

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM



**2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023 Palm Sunday of Our Lord's Passion A Psalter Week 2**

Idiot, clumsy, numb-skull! We all thought similar about clumsy-Kev at our Catholic Students' Conference. And then there was Mary, petite and super-shy. A group of us were in a local bookshop, browsing. Suddenly, the postcard stand went flying, postcards fluttering everywhere. And there was clumsy Kev, apologising profusely to the shop-keeper whilst she ushered us out of the shop. "Just go" she shouted. So embarrassing! Unforgettable! We were seething over Kev's moronic behaviour. I was so angry! A little later, he quietly said to me, "I had to do it, just had to do it". "Do what", I said angrily. "I just had to apologise for Mary, I couldn't let her take the blame for pushing that postcard stand over, she would have died of embarrassment and shame". Ouch! What a mental clanger I dropped!

I felt humiliated and ashamed. I owned up to Kev. He simply brushed it all aside. Didn't seem to bother him at all! One moment a seeming idiot, the next, a humble saint!

Kev took Mary's potential shame and embarrassment away by taking the blame. And he was the supposed idiot! Jesus' cross does similar. With Jesus, might it have been easier to have him killed quickly and quietly? No. Because the authorities wanted to completely discredit and shame him so no-one would believe in him – that's crucifixion. Jesus voluntarily goes to this place of shame.

People create a place of shame, put someone else there, then feel better about themselves. Who do we put in this place of shame? The local idiot? Family fool? Someone we don't like? As long as another person or group occupies that place, we feel OK. But true faith in the cross takes that blame and accusation away from the *other person* and maybe some of it on to our very selves. So hard. Now, no victims.

Think of the crowds cheering Jesus on today. "Hoorah", they cry out, cheering Jesus on with their palms as he makes his way into Jerusalem. But, a little later the same crowds scream "crucify him", because He is not as 'they' had expected. They had totally misunderstood his mission. A complete turn-around. How fickle people can be, and quick to accuse, blame and shame. And just because it doesn't go their way! People of no substance. We need to be sure that the same is not true of ourselves.

So, to truly believe in the power of the cross must remove any capacity to create *other* victims of shame and humiliation. Jesus is the ultimate victim of church and state. He has done this once and for all and risen from that place of death. Now that place is emptied of all its poison. Blitzed. We call it Salvation. Sin is when we put that poison back, creating victims; a poison that Jesus has already removed.

With Calvary nothing changed, but all truth about evil actions is revealed - and beaten. Do our attitudes and life-style reflect faith in the power of the cross?

**God Bless, Fr. Paul**

**First Reading: Isaiah 50:4-7**

**Psalm: Psalm 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24**

**Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11**

**Gospel: Matthew 26:14-27:66**



MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b>	
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Deceased members of KSC RIP
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April      Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord</b>	
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Shirley McCamley RIP (Jean Williams)
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Parish Community
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April      Monday in Holy Week</b>	
<b>9.30am</b>	Hemming Family RIP
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April      Tuesday in Holy Week</b>	
<b>9.30am</b>	Joseph McWilliams RIP (Anniv) (Emma Vick)
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April      Wednesday in Holy Week (Spy Wednesday)</b>	
<b>NO MASS</b>	-----
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April      Maundy Thursday</b>	
<b>8.00pm</b>	Andy Rickard RIP (Anniv) (Jean Wood)
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April      Good Friday</b>	
<b>12.00pm</b>	Children's Stations of the Cross
<b>3.00pm</b>	Liturgy of Good Friday
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April      Holy Saturday</b>	
<b>8.00pm</b>	RCIA Candidates (Ints) and Parish Community
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April      Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of The Lord</b>	
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Marie McGovern RIP
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Emma Louise Lucibello RIP (Damian & Susan)

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><u>Public Mass times:</u></b>  <b>Saturdays 5.30pm</b>  <b>Sundays 8am &amp; 10.00am</b>  <b>Mondays 9.30am</b>  <b>Wednesdays 10.00am</b>  <b>Thursdays &amp; Fridays 9.30am</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).**

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## ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Johanna McMahon, Annette Dorothy Margaret Dommett, Dennis Green, Gladys Amato, Laszlo (Les) Balogh, Anne Reilly, David Lyons, Pamela Woods, Kenneth Buckingham, and John (Pat) Holohan, whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

## **Easter Services.**

**Maundy Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 8pm (with the Washing of the Feet).**

**Good Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>, Children's Stations of the Cross, 12 midday.**

**Good Friday Liturgy, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 3pm.**

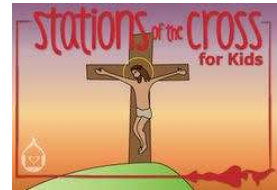
**Easter Vigil, Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 8pm including Baptisms, Confirmation and 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion.**

**Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Masses at 8am and 10am.**

NB. Please remember the collection at all the weekend Easter Masses is a personal gift to the Parish Priest (not the Good Friday Liturgy, where the collection goes to support the Shrines in the Holy Land.) Thank you.

Stations of the Cross - This Sunday at **11am.**

Children's Stations of the Cross. Good Friday at 12 midday.

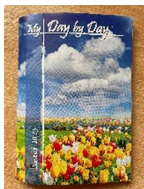


Please note: there WILL be a parish Mass this Tuesday of Holy Week at 9.30am but **NOT Wednesday** on account of the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation. Will be available on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> 6-7pm; Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> 5-6pm and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 11-12pm this Holy Week.**

## **HOLY WEEK VIDEOS from Fr Martin Boland, Brentwood Cathedral**

HOLY WEEK VIDEOS are available on The Thresholds of Hope youtube channel [www.youtube.com/@thresholdsofhope2945](http://www.youtube.com/@thresholdsofhope2945) They are introductions to the great mysteries that we will celebrate during Holy Week. Do have a look. Like. Share. Subscribe to the channel.



## **My Day by Day**

Easter My Day by Day books are available to purchase in the church porch.



**Coffee Morning Sunday 2nd April** will be held by the children and parents of Year 6 at OLOR primary school to raise funds for their leavers' celebrations. All are welcome after the 10am Mass to enjoy some delicious bakes and treats.



† The Requiem Mass for Mrs. Shirley McCamley will be on Thursday April 20<sup>th</sup> at 12.00 midday. Burial at Hall Road will be at 2pm. Please also keep Shirley's family in your prayers. May she rest in peace. †

*As Shirley was a dedicated member of the Legion of Mary for many years, the Legion of Mary will be leading the Rosary at 11.30 for all to join prior to the Requiem Mass.*

### 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.

### Church Flowers

Any donations towards flowers for Easter would be gratefully received. Please leave in an envelope in the church porch. Thank you.



### 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 5<sup>th</sup> April

There will be no coffee morning today but will resume the following Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> April.

### Mass Intentions

Please contact the parish office to book a Mass intention and please be clear when writing names down, please also be clear about whether persons concerned are RIP or an intention. If there are no Mass intention forms in the church porch, by all means write them down on a piece of paper with an offering attached. But please be clear. Thank you.

### Altar Linen

Volunteers are needed to wash and iron the Altar Linen weekly. This can be done at home on a rolling basis, collected one week, taken home, washed and ironed and brought back the following week. Huge thanks to Mrs. Linda Petchey who has done this for about 25 years and is now stepping down. Thank you Linda. Linda is happy to be contacted, if needed, about how to go about this. (01268 742031).

### Parish Children's meet-up

Come and join us on **Tuesday 11 April** in Hullbridge.

Meet at 10am at the slipway at the end of Ferry Road (near the Anchor)

We will walk along the river to Hullbridge Recreation Ground on Pooles Lane.

Bring duck food! Alternatively, you can join us at the play area.

Please text Antonia Cevizli on **07817686272** if you are planning on coming so we know who to expect and can let you know of any changes in plan.





**“Your SVP Needs You”** – Donations of raffle prizes, perhaps unloved or unwanted Christmas presents, for the SVP party on 22<sup>nd</sup> April would be gratefully appreciated. Please place them in the collecting box in the church porch. ALSO, if you are prepared to offer your time and service as a volunteer driver to ferry our less mobile guests to and from the party, please contact either Pat Rickard, Tel. No. 01702 206842 or Colin Griffin, Tel. No. 01268 772322. Thank you.”

### **Legion of Mary - Accommodation needed - Basically Bed and Breakfast.**

#### **Can you help?**

The Peregrinatio Pro Christo (PPC) Committee (the HQ of the Legion of Mary) will be coming to our parish, from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2023. It will be a team of 12 Legionaries. Can we offer accommodation for these 12 people in various homes? Are you able to offer?

Otherwise the accommodation could prove very expensive on the team. Some financial assistance can be offered. The individual members are happy to sort out their own lunches and suppers.

Please let Fr. Paul, or Isobel Kennedy (01702 230578 ) know if you can help. Thank you.

#### **QR Codes**

Please see on the bench in front of you, and at the end of this newsletter. The **QR codes** you can use with your Smart Phones. Giving electronically prevents too much cash lying around and can be of great help. If you can use this way of donating, please do so, it would be a great help.

Alternatively, please see QR codes in the church porch.

Thank you.

### **Publication and Statement by the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales:**

The Bishops' Conference has released a statement on the Illegal Migration Bill. The statement calls on the Catholic community to write to their MP to oppose this “cruel and unworkable Bill”. <https://www.csan.org.uk/news/csan-statement-on-the-illegal-migration-bill/>.

#### **KNIGHTS OF ST COLUMBA**

The Initiation Ceremony of those who responded to our recent recruitment drive will take place this Saturday evening (25<sup>th</sup> March) at the 5.30 Mass. All candidates are asked to be at the church by 5pm.



### **EDEL QUINN PILGRIMAGE TO AYLESFORD, KENT. SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023.**



All parishioners, their families and friends are invited to join us for our annual pilgrimage to the shrine at Aylesford. There will be Mass at noon, Rosary procession around the grounds in the afternoon and finishing with Benediction. Confessions are available, book shop etc. Bring your own picnic lunch or buy refreshments there. A coach has been booked – pickup point in Rayleigh is the bus stop outside M&S in Eastwood Rd. Pick up time 9.30am. Cost of coach place £15. To reserve a place please contact

Isobel Kennedy 07795 821705 as soon as possible.

**HARP** is in real need of Coffee, Sugar & long-life milk. All donations would be gratefully received thank you.

We are here for our guests and visitors, 24 hours a day 365 days a year and the need for help is growing every month. In February alone we saw 474 people with 27 of these being new to HARP.

We could not offer the services that we do without the ongoing support from our wonderful community like yourselves for which I thank you all for. Please contact Lisa on 01702 415834 if you can help. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 8 -530pm)

### **Caritas Lenten Resources**

Caritas Diocese of Brentwood are inviting people of all ages to collect items throughout Lent, by following our Lenten Giving Calendar. All the items you collect can be placed into a container, topped with an Easter egg, and then donated to your local foodbank before Easter Sunday. All information, including the calendar itself, can be found at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/lent) or by emailing [caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:caritas@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

### **Caritas Networking Day**

**Interested in the Catholic response to homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, assisting with the Cost of Living Crisis, or tackling the causes and effects of climate change?** Come to the first Caritas Brentwood networking day, **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 10am – 2.30pm, at Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster** (on C2C & District lines, close to M25 & A127). Hear **national speaker Raymond Friel, OBE**, Chief Executive of the Catholic Social Action network. This day is a chance to be sustained, share ideas and good practices with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. Details and Registration (free!) at [www.caritasbrentwood.org/network](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/network)

### **Earthquakes Appeal Webpage**

Like so many charities and organisations, Caritas Diocese of Brentwood is here in solidarity with those affected by the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria.

We have a webpage dedicated to ways that people can help, through prayer and financial donations. All information is at: [www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/earthquakes](http://www.caritasbrentwood.org/news/earthquakes)

### **Homes for Ukraine Matching Service**

Caritas Social Action Network, in partnership with St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic charity with many services for the vulnerable in the UK and Ireland, is matching Ukrainian people displaced by war with people in the Catholic community, willing to host them in their homes for six months. If you have room in your home and heart to consider welcoming a stranger, then we'd love to hear from you. Please visit <https://sjog-homesforukraine.uk/> for more information.

### **The Priests Charity Concert:**

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society are delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' have agreed to hold a second charity concert for us on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at the Brentwood Cathedral at 7.30pm. All tickets can be purchased directly through Eventbrite and are £30 per person plus booking fee:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/528414691567>

We expect this to be a sell-out event and would urge you to book early in order to avoid disappointment. Full details are available on our website: [www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/)

## **Good Counsel Network**

Come and hear from a Mother who changed her mind about abortion at the very gateway into an abortion centre and hear about the lives saved and changed during Lent 40 Days for Life campaign outside the abortion centre in Brixton. Come to Our Lady Of The Rosary Church Hall, 364 Brixton Road, London SW9 0TH. Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7-9pm. Talks and Refreshments. [www.GoodCounselNetwork.com](http://www.GoodCounselNetwork.com)

## **Knitting and Dementia**

Do you like knitting? Do you want to support Dementia? The council is currently working on Dementia Action Week for May 15-22<sup>nd</sup> in Rayleigh, and are asking if you would like to knit in order to assist with forget me nots to decorate Rayleigh High St. If you are interested, please call Elizabeth on 07803 139927. Thank you.

## **OLOR Theatre Club**

Please join us this spring at the lovely local Palace Theatre Westcliff on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm, Southend Operatic and Dramatics Society 'The Sound of Music!' (£15.50 pp). Seats for the show are excellent stall seats and we meet socially in the foyer first. This is open to your friends and family too, of course, and car share can be arranged for those who are on their own / do not drive/ do not like driving at night. To book, please message: 07757138345 Clare Mason (Drama Clubs)

**The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** is inviting parishioners across the Diocese to join in with their annual 'Relay 100' community event this May and June. This initiative is an opportunity to remind our community about the work we do, to reach families who may need our support and to raise some funds through sponsored walks, runs or cycles. We are looking for 100 individuals or groups to complete a 'leg' of our relay around the diocese; we have routes of varying distances so there is something to suit all abilities. Can you help us? To find out more, please contact Damian Dillon: [ddillon@bccs.org.uk](mailto:ddillon@bccs.org.uk) / 07912 308000 or visit <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> and click on 'Relay 100 Sponsored Walks' to read more about this event.

## **St Bernard's High School Careers Fair**

St Bernard's High School is holding a careers fair on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April, 8:00am – 3:30pm and we are looking for delegates to support our school community. We are keen to introduce role models to our students to raise aspirations and hope the event will give them the opportunity to speak with delegates about their industries and careers. Please contact [hli@stbernards.southend.sch.uk](mailto:hli@stbernards.southend.sch.uk) if this is something you would like to be a part of.

## **Vacancies**

### **Health and Safety Officer**

A vacancy has arisen for a Health and Safety Officer to work full time from Monday to Friday. They will be based at Cathedral House and will be required to travel around the Diocese. Candidates must have H&S experience and H&S qualifications including NEBOSH. Please send your CV and cover letter by email to [hr@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:hr@dioceseofbrentwood.org)  
Full job description: Health and Safety Officer JD  
Closing date for applications: 7 April 2023



**Bar 'n' Bus** are seeking to appoint a **Youth Support Worker** exploring positive activities to join our dynamic youth work team, extending and growing our work in Basildon. The Youth Support Worker will lead a programme of positive activities for young people throughout Basildon supported by a time of part time youth workers and volunteers. Sessions will involve detached work and mobile projects using our mobile youth vehicle, as well as working from community venues.

Details:

Location: Basildon, Essex

Contract: Full Time (37.5 hrs/wk), Permanent

Salary: £23,194-£25,878 depending on qualifications and experience

For full Recruitment Pack and Application Form please visit

<http://barnbus.org.uk/vacancies/>

Deadline for applications – Noon, Friday 21st April

Interviews – Wednesday 3rd May

### **Holy Communion from the Chalice**

The Bishops of England and Wales have said that Communion from the Chalice—the Precious Blood—may be resumed from Easter. Our Bishop has stated that this is a permission and not obligatory. The Chalice was suspended at the start of the pandemic to prevent the spread of the virus. Many of us are understandably still being vigilant with regard to further contagion, especially if we are vulnerable. The teaching of the Church is that when we receive Holy Communion, Christ is present whole and entire—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity—under either kind. By receiving under one species we do not receive less of Christ or less grace. Receiving from the Chalice obviously emphasises the sacramental sign—of eating and drinking the Body and Blood of The Lord. The counsel we are receiving is that we should reintroduce the Chalice prudently and cautiously once it is clear that the majority of parishioners are content that Covid, Influenza and other diseases are not communicable. It would seem unwise to reintroduce this practice and then have to withdraw it with the approach of winter. I have communicated this with our extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion to ensure that they feel satisfied that this is once again safe, since they will need to purify and consume what remains in the Chalice; I am not happy asking others to do something that I, for sure, would not be prepared to do myself, given the potential attendant health risks. I, too, am fairly vulnerable. The Southend Deanery has also discussed this and have jointly made this decision too for their Parishes.

The question of the possibility of Intinction (when the Host is dipped into the Precious Blood so that a communicant receives both together) has been raised. The Bishops' Conference has decided to affirm the practice found in *Celebrating the Mass* which states that this form of the reception of Holy Communion “is not recommended in England and Wales.” It restricts the possibility of the communicant to receive the host reverently in their hands. Likewise, communicants are not permitted to receive Holy Communion by “self-intinction” where having received the Sacred Host in the hand, they proceed to the Precious Blood and “dip” the host themselves into the chalice. Sacraments are never taken, but received, and the gesture of “self-intinction” denies this reality.

I hope this helps.

Thank you. Fr. Paul







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