

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

16th October 2022 29th Sunday Year C Psalter Week 1



Failing exams, like any failure is hard to live with, especially at the time. Working it out, I have probably failed more exams than passed. The exam passes I needed I re-took, re-took and re-took. Drove my parents mad, I think. Some people told me to give up, that persisting was pointless. But eventually I succeeded in the passes I needed. Was it determination? Maybe. Will-power? Possibly.

So I sympathise a little with the widow's persistence in today's Gospel. Except that the translation we have about her is quite poor. More accurately, hers was more a 'shamelessness, a brazenness, a raw nerve'. Not a simple persistence like mine may have been. But a brazenness, shamelessness born out of a real faith that gave her incredible hope, allowing her to persevere. Hope is often having this solid faith when worldly odds seem stacked against us. Can we call that 'success?'

Abraham Lincoln said that success is not so much about our achievements, but, rather, going from failure to failure without losing enthusiasm. He also said that success is not measured by accomplishments, but by the opposition we encounter and the courage we maintain in struggling against it. What a great definition! This is the stuff of biblical Hope. A widow in Jesus' day was at the bottom of the social heap. No influence whatsoever in social life, certainly none over a judge, unjust or not. Massive opposition, yet immense courage! The odds were stacked against her. So her perseverance was one of Hope, a hope kept alive through her faith.

When all is said and done, words are cheap. In the raw, nitty-gritty, real situations of our lives, when we feel ground down, at our wits end, such persistence and perseverance may appear unreal, far-fetched, too much. *Just how long can I go on for? How long 'must' I go on for?!* Yet with all that, our faith and hope must be something real – that is what keeps us going, so often against the odds. Not just human will-power or determination (which eventually fail us), but a faith that is firmly rooted in God's love and strength. Faith is always about allowing and empowering another, including God himself, to be everything he or she can be for us. That's the faith in God we are called to live, a faith that always wins out – so often, despite the odds.

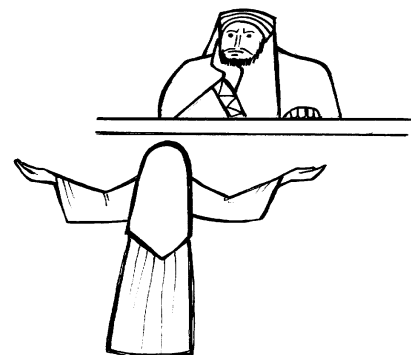
God Bless, Fr. Paul

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Psalm: Psalm 120(121)

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 15th October	St Teresa of Jesus
5.30pm Mass	Parish Community
Sunday 16th October	Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.00am Mass	Maura Houchin RIP
10.00am Mass	Terry McManus RIP (Ana McManus)
Monday 17th October	St Ignatius of Antioch
10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 18th October	St Luke
No Mass	
Wednesday 19th October	
10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 20th October	
No Mass	
Friday 21st October	
10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Saturday 22nd October	
5.30pm Mass	Pamela Flowers RIP (Susan & Damian Lucibello)
Sunday 23rd October	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
8.00am Mass	Doris Warrington RIP
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><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 Margaret La Pierre and Mary (Molly) Catherine Denny, whose anniversaries occur about this time.
May they rest in peace.

Sheila Keefe RIP

The requiem mass for Sheila Keefe will take place here on Thursday 27th October at midday, followed by burial at Rayleigh Cemetery at 1.15pm.

We welcome Fr Alex and Fr Bob to our parish this weekend.

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

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!



There is no children's liturgy Sunday 23rd October (Half Term)



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 16th - Coffee Morning

Coffee morning after 10am this weekend will be run by the ushers. Please join them for a cuppa and slice of cake.

Last Sunday's Coffee Morning...

Thank you to all who baked, bought cakes, gave donations and helped serve drinks. Baked with Love raised £157 for CAFOD's appeal for the World Food Crisis. If you would still like to donate, please go to:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/antonia-cevizli1>



First Holy Communion – Winter 2022

The next children's session is on Thursday 20th October @ 5pm in the convent.



Save the Date - Next Children's Meet Up Will Be In Half Term:

Hockley Woods nature walk and play in the play area
on **Wednesday 26 October**.

Meet at 10am in the car park at the gate near the play area.
You might like to bring a flask of hot chocolate and a snack.

If you are planning on coming please let Antonia Cevizli know on 07817686272 so that we know who to look out for.



The Parish Choir

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 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.

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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:

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.

BCYS Youth Mass in the Presence of the Relics of St Bernadette

Sunday 16th October, 6:30pm, Brentwood Cathedral

Please join the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, with Bishop Alan presiding and Fr Dominic Howarth preaching. Open to anyone, no need to book!

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

Saturday 5th November 2022, 10am – 3pm

Diocese of Brentwood Catechist Training and Resources Day

Keynote Speaker:

DAVID WELLS “At Your Side – The joy of a shoulder to shoulder relationship with the uncertain and confused”

As Catechists we walk, Christ on one side, our neighbour on the other. In this way we are both accompanied and accompanier.

This way of journeying is how Pope Francis sees us and our role as Catechists.

You won't come away with more to do, but you might come away with a fresh way of seeing and doing the things you do already.

Alongside David, we have some workshops being led by the SVP, Catholic Voices and more!

This training and resources day is open to all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, as well as those who look after the children's liturgy in the Diocese of Brentwood. It will be an opportunity to hear about fresh resources, as well as receiving input to assist you in your First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes.

We would particularly like to welcome any young catechists or young people in your parish (16+) who may be interested in working as or with catechists, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation.

RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW!!!

Reply to this email to book your place, or visit www.bcys.net/events/catechistday2022/ for more information.

10 Million Lives Lost

There have now been over ten **million abortions** in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 55 years ago, on 27th October 1967. On this terrible anniversary please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Thursday 27th October please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. Share this with your friends on Facebook, www.facebook.com/events/445182234149350/

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

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society – BCCS – autumn newsletter:

https://www.bccs.org.uk/application/files/7116/6332/0664/bccs_Newsletter_Autumn_2022_Final.pdf

Brentwood Ursuline Open Evenings –Sixth Form Students

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 - A Catholic Academy for Arts and Science Open Evening for Prospective Year 12

Wednesday 9 November 2022 7.00pm to 9.00pm

We would be delighted to welcome to our Open Evening prospective students who are interested in joining St Bernard's High School's Sixth Form in September 2023.

www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk

We welcome applications to our mixed Sixth Form from students of all faiths and none,

who meet our entrance requirements and are seeking a school with a Christian ethos.

'The school is welcoming and inclusive. In 2015, many pupils made significantly better progress than other pupils nationally' Ofsted 2016

'The gifted, able and talented programme provides challenging enrichment across all year groups and is acknowledged by the NACE Award' Ofsted 2016

'St Bernard's High School is an outstanding Catholic school...Attainment and progress of students is outstanding' (Diocesan Inspection, 2017)

www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk Milton Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 7JS

Cleaning Vacancy at Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School

The Local Governing Committee of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School is looking to appoint a cleaner to join our Site Team.

You will be required to work for 5 hours per week (two x 2.5 hours each afternoon) to be paid on Point 1 (approx £9.50 per hour) during term time, plus some limited hours in the school holidays.

Please select this link for an application form:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1shQOwiOfh61zMappRJ3wmzFseYO9TyZ/edit>

which should be returned to office@olorcps.net

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

World Mission Sunday – 23rd October 2022

‘You shall be my witness’ is this year’s theme and challenge chosen by Pope Francis. On World Mission Sunday, every Catholic community, in every country, sends a powerful message of faith, hope and love. We come together as a parish community in prayer and solidarity with the Global Catholic community and explore how **we** bear witness to God’s love.

All Mass collections worldwide and every single donation on World Mission Sunday supports churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. The collections, coordinated by Missio – the Pope’s charity for world mission – brings the Church together in compassion and communion, providing mission dioceses with the essential support they need to become self sufficient: local church directly helping local church!

This year we are highlighting the powerful witness of faith, hope and love in Ethiopia. It is a country well known for the suffering it has experienced through intense famine and desperate poverty. Sadly, our sisters and brothers continue to need our support.

The Kidist Mariam Centre in the Ethiopian town of Meki, provides a safe, supportive, and educational environment for vulnerable women just like Sara, pictured with her daughter on our World Mission Sunday poster and donation envelopes. The Kidist Mariam Centre has seen nearly 3,000 women complete training courses and build brighter futures for themselves and their families.

We would like to tell you about Beth whose life has been completely transformed by the Centre. She needed to support her mother, sister and brother by travelling to another country as a domestic worker. Unfortunately, when she went overseas the families were not kind to her, and she suffered years of abuse. After returning to her homeland, she was introduced to a local Catholic priest who encouraged Beth to seek assistance through the Kidist Mariam Centre.

Maria – a Spanish lay missionary and Director of the Centre – remembers when she first met Beth:

‘She came to our Centre to get advice. We started employing her as a cleaner because she needed some immediate help to support her family. And little by little she developed an interest in becoming a food preparation student. We have a project in the rural area with women raising goats to produce milk. And Beth is the one in charge of preparing goat’s cheese. It’s most impressive that she’s so happy now, she’s so self-confident. And she’s even taught many other people’.

Beth’s faith has been a beacon through some of her darkest moments. And in sharing her faith, witnessing to her experiences of Christ’s mercy and healing, Beth is helping other women at the Centre. She says, ‘I believe that God is always before you and behind you in all your troubles... He is prominent for a person like me, who has fallen in life. God is my life and my everything.’

Beth is very grateful for the care she has been receiving from the Centre, which would not be possible without the faithful support of people like you through the international Missio network and World Mission Sunday donations.

We know that we are all facing many challenges this year. Anything you are able to give will be so gratefully received. The Gift Aid envelopes include different ways to give, including online and by credit and debit cards.

This World Mission Sunday please hold Beth, and all those who live out that call to be witnesses by supporting women just like her, in prayer.

Thank you!

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.



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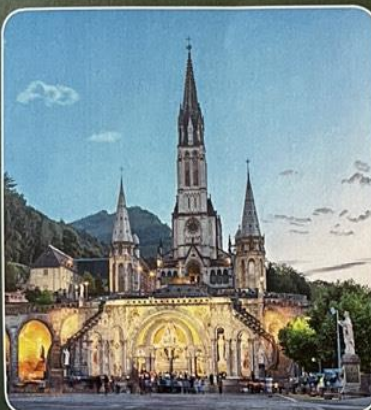
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Our Lady of Ransom - Pilgrimage to Lourdes Monday 22nd May - Friday 26th May 2023



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

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