

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

25th September 2022 26th Sunday Year C Psalter Week 2



Jane was busy and successful; flying all over the world, now tired, she wanted a little peace and quiet. Waiting for her next flight, she decided to find a secluded spot to read her book. Moments later, an elderly lady shuffled over, sat next to her and said “I bet it’s cold in Oslo”. Uninterested in her chat, Jane relied bluntly “I suppose so”. But all the while the lady kept chatting and asking questions. Jane’s answers would be curt and cold. The lady had said that she was going to Oslo to bring back her husband of 53 years who had just died there. Bringing his body home. Jane was still curt and short. Relief came when they were called to board the plane. While boarding, she saw a young man sit down next to the elderly lady a few rows in front. The lady said “I bet it’s cold in Oslo”, and the two of them chatted. His compassion for her was strong and evident, obviously strengthening her for her impending ordeal.

Jane suddenly realised that she hadn’t really noticed the woman’s loneliness and sadness, her simple need to chat. She was just not aware. Could Jane have engaged and given a lonely, sad, new widow some dignity and company, so much needed, even just a little?

Today we hear about a wealthy man who doesn’t notice the poor man’s (Lazarus) desperation. We don’t know if the wealthy man actually “did” anything wrong, just that he didn’t care to notice. He appeared indifferent. His desire to not notice is what condemns him. Maybe if he had noticed, he might have cared, and acted differently—who knows?

Where are the ‘Lazaruses’ in our lives? Our Lord calls us to see them in the contexts of our daily lives. Maybe someone is desperate and asking for help, the clue may be them saying something like “I bet it’s cold in Oslo”. Do we engage, or are we curt and cold for fear of getting involved – even if just a little? Maybe just a chat.

As hinted at last week, maybe in a different way, God’s kingdom is in the everyday affairs of our lives, often disguised as Lazaruses. Again, Jesus gives us something to seriously ponder. Do we truly sense what is going on around us, and engage? Is someone saying to me.... ‘I bet it’s cold in Oslo...?’

God Bless, Fr. Paul

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7

Psalm: Psalm 145(146):7-10

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 24th September	Our Lady of Walsingham
5.30pm Mass	John Amey RIP (Anniversary) (Maria Amey & Tori McGhee)
Sunday 25th September	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.00am Mass	Con Parker RIP (Norah Parker)
10.00am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 26th September	
7.15pm	HM Queen Elizabeth II RIP
Tuesday 27th September	St Vincent de Paul
	Mgr. Michael Corley RIP
Wednesday 28th September	
10.00am	David McLean-Thorne RIP (Anne McManus)
Thursday 29th September	Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels Feast
7.30pm	Essex Police Ints
Friday 30th September	St Jerome
10.00am	Sheila Keefe RIP (SVP Conference)
Saturday 1st October	St Therese of the Child Jesus
5.30pm Mass	Dennis Michael Fallon Ints
Sunday 2nd October	Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Patricia Herlihy RIP

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 John Arthur Amey, Larry Gunning, and Cornelius Parker, 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.

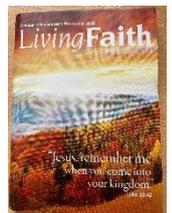
A REQUIEM MASS FOR QUEEN ELIZABETH II will be celebrated by Bishop Alan Williams in Brentwood Cathedral **this** Sunday 25th at 11.30 a.m. All are very welcome to attend and pray for the repose of the soul of the late Queen. May she rest in peace. Some prayer cards are still available.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Please ensure all items for the parish newsletter are submitted to the office by **11am on Thursdays** at the latest.

Living Faith

New Living Faith Books for October/November/December, are available to purchase at the back of church.



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

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

The ushers collected £43.50 for the coffee morning last Sunday. This money will be donated to CAFOD to help alleviate some of the suffering in the world. Thanks to all who donated.



No Coffee Morning after mass this Sunday, 25th September

First Holy Communion – Winter 2022...

The first session will be at 5pm on **Thursday 29th September 2022** in the convent.



Baked with Love 2 will be taking place on **Sunday 9 October** after 10am Mass. Following the success of the first Baked with Love cake sale we will be holding a second one to raise funds for CAFOD's Harvest appeal for the World Food Crisis. CAFOD is asking people to bake goods to sell. It would be particularly good to have the children and young people baking for this (but anyone is welcome to bake!). If you will be able to bake something please text **Antonia Cevizli on 07817686272**. Thank you for your support.



The Parish Choir has started 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.

The LEGION OF MARY in our parish cordially invite all auxiliary members to the Bethany Room at 3pm on Sunday 9th October to celebrate the birthday of Our Lady (feast day 8th 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 17th September in London, to find out more about this important conference and to book go to 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, 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 **Monday 3rd October** 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)



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/

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 8th 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 The event is also live-streamed. Go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day. No booking necessary. A recording will be made available after the event on 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

Whether you book or not, you may have to queue.

www.40daysforlife.com

Are holding a peaceful, prayerful witness outside Marie Stopes International an Abortion provider.

We are there to offer services of help to women in crisis pregnancies.

Please come and pray.

For more information contact Mary & Francis Connolly 07478765010

If you have been hurt by Abortion please contact www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk

upwards. Payment can be made in part/full for your ease. Please email

olortheatreclub@hotmail.co.uk / text 07757138345 to book.

Thank you so much, Clare Mason, Lorna Warren and Katherine

St Thomas More Alumni Annual Dinner - Sat 8 October at 7.30pm

The multi-re-scheduled St Thomas More Alumni Dinner will finally be taking place on Saturday 8th October after a number of false starts following the relaxation of rules after the pandemic. Open to all former pupils and staff, the evening will take place at the school in Kenilworth Gardens. Tickets cost £25. Visit www.stmalumniuk.co.uk for full details.

Upcoming Local Baby Loss Support Service

Saying Goodbye, (part of the Mariposa Trust) are returning to Chelmsford in October with a Baby loss remembrance and support service (part of a Nationwide chain of events). We are delighted to be able to return to a full program of events following the effects of Covid-19. The Mariposa Trust's core objective is to support people who have lost babies at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in infancy. It was founded in 2012, by Zoe and Andy Clark-Coates, who saw a critical lack of support for people like them, who had gone through baby loss. With over 258,000 babies being lost yearly in the UK alone, the charity needed to be able to offer not only a comprehensive package of befriending and support but also national baby loss remembrance services (called Saying Goodbye Services), for people to join together and remember the children they had lost. 6 years on, over 130 services have taken place at Cathedrals and Minsters across the UK, US, and France, and 2022 will see 20 services across England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland. On the 16th October at 6.30 pm, in Chelmsford Cathedral we will be hosting one of our Saying Goodbye Services.

So who is the service for?

Anyone who has either personally lost a baby at any stage of pregnancy, at birth, or in early years, or who has been affected by family members or friends' loss. Whether the loss was recent or 80 years ago, everyone is welcome to attend. We have also extended the services, and gladly welcome anyone who is grieving the fact that they haven't had children. This may be due to circumstance, infertility, or for other reasons - but all are welcome. Babies and children are also invited to come with their families, as the Saying Goodbye service is truly a family event for all.

We know that as 1 in 4 women suffer miscarriage and baby loss, you will have contact with a significant number of people who have either personally suffered baby loss, or who have a partner or family member that has, so we wanted to ask if you would help us in promoting the service.

To read more on the charity, please see the Saying Goodbye website, which you can find at: www.sayinggoodbye.org

BCYS Youth Mass

Thursday 6th October, Brentwood cathedral

Starting from 6pm for pizza, we are then delighted to be joined by Fr Paschal Uche and others to share their vocations stories and answer any of your questions, before we begin Youth Mass at 7:30pm where Fr Paschal will also be preaching.

Open to all those in years 9 and above, no booking necessary.

BCYS Youth Gather

22nd - 23rd October, Mersea Island

Guest speakers Barry and Margaret Mizen will be sharing the incredible story of how they chose to forgive the man who killed their son Jimmy the day after his 16th Birthday.

The SVP will also be leading a workshop, and there will be the chance to try a brilliant range of activities from climbing, high ropes, archery and so much more!

The cost is just £55 for the weekend, with coach travel and all meals included.

This event is for anyone in years 9-13, and you can book NOW at www.bcys.net/events

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

For both events, please book online at 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.

Brentwood Ursuline Open Evenings

The Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School will be holding Open Evenings for prospective Year 7 and Sixth Form students with their parents who wish to consider entry to the school in September 2023. For prospective Year 7 students the Open Evening will be on Thursday 29th September 2022 from 6.30pm – 9.00pm. The Headteacher will give a talk at 6.30pm and 7.30pm. For Sixth Form students, the Open Evening will be on Thursday 3rd November 2022 from 6.30pm – 8.30pm. There will be a Headteacher talk at 6.30pm. Please note that there are no on-site parking facilities available.

St Bernard's High School Year 6 Open Mornings

St Bernard's High School are offering an opportunity for Year 6 parents/carers to visit the school during a normal teaching day on the following dates between 9.30am and 11.00am:

Monday 3 October

Wednesday 5 October

Thursday 6 October

The visits will be done by appointment only so time slots can be booked via our main reception on 01702 343583.

Open Day St. Mary's Hare Park Independent Catholic School & Nursery

We would be delighted to welcome you and your family to our Open Morning on Saturday 15th October 2022 from 9am to 12pm. Staff and pupils will be on hand to speak with you directly and show you first-hand why our school is such a special place, where pupils grow in confidence and independence, and learn skills which prepare them for a future life and love of learning. To truly understand why children and their parents love our school, we warmly invite you to come and pay us a visit and see how we nurture, engage and inspire every child. Please visit our website: <https://www.stmarysharepark.co.uk/> to register your interest, or alternatively just turn up on the day. We look forward to meeting you.

OLOR Theatre Club Pantomime

The Our Lady of Ransom Theatre Club have been organising groups outings for the Nationally Acclaimed Christmas Pantomimes at the Towngate Theatre Basildon for over ten years. Every year a very large group from our school and church attend and you are warmly invited to join us this year for 'The Panto Adventures of Peter Pan' on Saturday 26th November 1pm. Over 200 stall and stall circle seats are reserved! Tickets are £20 pp and suitable for ages 3 upwards. Payment can be made in part/full for your ease. Please email

olortheatreclub@hotmail.co.uk / text 07757138345 to book. Thank you so much, Clare Mason, Lorna Warren and Katherine



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 /07912 308000

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 Closing date for applications is 1st October 2022.



Tuesday, 27th September is the Feast Day of St. Vincent de Paul. The SVP Society around the world makes a special effort to promote its work in helping those in need by holding an “Awareness Month” annually during September. The Covid pandemic may be in retreat, but it is still a threat to some, so the SVP Rayleigh Conference will limit its “Awareness Month 2022”

activity to publishing its annual report to Parishioners. Please find the report attached to this newsletter.

For more information about the Society please visit <https://www.svp.org.uk> .

SVP Conference Report 2021-2022



Our Conference

Our Lady of Ransom Rayleigh Conference was started in 1932 and has been active ever since, undertaking a range of work in the Parish, Hockley and Rochford. We undertake this work within and outside the Catholic community.

We currently have 8 active members, 5 men and 3 women, plus 3 auxiliary (non-visiting) members. Members attend the fortnightly meetings and undertake to visit those in need and to offer help and friendship without discrimination. New members are always welcome.

Number of People Helped/Visited/Contacted

- Families, including single parent 11
- Elderly 375
- People in Residential/Nursing Homes 61
- Sick and Mobility-impaired 14
- Others 2

We also provided clothing, furniture, food, 50 cash grants, help with shopping, repairs and home clearance, transport including to/from Mass on 187 occasions. Hopeworx food bank again received our full support. 98 food parcels were obtained and delivered, mainly to families.

Highlights of the Year

Since the Pandemic we have not been able to hold our usual summer and post-Christmas Parties. We hope to reinstate a party in 2023. Small gifts have been given to our beneficiaries at Easter and Christmas.

Our Income and Expenditure

<u>INCOME</u>	£	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	£
Members Donations	196	Assistance to Families	3,019
Non-Members Donations	4,784	Other Needy	1,033
Church Collections	648	Mass Stipends	120
		St Vincent’s Crisis Centre Support	266
		SVP Support	491
		Twinnage (Overseas Projects, India)	320
		Administration Expenses	32
		Food Purchases	473
Total Income	5,628	Total Expenditure	5,754

Your Local SVP contact is:

NAME: **Mr Colin Griffin**

TEL:

01268 772322

Thank you very much to those who have generously supported us throughout the year. Our grateful appreciation is also extended to the members of the Jeanne Marie Gunn Trust, our major sponsor in caring for those in need.

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.

