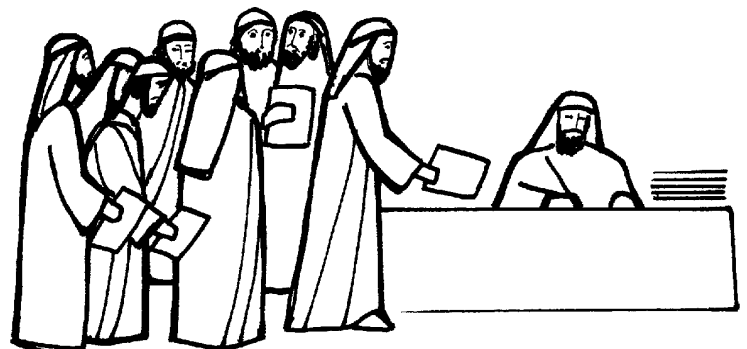
*God Bless, Fr. Paul*

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Psalm: 112(113):1-2, 4-8

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13



MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Doreen Derrick RIP (Gwyn Derrick)
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
	<b>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Parish Community
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Cecilia Macaulay Ints
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
<b>7.15pm</b>	Terry Askem RIP (Norah Parker)
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
	<b>St Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, &amp; Paul Chong Ha-sang</b>
	Fr Robert Rutledge RIP
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September</b>	
	<b>St Matthew</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	Neil Hannah RIP (Anniversary) (Isobel Kennedy)
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	
	Fr Philip Rosato RIP
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	
	<b>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	Edward Tibbs RIP (Sharon Morris)
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
	<b>Our Lady of Walsingham</b>
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	John Amey (Maria Amey & Tori McGhee)
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September</b>	
	<b>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Con Parker RIP (Norah Parker)
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	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><b>PARISH PRIEST</b>  Father Paul Fox  50 London Hill, Rayleigh  Essex SS6 7HP  <b>01268 38.24.99</b>  <b>www.olorchurch.org</b>  email: <a href="mailto:rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org">rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org</a></p>	<p><b><u>Public Mass times:</u></b>  <b>Saturdays 5.30pm</b>  <b>Sundays 8am &amp; 10.00am</b>  <b>Mondays 7.15pm</b>  <b>Wednesdays 10.00am</b>  <b>Fridays 10.00am</b>  <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 Daniel Scott, Monica Stokes, John Arthur Amey, and Larry Gunning, whose anniversaries occur about this time.

May they rest in peace.

† Please pray for Mrs. Sheila Keefe who died recently. Funeral details to follow.

† Also please pray for Mr. Robert Hamilton (son of Mary Hamilton) who died recently. Please keep Mary and all the family in your prayers.

† And of course we also pray for Queen Elizabeth. We keep the Royal family in our prayers.

May they all 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](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com) and is aimed at primary school children. It can be downloaded and printed out.

## Children's Liturgy

We welcome our children, aged 3-8, to Children's Liturgy at the 10am Sunday mass. The team look forward to sharing the Gospel, thoughts and prayers with you all!



## 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.

## Sunday Coffee Mornings

£22.16 was collected at last Sunday's coffee morning and will be donated to CAFOD. Donations received from this Sunday's coffee morning will also go towards CAFOD.



## This Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September

The parish garden (at the back of the church) will be open after 10am Mass on **Sunday 18 September** for the children during the coffee morning. Come and meet your friends and make some new ones. Please bring some spare change for cakes for the ushers' fundraising.



## First Holy Communion – Winter 2022

The first session for this group is at 5pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September in the convent.



**The Parish Choir** will start up again after the summer break. We intend to sing at the 10am Sunday Mass twice a month (normally 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**The LEGION OF MARY** in our parish cordially invite all auxiliary members to the Bethany Room at 3pm on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate the birthday of Our Lady (feast day 8<sup>th</sup> Sept). You are welcome to bring along family and friends. Any parishioners interested in finding out more about the Legion most welcome. This social event will include Legion prayers & rosary, afternoon tea, plenty of time for chat and maybe some entertainment or food for thought. RSVP would be helpful but not essential. (I Kennedy 07795 821705)

**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 17<sup>th</sup> September in London, to find out more about this important conference and to book go to [www.sharingthechurchsstory.com](http://www.sharingthechurchsstory.com)

### **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](mailto:michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk)

### **THINKING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? ...**

The next RCIA meeting will be **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> September** 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](mailto:rayleigh@dioceseofbretnwood.org))



### **THE PARABLES OF LUKE**

A Gidea Park Faith Talk on the Parables of Luke will be broadcast by live stream on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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.

### **New Evangelisation Course**

Would you be interested in studying evangelisation - the theory and practice of how to share the Catholic faith with people who are not yet followers of Jesus? 10 hours of teaching is being offered by Sion Catholic Community for Evangelism, leading practitioners in this field since 1985. You can access the module by attending two in-person days at Brentwood, Essex, on Saturday 10 September and Saturday 12 November. Or you can access the same teaching through five Zoom sessions on Thursday evenings 3 November to 1 December inclusive. For more information go to [www.sioncommunity.org.uk/ccrs/](http://www.sioncommunity.org.uk/ccrs/)

## **STUDY DAY – ST CHARLES DE FOUCAULD**

Charles de Foucauld was one of ten new saints canonized by Pope Francis in May 2022. His journey in faith, preaching the Gospel to all with his life, ended with his death in his hermitage in the Sahara in 1916. Little Sister Kathleen McKee will lead a study day on 'St Charles de Foucauld – universal brother' on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October from 11.00 to 13.00 BST. You may attend this free event in person at Gidea Park Catholic Church – RM2 6DH – from 11 am (Coffee available at 10.30). Please book your place by email to [gideapark@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gideapark@dioceseofbrentwood.org) The event is also live-streamed. Go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) on the day. No booking necessary. A recording will be made available after the event on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

**The relics of St Bernadette** will come to our diocese in October. This is a wonderful opportunity to pray with the woman to whom Our Lady chose to appear in Lourdes. Here are the timetable details:

### **BRENTWOOD CATHEDRAL**

#### **Sunday 16 October**

11 am: Relics of St Bernadette arrive.

11.30 am: Holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alan.

6.30 pm: Holy Mass, led by the Youth Service.

9 pm: Cathedral closes.

#### **Monday 17 October**

6 am: Cathedral opens.

9.15 am: Holy Mass

12 noon: Relics of St Bernadette leave.

### **OUR LADY OF LOURDES, WANSTEAD**

#### **Tuesday 18 October**

10 am: Relics of St Bernadette arrive.

11 am - 3 pm: Time reserved for pre-booked school groups.

7.30 pm: Holy Mass, celebrated by Bishop Alan

12 midnight: Church closes.

Wednesday 19 October

6 am: Church opens.

9 am: Relics of St Bernadette depart.

You are welcome to come to pray before the relics outside reserved times for schools. If possible, book your visit through the national website: [stbernadette.org.uk](http://stbernadette.org.uk) Whether you book or not, you may have to queue.

**New Hall School Open Morning:** Saturday 24 September, 9.00am – 12.30pm

**New Hall School Sixth Form Open Evening:** Tuesday 11 October, 6.30-8.30pm

For both events, please book online at [newhallschool.co.uk](http://newhallschool.co.uk)

New Hall is a Catholic independent School in Boreham, near Chelmsford, offering a distinctive education to girls and boys aged 1-18. Day, flexible boarding and full boarding options are available.

## **Stallholders needed for Christmas Craft & Gift Fair**

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are seeking stallholders for their Christmas Craft and Gift Fair being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 6th November from 10.30-4pm.

Pitches are **£30**.

For further information please contact Damian: [ddillon@bccs.org.uk](mailto:ddillon@bccs.org.uk) /07912 308000

## Diocesan Youth Events - Dates for Your Diary!

**Youth Mass** returns on the first Thursday of each month, beginning from 6pm with a variety of inspiring speakers, workshops, social events, celebrations, visiting clergy and of course.... Pizza!!! Mass will then begin at 7:30pm, and we welcome absolutely anyone to join us. On Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October we will begin with a talk on vocations within the church.

**Youth Gather** will be back at Mersea Island for the first time in 3 years for a weekend of exhilarating outdoor activities (archery, climbing, high ropes and more!), youth led Mass and prayer, workshops from the SVP and a talk from the incredibly inspiring Margaret and Barry Mizen whose young son Jimmy was killed the day after his 16<sup>th</sup> Birthday. Their powerful story of faith and forgiveness is not one to miss! Places are limited to just 100, so make sure to book in soon at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events) before you miss out!

**World Youth Sunday** is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church in England and Wales along with the global Church. Please save this date, as we are working to have young people speak in each Parish around the Diocese and hope that we can count on you to guide and support them over this weekend.

**Flame** takes place at Wembley Arena on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March, and we have a limited number of BCYS tickets available at the earlybird price if you book before October! The day is always filled with amazing speakers, music, workshops and so much more! If you have never taken young people to Flame before, there is a lot more info on the website: <https://cymfed.org.uk/flame/> But do make your bookings with the BCYS (email [gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:gabriellafusi@dioceseofbrentwood.org))

**World Youth Day** with the BCYS will take us to Porto and Lisbon for an unforgettable fortnight, with about two million young people from across the world, together with the Pope. Part of the trip will involve staying with Portuguese families, and there will also be walking, crowds, heat, joy, energy, vibrancy and fun, all wrapped in a vision of the young Church as you have never seen it before. We'll preparing for it from October 2022, with in-person and online sessions to help everyone get the very best from World Youth Day, and to offer fresh insights into faith, and leadership skills, to everyone who is travelling. We have just 20 places remaining, open to anyone who will be 17-27 in August 2023. To express your interest email [wyd@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:wyd@dioceseofbrentwood.org) today, and save the date of 14<sup>th</sup> September for the opening meeting.

**Lourdes** is always the highlight of our BCYS calendar and, despite just returning, we are already planning for our 2023 pilgrimage! The applications will open from 24<sup>th</sup> October and you can apply online where you will find all the details of next Summer's trip. Don't forget to also check our social media for plenty of photos, videos and more from this year!

*PLUS For Catechists and those working with young people:*

**Catechist Training and Resources Day** will take place on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November, at Sacred Heart of Mary School in Upminster – David Wells will be joining us as keynote speaker and we are working to secure more fantastic workshop providers, organisations and speakers so save the date!!!

**Rite of Acceptance for Confirmation** will take place on Good Shepherd Sunday on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

## **LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL Wednesday 21 September at 1pm**

After a short summer break, we are delighted to welcome Vladimir Antonov-Charsky from Lithuania who is currently studying at the Royal College of Music in London. Vladimir will be giving a Lunchtime ORGAN Recital here in Brentwood Cathedral next Wednesday 21 September at 1pm to 1.45pm. Hope you can join us for this lovely Recital. Refreshments will be provided afterwards in the Song School.

## **School Vacancies:**

All Brentwood Diocesan Catholic School Vacancies (for which the Education Services Department are aware) are posted on the Diocesan website.

Please use this link address to view current vacancies.

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

The following are currently being recruited for:

### **Headteacher - St Anne Line Infant School, Basildon**

Deadline for applications: 12:00 noon on Friday 23rd September 2022

### **Headteacher - St Teresa's Primary School, Basildon**

Deadline for applications: 16:00 on Friday 23rd September 2022

### **Headteacher Vacancy-St Alban's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch (Elm Park)**

Salary L11-L17

Closing date: Friday 23rd September 2022.

Shortlisting: Friday 30th September 2022.

Interview: Thursday 6th October 2022.

For further details see

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/education/vacancies/school-vacancies/>

## **Cook/Kitchen Supervisor job:**

Walsingham House at Abbotswick are looking to appoint a Cook/Kitchen Supervisor. The role is part-time, with hours varying from 15-20hrs a week, including some weekend work (term time only). For more information please see the website <https://bcys.net/job-vacancy-cook/> or call 01277 373959 to speak to Joseph Beattie.

## **Parish Administrator, Dagenham – St Peter - Dagenham**

The successful applicant will ideally be an administrator with substantial experience in office organisation. They must have excellent communication and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel and financial experience.

Hours: 6-8 hours per week.

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to

[dagenhamstp@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:dagenhamstp@dioceseofbrentwood.org) Closing date for applications is 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022

## **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](http://www.bcys.net) or by emailing [clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:clairebailey@dioceseofbrentwood.org). The closing date is midday on 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.



## **Breakfast and After School Club Practitioner Required – St Mary's Hare Park Preparatory School**

St Mary's Hare Park School in Gidea Park, is urgently looking for a reliable and motivated individual to take care of children of ages 3 - 11.

This is a fantastic opportunity for a dedicated, enthusiastic Breakfast and After School Club Practitioner, but applications are welcome from those with less experience as well.

The hours are 7:30am - 8:30am and 3:00pm - 5:30pm Monday to Friday starting this September 2022.

For all enquiries and applications please contact the school office on 01708 761220, or email the school at [office@stmarysharepark.co.uk](mailto:office@stmarysharepark.co.uk).

## **Mental Health First Aid Course**

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 8.30am – 4.30pm **and continued on**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 10am – 5pm

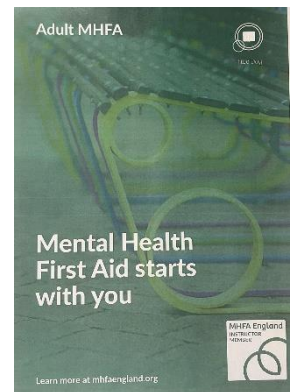
In the Bethany Room.

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](mailto:rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

Cost £60.00 for the two day course (elsewhere this course would cost significantly more). Please book no later than Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://mhfaengland.org).





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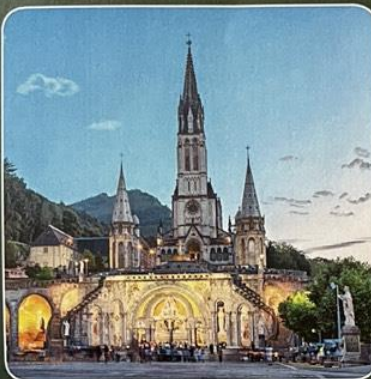
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**Our Lady of Ransom - Pilgrimage to Lourdes**  
**Monday 22nd May - Friday 26th May 2023**



To express an interest in joining this 4 night pilgrimage, please contact:

**Mrs Shelagh Mesher**

**Email: shelaghmesher@hotmail.com**

**or contact Father Paul**

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