

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

30th October 2022 31st Sunday Year C Psalter Week 3



The skateboarders loitering outside church appeared threatening. Passing them, I was recognised. He, and the others, asked to come inside and have a look, having never been inside. 'Sure', I replied. About 30 of them came into the church, looked around, and very politely asked some sensible questions. They appeared to enjoy this brief encounter. Sadly they had to leave as I was there to see 1st Holy Communion Parents. But they wanted to return. A few of them did periodically. A wonderful encounter. Skateboarders interested in looking inside a church.....?

Sometimes people are not what they appear. What may appear threatening may be anything but. As it was with these teenagers. We make so many judgements, yet...

An obnoxious despised tax collector could not possibly be interested in Jesus....could he? That would be the impression of everyone. Yet this one, Zacchaeus, climbs a tree to get a glimpse of Jesus. Imagine your bank manager, doctor, or solicitor, climbing a tree to get a glimpse of someone. Not that they are disliked or short, but there must be some letting go of dignity to do this. So with Zacchaeus. Enough interest to surrender his dignity. Like the skateboarders, there must have been something brewing inside. Maybe latent faith. Jesus sees this.

In those days, if a person confessed to fraud and made voluntary +restitution, the law required a return of the amount stolen plus twenty percent. If you were caught, you paid back the victim double; but stealing what is essential and showing no pity, you paid back four times the amount. Zacchaeus is fully repentant, acknowledges his heartlessness and cruelty and voluntarily imposes upon himself the whole restitution required by law plus half his property. In other words, what had been the instrument of his potential downfall, money and greed, becomes the instrument of his salvation. And Jesus proclaims that truth.

And us? Are things really as they appear? The very thing that could be our downfall, greed, jealousy, a bad relationship, whatever, turned around through faith and mercy, may well be the instrument of our salvation, our healing, our peace, our freedom. But firstly, like Zacchaeus, we need radical self-honesty – genuine humility. What might be the instrument of our healing and peace.

God Bless, Fr. Paul

First Reading: Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Psalm: Psalm 144(145):1-2, 8-11,13b-14

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel: Luke 19:1-10



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 29th October	
5.30pm Mass	Emma Louise Lucibello RIP (Anniversary) (Susan & Damian Lucibello)
Sunday 30th October Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8.00am Mass	Jim Hollington RIP (Carole Hollington)
10.00am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 31st October	
7.15pm	Fr Pat Sammon RIP
Tuesday 1st November All Saints Day	
7.30am	Sheila Keefe RIP (Sally McNamara)
9.30am	Theresa Cracknell RIP (Pat & Mary Rickard)
8.00pm	Parish Community
Wednesday 2nd November Commemoration of all The Faithfully Departed	
7.30am	Those who have died in our parish RIP
9.30am	Emma Louise Lucibello RIP
8.00pm	All Souls RIP
Thursday 3rd November	
	Alice Allso RIP
Friday 4th November St Charles Borromeo	
10.00am	Sheila Keefe RIP (Ladies Guild)
Saturday 5th November	
5.30pm Mass	Robert Hamilton RIP (SVP Conference)
Sunday 6th November Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8.00am Mass	Deceased members of Rayner & Griffin families RIP (Marie Griffin)
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

† Please remember in your prayers Mr. John Donaghy in our parish who died last Saturday afternoon. May he rest in peace. Funeral details to follow. †



ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Doris Haysman, Alan Burton, Christina Frost, and Alan Scarsbrook, whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

† November Dead List The Remembrance Book for those who have died will be in the church porch beginning November 2nd the feast of All Souls. The names will be remembered at Masses during November. †

Please note: this Tuesday 1st November is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are as listed earlier.

Also, this Wednesday is the Commemoration of All Souls. Masses will be at the same times as All Saints. The Book of remembrance will be ready then.

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.

Childrens Liturgy.....





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.

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

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/

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

London Marathon 2023

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on SUNDAY 23rd April 2023. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event please contact Damian Dillon for further details on 07912 308000 / ddillon@bccs.org.uk. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 11th November and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1800 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, we would invite you to join us and run for Brentwood Catholic Children's Society. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

BCYS Summer Lourdes 2023

Applications are now open for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes, from 23rd – 30th July 2023!

The week is spent travelling alongside the main Diocesan pilgrimage to assist the elderly and infirm, and for those travelling with the BCYS, the week will also include a retreat, reconciliation service, the chance to visit the baths, a trip to a UNESCO World Heritage site, social nights and party as well as experiencing the Lourdes Torchlight Procession and Blessed Sacrament Procession. Open to anyone in school year 10 and above, all information and details on how to apply can be found at www.bcys.net/events/sl23

World Youth Sunday, 20th November 2022

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.

A representative of The Brentwood Catholic Youth Service will be speaking about their work, and holding second collection on this weekend. (you can also donate online at www.bcys.net/donate)

Anything you can give is so greatly appreciated, as any money raised on will go towards supporting those in need of financial support to go on pilgrimages and to events, as well as allowing us to continue running our events, provide support and training to those working with young people and so much more.

And of course, please do pray for all young people in your parish, in our Diocese and around the world.

Mass of Remembrance: for those who have a loved one remembered within the grounds of Walsingham House at Abbotswick there will be a special Mass of Remembrance on Sunday 6th November at 2.30pm in the Chapel with light refreshments afterwards. For more information or to book a place please contact Joe, either via email josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org or phone 01277373959.

Calais Light is calling YOU to join us on our refugee convoys to Calais.

Age 18+. Nov 18-20 and Dec 9-11 Experienced Continental drivers are extra welcome. A promised weekend of fun and fulfilment is guaranteed. Volunteer & really help refugees. Full details and bookings at www.calaislight.com. Can't make the trip? Please donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6n9sg-calais-light>

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We invite you to submit articles/news and celebrations about your local parish activities

Please see link below for this week's Universe Catholic Weekly.

<https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/universe-weekly-newsletters/october-2022/UNIVERSE-14-OCTOBER.pdf>

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/1shQOwiOfh61zMappRJ3wmzFseYO9TyzY/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.

Lourdes 2023

The deadline for applications to the parish trip to Lourdes next year has now passed.

Brentwood Cathedral Organ Recital are welcoming back Danilo Mascetti Pianist and Krassimira Jeliaskova-Jones Violinist who together will be giving a Lunchtime Recital on Wednesday 2 November at the usual time of 1pm – 1.45pm. More details to follow.

BCCS Christmas Craft & Gift Fair

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society Christmas Craft and Gift Fair is being held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 6th November from 10.30am - 4pm. Come along and browse 40 local stalls with many unique items to offer and pick up an early Christmas present. Entrance is £1.50 and under 14's and enter for free.

“Catechesis is the echo of the word of God”

– Pope Francis

Saturday 5th November 2022, 10am – 3pm
Diocese of Brentwood Catechist Training and
Resources Day

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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.*

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

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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.