

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM

25<sup>th</sup> December 2022 Nativity of Our Lord Psalter Week 4



A **BIG** welcome with open arms to all our guests, visitors and regular parishioners. I am in no doubt you will find a warm and joyful welcome in our wonderful parish community. Please feel welcomed.

We are presently living in a world of strikes, wars, unrest and general chaos.

“And there was no room at the inn”, words often joked about and so hard-wired in our minds from our infancies. In all the chaos and complexity of the world around us, and in our own hearts, is there room at the inn there? Whether there is room or not, Christ will be born anyway. Christ is being born in all human hearts, moment by moment, breath by breath. Christ is right there. That is the original goodness and shared dignity we all carry. It needs to be tapped into. We tap in by entering the dark stable of our own hearts and find him there in the simplicity and humility of things? As mentioned last week, it needs silent centring prayer. In all of Mary and Joseph’s harsh difficulties and wonderment, they managed spectacularly. And when we do the same, we bring some order and peace to the chaos outside, since it is already happening within. The chaotic world we live in suggests not enough people are doing this, maybe a result of their own arrogance, and so are just adding to the chaos – whether it is in the guise of individualism, greed, corruption and general unrest. Chaotic souls! No surprise – look at the state of our world! How do we honour the real Christmas? Stop, give some time to listen, think, patiently pray, reflect – and we will find the Christ. The urgency is real, it’s in our faces. Ignoring the real Christ living in the deep veins of our own human nature, is fatal for everyone concerned. Does that need much proof in our world today?

Can we recognise Christ being born, breath by breath, in our own hearts, deep within, so we can play our own part, however big or small, in bringing some integrity, peace and dignity to the chaotic world outside? At least, that should make for a genuinely happy and peaceful Christmas and a peaceful new year. And our future too. On that note -

**May I wish you all every blessing for a very happy and peaceful Christmas, and all peace and good for the New Year.**

*God Bless, Fr. Paul*

*Readings for daytime Masses on Christmas Day only:*

First Reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

Psalm: Psalm 97(98):1-6

Second Reading: Hebrews 1:1-6

Gospel: John 1:1-18



<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>
<b>6.00pm Family Mass</b>	Emma Louise Lucibello RIP (Susan & Damian)
<b>11.40pm Carol Service</b>	Parish Community
<b>12.00am Midnight Mass</b>	
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Christmas Day</b>
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Christine Sugrue RIP (John Sugrue)
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Penny Stiles RIP
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>St Stephen</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	Tom Holland RIP (Pat & Mary Rickard)
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>St John</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	Personal Intentions
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>The Holy Innocents</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	Family & Friends of Lucibello & Flower Families RIP (Susan & Damian Lucibello)
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>St Thomas of Canterbury</b>
<b>8.30am</b>	Mary Else RIP (Colin & Marie Griffin)
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas</b>
<b>11.00am</b>	Isobel & Tom Kennedy Golden Wedding Anniversary Intentions
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</b>
<b>5.30pm</b>	Kathleen Fenton RIP (Sinead Fenton)
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Mary, Mother of God</b>
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Parish Community
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Geoffrey Williams 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><b>PARISH PRIEST</b>  Father Paul Fox  50 London Hill, Rayleigh  Essex SS6 7HP  <b>01268 38.24.99</b>  <b>www.olorchurch.org</b>  email: <a href="mailto:rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org">rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org</a></p>	<p><b>Public Mass times:</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 Frances Hidveghy, James Pamplin, John Enever, and Mary Eileen Davison, whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

**RIP – please pray for the following people who have died recently:**

† Mrs. Annie Reidy. Annie sadly died last Sunday morning. We also pray for Paddy and all the family and friends at this difficult time. May Annie rest in peace. Funeral arrangements to be advised. †

† Mrs. Elspeth O' Sullivan who died last week. Please also keep John and all the family and friends in your prayers. May Elspeth rest in peace. Funeral arrangements to be advised. †

† Mrs. Mary Else who died recently. May she rest in peace. Please also remember her family and friends. Funeral arrangements to be advised. †

† Mrs. Maria Bernadette Hunter. May Bernie rest in peace. Please also remember her family and friends. Bernie's funeral will be at 11am on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023. †

† Mrs. Alice Nicholls. We remember Marian and all the family and friends in our prayers. Alice's Requiem will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 at 12.30pm. May Alice rest in peace. †

† Mrs. Heather Packwood who died recently. May she rest in peace. Please also remember her family and friends. Heather's funeral will be in St. Theresa's, Rochford on January 24<sup>th</sup> 2023. †

**Reminder** – the Collection at Christmas is your personal gift to the Parish Priest. Thank you.

### **Flowers in December**

The flower donations this month are in memory of Kath and Mike Geeson, deceased members of the Lucibello family and in memory of Pat and Tom Herlihy.



**Weekday Masses.** Suggestions have been offered to return the weekday Mass to 9.30am. As a trial, we shall begin this in the New Year and see how it goes.

**It has also been suggested to keep Wednesday morning Mass to 10am due to the coffee morning.**

Please keep an eye on the newsletter. Thank you.

## 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.



### Wednesday Coffee Mornings

There will be no coffee morning on 28<sup>th</sup> December. Wednesday coffee mornings will recommence after 10am Mass on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

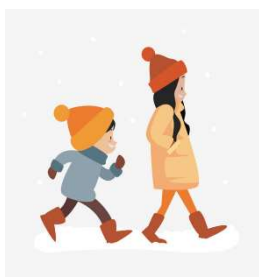
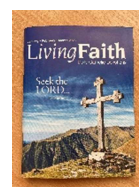
### Brentwood Diocesan Directory 2023

New 2023 directories are available to purchase in the porch at the back of church. Prices on the front cover.



### Living Faith

January's Living Faith for the first quarter of 2023 books are available to purchase at the back of church in the porch.



### Parish Children's meet-up

Come and join us on Tuesday 3rd January for a winter walk in Rayleigh Mount. Bring a flask of hot chocolate if your children like it, a snack to share and a pencil.

Meet at 10am at Rayleigh Mount at the entrance by The Mills Arts Centre. Please text Antonia Cevizli on 07817686272 if you are planning on coming so we know who to expect and can let you know of a contingency plan in case of bad weather.

### Food Donations

An enormous **'Thank You'** on behalf of Rayleigh Foodbank to all those parishioners who have donated food via the box in the church porch. The generous donations, particularly in recent weeks as we approach Christmas, have been very welcome and this act of kindness will be really appreciated by those in need who require help in these difficult times.

### THE CHRISTMAS GOSPELS

From 17<sup>th</sup> December we read the stories of Christmas from the Gospels of Matthew and Luke at Mass. Fr Adrian Graffy has prepared a three-part video recording on these 'Christmas Gospels'. Simply visit [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and go to 'Faith Talks'.

### Christmas Readings from the Lectionary.

The season of Christmas begins on Christmas Day and ends on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord on 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Text and commentary by Fr Adrian Graffy on all the readings for Mass is now available free of charge on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)  
Go to 'Scripture Readings'.

### **STUDY DAY ON THE APOSTLE PAUL**

The next Gidea Park Study Day will be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023 from 11 am until 1.30 pm at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park. The speaker is Dr Sean Michael Ryan, chair of the Catholic Biblical Association of Great Britain, and research associate at the Margaret Beaufort Institute in Cambridge. Dr Ryan will speak about 'The Gospel according to St Paul'. The event is either in-person or live-stream. Coffee will be available for those attending in-person from 10.30 am. Please bring a packed lunch. Gidea Park Station (Elizabeth Line) is five minutes from the church. For those attending via live-stream simply go to [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) on the day. Recording of the talks will be made available after the event on the same website.

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### **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)

### **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).

### **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023**

Join Bishop Alan in Lourdes from Monday 24 to Saturday 29 July. We can support those with medical needs. For further information, please 'phone Tangney Tours on 01732 886 666 or book online: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours \(tangney-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tangney Tours (tangney-tours.com))

## **Vacancies**

### **General Assistant – East London**

The role is to support the day to day running of a charity.

The successful applicant will require administration experience and be able to demonstrate excellent communication skills. Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel are also a requirement.

Hours: Full time – 35 hours per week – 3 year contract.

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter to [HR@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:HR@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

Closing date for applications is 29 December 2022.

Job description: [General Assistant – East London](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us) (full job description is contained on [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us)).

### **DEPUTY HEADTEACHER VACANCY**

Our Lady and St George's Primary School, Walthamstow

Salary: L11-L15 (£57,436 - £62,926) Outer London

Contract: Permanent/Open to job share

Starting: April 2023

Our Lady and St George's Primary is a highly respected and successful Catholic school. The Governors invite applications from experienced, enthusiastic and suitably qualified practising Catholic leaders to play a key role in building on the success of our friendly school.

Prospective candidates are warmly encouraged to visit the school. For more information or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office on 02085208500 Or email

[office@olsgschool.org](mailto:office@olsgschool.org)

Closing Date: 12 noon 16th January 2023

Shortlisting: 23rd January 2023

Formal Interviews: 3rd February 2023

### **Job opportunity: Walsingham House at Abbotswick Site Manager**

Walsingham House are looking for someone who has a passion for caring for and supporting others to care for their beautiful site in the heart of the Brentwood countryside. The role involves helping to maintain the House and grounds throughout the year. Hours are 9 per week, 4 of which being worked on a Tuesday. For more information and how to apply, please see <https://bcys.net/job-vacancy-site-manager-for-walsingham-house-at-abbotswick/>

Closing date is 12<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

### **St Peter's Catholic Primary School – Receptionist/Administration Assistant**

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=83083>

Closing date is Midday on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023