

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

20th November 2022 Christ the King Psalter Week 2



She slapped us around. Her slaps on the head gave us headaches. So it was with one of my old teachers. That's how it was in those days. The only teacher I felt I could never really forgive – for the way she put such fear into us children. I thought I'd put it all past me as an adult. Then, by chance I was called to the hospital to give her the Sacraments. Was it really her? Surely not! But it was. I saw her in the second-last bed on the ward. Of all my old teachers – why her? I stood by the ward door, momentarily paralysed, painful memories flooding back. The fear. The memories of the headaches from her head slaps. Did she deserve forgiveness? She was seriously ill. I knew I must let go, I must try and forgive. After all, I am a priest. I managed – but it wasn't easy. All so true. I gave her the sacraments peacefully. I like to think we both experienced some form of healing.

Forgiveness is never easy. But an authentic appreciation of the cross with resurrection demands that we at least try. And keep trying. To realise, that so often, our enemies or opponents are not so much evil in themselves, but symbols of a bigger evil, and that they are victims of this larger evil. Please think about that. Who is your enemy? That enemy may well be a victim of some bigger evil. And, for us, they become the very symbol of that evil. To hold on to this truth allows great compassion and forgiveness to happen.

My old teacher may have been a victim of the general nastier methods in teaching of her day. That's the bigger evil. For me she was a symbol of that evil.

An authentic appreciation of the cross with resurrection is saying that we must fight evil prayerfully, peacefully, even lovingly. Again, this can allow for real forgiveness to happen. Knee-jerk reactions of revenge only serve to complicate things, these reactions produce negative energies which deepen; and so we increase the endless cycle of violence. Hating our enemy makes us just like them. Even Hitler said something similar. We assume their energies. And they call the shots. Is it all worth it?

When Pope Pius gave us this feast of Christ the King 97 years ago, it was to remind all people that Mussolini was not king, in other words, the tyranny of power, status, and money are not king. Christ is. Only Christ. Only his compassion, love, forgiveness and humility will win out. It must be ours as well.

God Bless, Fr. Paul

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Psalm: Psalm 121(122):1-5

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel: Luke 23:35-43



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 19th November	
5.30pm Mass	Pat Holohan RIP (Patricia Holohan)
Sunday 20th November Our Lord Jesus Christ the King (C)	
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Martin & Mike Barry RIP (Hilary Barry)
Monday 21st November The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	
7.15pm	Emily Begg RIP (Anniversary) (Colleen Begg)
Tuesday 22nd November St Cecilia	
	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 23rd November	
10.00am	Bill Gray RIP (Anniversary) (Chris Gray)
Thursday 24th November St Andrew Dung-Lac	
	Fr Ben O'Rourke RIP
Friday 25th November	
10.00am	Deceased members of Legion of Mary RIP
Saturday 26th November	
5.30pm Mass	Holy Souls
Sunday 27th November First Sunday of Advent (A)	
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Brian & Ann McCann RIP (Colleen Begg)

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 Sheila Freeman, Elisabeth Anna Powley, William (Bill) Gray, Robert Walker, William Richards Hall, Catherine Davis, and Chris O'Callaghan 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** – The Requiem Mass for John Donaghy will be on Thursday 1st 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 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.



Christmas Eve Family Mass- Come and Join in the Nativity Tableau!

We are so pleased to be able to create our nativity tableau again this year, for the Gospel at the family mass, on Christmas Eve at 6pm. We have plenty of costumes, in all shapes and sizes, and there is room for everyone! No one is too little, and we hope some of our older children will be able to guide the younger ones, having been part of this before. If your child would like to join in, please make a note of the dates below:

Sunday 4th December-2pm- come along, get a part and a costume.

Sunday 18th December- 2pm -3.15pm - practice

(Contingency- possible extra short practice just for Mary, Joseph, A.Gabriel, kings, star for half hour, 23rd December). Thank you!



Winter 2022 - First Holy Communion Sessions:

Children's session – Thursday 24th November at 5pm in the convent.

First Holy Communion - 2023

If your child is in Year 3 or above and is baptised Catholic, please register your interest by contacting the parish office on rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org by 10th December 2022.

Repository

Our wonderful repository has lovely items, gifts and cards for sale for **First Holy Communion** and **Christmas** at very reasonable prices. Please do take the time after weekend masses to browse, purchase or place an order. The repository is located at the back of church, in the porch area.

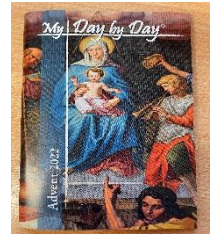


Mass Intentions

Thank you for all the mass intentions, just to let you know that masses are currently booked until the end of the year.

My Day by Day Books

The Advent My Day by Day books are available to purchase at the back of church.



Samaritan's Purse – Operation Christmas Child – Extension given

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 25th November. Thank you.



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.

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



Society of Friends of Westminster Cathedral Events

The Friends of Westminster Cathedral are holding the following events to support Westminster Cathedral. Both events are to be held at 7 pm in Westminster Cathedral Hall, Ambrosden Avenue, London SW1P 1QJ.

22 November: Katharine Parr: The Sixth Wife. Talk by Alison Weir 7pm £10

23 November: Cathedral Quiz with fish and chip supper. 7pm £18

Tickets from friends@rcdow.org.uk



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 27th 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 is calling YOU to join us on our refugee convoys to Calais.

Age 18+. 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>

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 17th 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

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Advent Service at Brentwood Cathedral on Sunday 27th November at 4.00 p.m. With music from the Cathedral choir, readings and lighting of the Advent wreath led by Bishop Alan Williams, this is a perfect way to begin our spiritual preparation for Christmas. All welcome. You can also watch this service on the *Thresholds of Hope* page on youtube: <https://youtu.be/c2KQhRXzOFU>

Why the Nativity?

A new feature film from Turning Point

To order your FREE tickets, visit: WHYTHENATIVITY.CO.UK Or call 0800 058 2856

10am – 12pm Saturday December 3rd at Cineworld Cinemas across the UK

The Big Sing - Live in Concert This Christmas

Wednesday 21st December 2022

Brentwood Centre, Essex

Tickets now on sale @ BIG-SING.COM

Come & Celebrate Christmas with us!



#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 23rd 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 23rd 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 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 on the day or visit the website later once the programme has been uploaded.

Knock Pilgrimages

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 29th 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.

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL - SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 24th 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
Deadline for applications: Wednesday 30th 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

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



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18TH - 20TH 2022

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9TH - 11TH 2022



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