

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM



**16<sup>th</sup> April 2023 Easter 2A (Divine Mercy Sunday) Psalter Week 2**

G-d bless. God, spelt 'G' dash 'd'. This is how some of my Jewish family, would traditionally end a written message to me. 'G' dash 'd'. From ancient times, the Jewish people could not say, nor write the name of God. The name is simply considered too holy. The original holy name for God was *Yahweh*. (apologies to any Jewish people reading this) from where the name *Jehovah* derives. But it turns out, in fact, that, it wasn't so much that his name should not be said, but that it was physically impossible to say it. Because the Holy Name could only be breathed. Wow! We can take the name *Yahweh* and say it without significantly moving our mouths, tongues or lips. Try it. We breathe the Holy Name.

The Holy Name, *Yahweh*, is a word that comes from the ancient Rabbis to remind us that the presence of God is as automatic, accessible and available as the very breath we take. As are his love and forgiveness. For God is inherently love and mercy. Every breath we take God is loving and forgiving us. All this teaching comes from the ancient Rabbis. (They really understood.) Every time we breathe we utter the divine name. This also means that, at conception, one of the first things we do is to utter the divine name. Further, just before we die and draw our last breath, we utter the divine name.

And we see Jesus continuing this great Jewish understanding, breathing forgiveness over his disciples. The Risen Jesus doing this means that our God is a totally safe God. No need to worry about divine punishments, retributions, atonements, penances and so on. (The disciples had every right to worry after abandoning, betraying and denying Jesus to death!). God is simply the God who keeps forgiving, and does so every time we breathe. We need to experience this wonderful truth for ourselves. There is no anger or wrath in our God. The Risen Jesus shows this. This is Good News.

All this is not just for good behaviour, but for the sake of a peaceful, hopeful and better future. Now we can hopefully learn to love and forgive others, because we experience ourselves being continually loved and forgiven, just through the very breath we take.

Maybe this assists in helping with what Divine Mercy Sunday is offering. Our God's love, forgiveness, mercy and His very presence, are as available, accessible and automatic as every breath we take. That surely is Gospel – Good News, and, if taken seriously, it is certainly life-changing, and will certainly change the way we pray.

**First Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

**Psalm: Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24**

**Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9**

**Gospel: John 20:19-31**



<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</b>
<b>5.30pm</b>	Michael Gumley RIP (Anniv) (Gumley & Smith Families)
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>8.00am</b>	Parish Community
<b>10.00am</b>	Mary Kenefick RIP (Anniv) (John Kenefick)
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
<b>9.30am</b>	Terry Askem RIP (Anniversary) (Brenda Askem)
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
<b>No Mass</b>	-----
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
<b>10.00am</b>	Shirley McCamley RIP (Sally McNamara)
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	
<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Requiem Mass: Shirley McCamley RIP</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	
<b>9.30am</b>	Roger Freegard RIP (Pat & Mary Rickard)
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	
<b>5.30pm</b>	Parish Community
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Kate Clinch RIP (Anniv) Jean & Peter Wood) & Vera Cooling RIP (Anniv) (Anthony Cooling)
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Noreen O'Farrell RIP (Jim O'Farrell)

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.

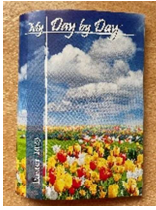
<p><b>PARISH PRIEST</b>            Father Paul Fox            50 London Hill, Rayleigh            Essex SS6 7HP  <b>01268 38.24.99</b>  <a href="http://www.olorchurch.org">www.olorchurch.org</a>            email: <a href="mailto:rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org">rayleigh@dioceseofbrentwood.org</a></p>	<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). Our Parish is part of The Brentwood Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity Number 234092**



## ANNIVERSARIES †

Kindly pray for Mary Fox, Patricia Marshall, Michael Gumley, Denis Holland, Valerie Quill, Anna Mazen, Norman Hamilton and Kate Clinch, whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.



## My Day by Day & Living Faith

Easter My Day by Day books and the latest edition of Living Faith are available to purchase in the church porch.



## 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.

## Easter Flowers

Easter Flowers were in memory of Emma Louise Lucibello, Walenty Krowlikowski and Tom and Pat Herlihy. Many thanks for other donations received. The Flower Team.



## 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.

## Lourdes Pilgrimage

There will be a meeting for all those joining this year's Lourdes pilgrimage departing on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May. It will be held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April in the Bethany Room starting at 6.30pm.

## First Holy Communion 2023

Next children's session is at 5pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April in the convent.



## Legion of Mary – please read

### Help needed with Meals, Transport and Accommodation. 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? Meals and Transport? Otherwise the accommodation could prove very expensive on the team. Some financial assistance can be offered. The individual members are happy to sort out some of their own food. Please let Fr. Paul, or Isobel Kennedy (01702 230578) know if you can help. Thank you. The Parish has assisted before, can we do so again?

## 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).

## Urgent Appeal from The Good Counsel

At the moment our funds are as low as they have been for at least the last 5 years. There are more than 20 women that we are currently providing ongoing help and assistance to, as well as many others who we provide a range of support to. We have recently given out almost £500 worth of food vouchers to women who have *no recourse to public funds*. But we do not have the money to be able to do this or anything like it next week.

Would you, could you make a donation towards our work, so that we can continue to help these mothers and their babies, who don't qualify help elsewhere.

You can make a bank transfer to support our work [THE GUILD OF OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL, CAF Bank Ltd, Sort code: 40 – 52 – 40 Account no: 00032165] or donate through our Just-Giving appeal [www.justgiving.com/campaign/keepgoodcounselopen](http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/keepgoodcounselopen) and we are now able to take donations over the telephone 020 7723 1740.

## The Road To The Cross

On the evening of Thursday, 11th May, the Oddments Theatre Co. (a touring professional Christian drama group) are performing *The Road To The Cross* at Rayleigh Methodist Church.

This contemporary stage show will make you laugh, cry and reflect as we follow the story of Jesus and his disciples from Palm Sunday to Pentecost.

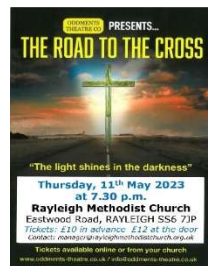
Set in the 21st century, this play challenges the audience to think about the Christian message in a new way.

'The Road to the Cross' has an innovative set, with lighting and sound effects, to bring you a visually striking show.

Because of the graphic nature of some of the presentation, it is suggested that this is suitable for children of 12 years old and above.

Tickets can be purchased wither online, via this email;

[manager@rayleighmethodistchurch.org.uk](mailto:manager@rayleighmethodistchurch.org.uk) or by ringing me on 07779 305 684.



**Westminster Cathedral Choristers. Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 6pm.** *The Westminster Cathedral Choristers are coming to Brentwood Cathedral to sing. This will take the form of a Mass and a brief Recital, together lasting no more than an hour and a half.*

## Clare Priory Pilgrimage, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May

11.30am Rosary and procession to the Shrine; 12.15 Service of Reconciliation and Adoration; 2.15 Mass of the Day. Further information contact: 01787 277326.

Email: [clarepriory@clarepriory.net](mailto:clarepriory@clarepriory.net) Clare Priory, Clare, Suffolk CO10 8NX

website: [www.clarepriory.org.uk](http://www.clarepriory.org.uk)

## 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.



## 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.

## Missio Contributions from Our Lady of Ransom 2022



**Missio** is the Pope's charity for World Mission. We unite God's love by helping local missionaries to work alongside global communities who are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief.

The total contributions to **Missio** from **Our Lady of Ransom Parish** for **2022** is

**£2,718.23** - donations via the **Red Box** and includes £467.94 individuals **Direct Giving** -(online).

While it continues to be a challenging time for us all, on behalf of Fr Anthony Chantry (Missio National Director) **thank you** to all our **parishioners** for your donations and you as **Promoters** too - **thank you** for all that you do to continue the legacy of **Blessed Pauline Jaricot**.

Her Feast Day, 9th January, is a date we will always keep in our diary now as she inspires us to keep on giving to the **Red Box** and spreading the word with faith and hope. 'She lit the match that lit the fire'.

God Bless you all.

If any parishioners would like a Red Box, please speak to any one of the Ushers at the back of the church.

## 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/>.

## 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)

## **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 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.

## **Primary School Link Adviser**

The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Primary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however, consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time or secondment opportunity. The Primary Link Adviser will report to the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director.

Further details and an application form can be obtained here:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/primary-link-adviser-vacancy/>

The closing date for applications is midday on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023

## **Parish Administrator – The Holy Family and All Saints – Witham.**

The successful applicant will ideally have administration experience and be able to demonstrate numeracy skills. Excellent communication skills is also a requirement and Microsoft office skills, including Word and Excel and financial experience.

Hours: 15 hours per week working three days (Tuesday, Thursday, Friday)

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to [witham@dicosesofbrentwood.org](mailto:witham@dicosesofbrentwood.org) . Closing date for applications is 26 April 2023.

Job description: Parish Administrator -Witham (full job description is contained on [www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us)).

## OFFERTORY CONTRIBUTIONS

*Thanks to all who continue to support our parish financially.*

### QR Codes

Please see on the bench in front of you in church, 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.

**GIFT AID** If you are a taxpayer and donate to the parish online or via bank transfer, it's worth a reminder that we could get **an extra 25%** on your donations if you sign up to the Gift Aid scheme.

*Please contact Sandra our Gift Aid Co-ordinator ([olorgiftaid@hotmail.com](mailto:olorgiftaid@hotmail.com) / 01268 772998) if you have any questions.* Thank you.

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### 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