

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM

13<sup>th</sup> November 2022 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Year C Psalter Week 1



## Remembrance Sunday

The vicar stood in front of his congregation and said that next week's sermon would be on the sin of "lying". He encouraged the people to read Mark chapter 17. The following week, he asked for a show of hands as to who had read Mark 17. Most hands were raised. He then said "Mark's Gospel has only 16 chapters...now for the sermon..."

All lies need exposing. It can hurt, but then truth hurts. Jesus' truth got him crucified. But we know that truth frees us. We are called to think how we live truthfully, a call to think about how we are living – right here, right now. Jesus always calls us to live in the now. When we can live in the present, rather than worry about the future, or keep replaying the past, 'if only...', then our lives are far more peaceful and calm, and all around us reap the benefits.

So the call is to ask ourselves what we might do differently here and now. How it is now is how it will be. So if we need to make changes, we need to make them now. What might we need to change?

Today's Gospel challenges us to ask as to who is our real master? What or who do we really follow although maybe we hate the thought? The usual suspects – money, status, power? Letting go is painful.

How truthfully are we living? If change is needed, it must be now. How it is now, is how it will be. Do we have the faith and the courage to make changes, that deep in our hearts we know we should? Maybe painful at first, but it does set us free – because truth sets us free - and we'll always be grateful.

Today we rightly salute the outstanding heroisms of those who died in all wars, despite war's inherent lie and depravity. To be inspired by, and learn from their martyrdoms. Do we? Furthermore, we also acknowledge the psychological and emotional battles, the terrors, fears and grief agonised by survivors. Traumas lingering over decades, maybe generations, long into marriages, families, and friendships, all causing utter emotional and spiritual chaos. And it all starts with the inability to expose and counteract the lie - from the personal to the national to the international. Yes, they are with us...

With us, to inspire and give us fresh hope. Urging us, screaming, "stop it, enough is enough". Their deaths remind us of the evils of war, fighting.... Lives heroically sacrificed teaching us a valuable lessons about the evils, angers, and terrors war promotes. Do we learn? Its venom of bitterness biting into our very depths, creating agony and turmoil. All victims of war, shout at us, stop - surely peace is the only way. Again, how can we do things differently as a people who learn and live by faith and truth?

So we must have faith in resurrection, resurrection that is happening NOW. Faith, so we can fight evil and war with peace; fight the urge for revenge with forgiveness; fight the urge for worldly power, status and possessions with true humility; fight lies with truth. Can we? Do we?

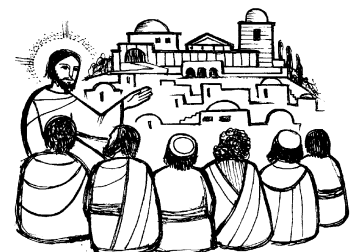
God Bless, Fr. Paul

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20

Psalms: Psalm 97(98):5-9

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel: Luke 21:5-19



MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>St Josaphat</b>
5.30pm Mass	Paul Gurney RIP (Rita Gurney)
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>
8.00am Mass	Parish Community & All Souls RIP
10.00am Mass	Dead of All World Wars RIP
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
7.15pm	Michael & John Healy RIP (Rita Gurney)
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
	Fr John Fowler RIP
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>St Edmund of Abingdon</b>
10.00am	Christine Sugrue RIP (John Sugrue)
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
	Holy Souls RIP
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
10.00am	Eileen Synan RIP (Sharon Brosnan)
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
5.30pm Mass	Pat Holohan RIP (Patricia Holohan)
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ the King</b>
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Martin & Mike Barry RIP (Hilary Barry)

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><a href="http://www.olorchurch.org">www.olorchurch.org</a></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 Peter Whitehead, Walenty Krolikowski, George Valentine, Joan Walmsley, James Ernest Hughes, Daniel Abel, and Sheila Freeman whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

† **November Dead List:** The Remembrance Book for those who have died is in the church porch. The names will be remembered at Masses during November. †

† **John Donaghy RIP** – Requiem mass for John Donaghy will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 11am. May he 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.

## 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.



## Coffee Morning – Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November

The First Holy Communion group raised £101.74p at last Sunday's coffee morning. Thank you to all who baked, bought cakes, gave donations and helped serve drinks.

## Winter 2022 - First Holy Communion Sessions:

**Children's session** – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 5pm in the convent.



## Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child

The Amazing Journey of a Simple Shoebox Gift Begins With You. Each year thousands of people like you generously pack shoebox gifts to bless children in need around the world. A simple shoebox gift packed with love and fuelled by prayer can have a huge impact!

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Since 1990, more than 186 million children in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child.

**It is understood that two thirds of UK shoeboxes will go to Ukraine. Please drop off your filled shoeboxes to the Church presbytery no later than Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.**



## **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](mailto:ddillon@bccs.org.uk). The closing date for completed applications is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl23)

## **World Youth Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

## **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](http://www.calaislight.com). Can't make the trip? Please donate at: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/6n9sg-calais-light>

## **Tree of Angels**

This November, Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is pleased to launch their virtual **Tree of Angels** which will allow you to light up an angel on a virtual Christmas tree in memory of a loved one who has died while making a donation to the work of BCCS. Please visit <https://visufund.com/tree-of-angels-2022> to go directly to our Tree of Angels portal to make your dedication and secure donation. If you have any questions about lighting an angel, please contact Julie [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk)



## Remembrance Day – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2022

London Hill will be closed to traffic on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am to 1.00pm due to the town centre parade and the wreath laying service taking place for Remembrance Sunday.

Due to vehicles being parked in front of the British Legion overnight, the London Hill junction with Bellingham Lane (in front of the Job Centre and Conservative Club) into Church Street will be closed from 6.00pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November. This is to ensure the safety of all members of public attending the parade and service.



## Lourdes 2023

“Meet and Greet” and information evening will be on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November at 18.30 in the Bethany Room.



### Message for Missio Red Box Holders:

If you have a Red Missio Box and needs emptying, please contact your local Missio Promoter **Or** bring your Box to church and hand it in at the Sacristy and its contents will be banked into the Missio account in good time.

The boxes will need to be submitted by Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November as we approach the year end.

On behalf of Missio, **thank you** for your generosity and support for the Pope’s charity through the year.

“We have all had a very difficult couple of years and now we face perhaps even tougher times ahead. We can only do what we can in our circumstances, no less and no more. despite all our challenges here, you have remained faithful in supporting our sisters and brothers around the world facing their own obstacles.

Thank you so much for your faithful support of Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries through your time, your gifts and prayers”.

**Father Tony, Missio National Director**

## Calais light Help Needed

Calais light: Spaces are now open for the next car convoy to volunteer at @Care4Calais, which is an amazing grass-roots charity delivering essential aid and support to refugees living in the worst conditions across Northern France and Belgium. Volunteers will work in their warehouse sorting clothes and preparing its vital services for distribution. (*Currently in need of DARK ADULT WINTER COATS - please text Clare Mason 07757138345 if you have any!*) Calais Light volunteers also get the unique and humbling opportunity to go out and meet refugees to offer solidarity and kindness as well as aiding Care4Calais with its distribution process. For more information go to:

<https://www.caritasbrentwood.org/charity/calais-light/>

## OLOR Theatre Club

'Towngate Theatre Pantomime Tickets' will be distributed over the next few weeks. Thanks so much to all those who support this annual outing and its lovely to have both new and old faces join us.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

The annual diocesan pilgrimage, led by Bishop Alan, will take place from Monday 24 – Saturday 29 July. All are welcome, including those of us who need assistance. Details regarding booking and costs will follow soon.



## Southend Bach Choir - Carol Concert in aid of HARP

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7pm.

St Andrew's Church, Southview Drive, Westcliff-on-Sea, SS0 9PW

Admission is free but donations, which will go exclusively to HARP Southend's Homeless Charity, would be greatly appreciated.

Further information: 01268 772842 or [secretary@southendbachchoir.org.uk](mailto:secretary@southendbachchoir.org.uk)

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### It is just over a week since the 55th anniversary of the Abortion Act being passed:

Please take a few minutes to read our short article, about the 10 million abortions that have taken place in Britain since the Abortion Act was passed on 27<sup>th</sup> October 1967. Also see what you can do to help end abortion. Please also share the article,

<https://mariastopsabortion.blogspot.com/>

### National Day of Prayer and Fasting for Life

There have now been over ten million abortions in Great Britain since the Abortion Act was passed 55 years ago, in October 1967. With this terrible number of lives lost, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this country. On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November please go to Mass, say an extra Rosary and give up some food for the day. Share this with your friends on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/651748283008980> “

### Knock Pilgrimages

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29<sup>th</sup> May 2023, led by Bishop Alan Williams. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

### #RedWednesday

The annual Aid to the Church in Need **#RedWednesday** event raises the plight of persecuted Christians to governments and societies across the West, informing them on how to alleviate the suffering of the

world's most innocent victims of indiscriminate violence, harassment and oppression. This year it is November 23, please wear something **Red** to show solidarity with those being persecuted. Also: **London's Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral will host a very**

**special #RedWednesday 2022, as we stand in solidarity with the suffering people of Ukraine** Please join us for the events on 23<sup>rd</sup> November which start at 5.45 pm with the

Rosary followed by the Divine Liturgy (Holy Mass), both held at the cathedral, 21-22 Binney Street, London W1K 5BQ.



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### THE ADVENT LECTIONARY

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 7 pm there will be an **in-person** Faith Talk at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (410 Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH). Fr Adrian Graffy will speak about the Advent lectionary, and present the website pages on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) which give the text of all the readings, accompanied by a short commentary. The event is free of charge and there is no need to register. Refreshments in the hall from 6.30. The event will also be **live-streamed** – simply go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) on the day or visit the website later once the programme has been uploaded.



## **ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL - SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 6.00-9.00 P.M.**

For families who have students – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2023. Come and visit the school and meet the staff and current sixth form students. There will be tours of the sixth form building and the rest of the school.



### **Vacancies**

#### **Housekeeper/Cleaner**

Required for Our Lady of Ransom Presbytery.

Minimum 4 hours per week, maximum 8 hours.

Salary to be discussed at interview.

To be responsible for managing effectively the routine cleaning of the presbytery.

To apply, please send CV and covering letter to [rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

Deadline for applications: Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

#### **Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School**

##### **Cleaning Vacancy**

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](mailto: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.



##### **Kitchen Staff Vacancy**

Kitchen staff required with an immediate start. 12.5 hours per week 11.30am-2pm.

For more information, please contact [sharon@tcsinfo.co.uk](mailto:sharon@tcsinfo.co.uk)

##### **Reception Class Teacher - St Alban's Catholic Primary School, Hornchurch**

Reception class teacher required for Spring and Summer term 2023 for three days a week at St Albans Catholic Primary School Hornchurch. Visits are welcome. Please email the school at [contact@st-albans.havering.sch.uk](mailto:contact@st-albans.havering.sch.uk) for more details and application form.

Deadline for applications: 3:30 pm on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022.



# CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

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