

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



28th May 2023

Pentecost A

Psalter Week 1

The concert hall was filled with gently humming low-pitched voices. One could feel a certain excitement and anticipation. The grand piano was ready, on stage, waiting for the maestro. On the front seats two ladies were quietly chatting, with their respective children either side. During the wait for the maestro, one of the children, five years old, unseen by mum, toddled up to the stage and started playing the piano as any five-year old might. Plink-a-plonk, with no melody, nothing. Just random notes. An awkward hush came over the audience, mum was mortified, paralysed with embarrassment into being unable to collect her son.

At that point, the maestro came out to a round of applause, without introduction he crouched behind the child, and with arms around the child, started to play the piano, such that you almost felt that the child's random plink-a-plonks were part of an overall melody and music. Such was the skill of the maestro. This went on for a few minutes. When he was satisfied that the child had 'played' enough, there was great applause, he tenderly handed the child back to his embarrassed mum. He then began his repertoire.

At the end, he received a standing ovation, as great as his musical prowess was, what do you think the people spoke about most on leaving the concert hall? And subsequently? No prizes for guessing!

The true story above illustrates something of the Holy Spirit. Wherever there are gaps in our lives, the Holy Spirit will fill. Of course, only if we are open enough, invite and allow Him in, if we're in touch.

Yes we can feel frightened, lack confidence, make mistakes, not feel up to it. We can so doubt ourselves. Being in touch with Our Lord's Spirit lets us be 'on fire' like the disciples and do amazing things even when we're unsure or frightened. And surprise ourselves especially when our life's notes are random and seem to have no melody - no melody of order, depth, purpose or meaning.

Despite our own inadequacies, let's be sure to be in touch with this Holy Spirit, let Him in, and quite possibly, even amaze ourselves.

First Reading: Genesis 11:1-9

Psalm: Psalm 32(33):10-15

Second Reading: Exodus 19:3-8,16-20

Gospel: John 7:37-39



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 27th May	St Augustine of Canterbury
5.30pm	Richard O'Malley RIP (Lydon Family)
Sunday 28th May	Pentecost Sunday
8.00am	Bill Williams RIP (Jean Williams)
10.00am	Parish Community
Monday 29th May	Mary, Mother of the Church
9.30am	John McMorrow RIP (Maureen Gleadall)
Tuesday 30th May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am	John & Madge Murphy RIP (Rita Gurney)
Wednesday 31st May	Dedication of Brentwood Cathedral
10.00am	Jan Baker RIP (Adrian Short)
Thursday 1st June	Our Lord Jesus Christ the Eternal High Priest
9.30am	Pat Murray RIP (Anniv) (Kathleen Murray)
Friday 2nd June	
9.30am	Gloria Ray RIP (Ken Ray)
Saturday 3rd June	St Charles Lwango & Comps
5.30pm	Peter Feather RIP
Sunday 4th June	The Most Holy Trinity
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Emma-Louise Lucibello RIP (Damian & Susan Lucibello)

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@brcdt.org</p>	<p><u>Public Mass times:</u> Saturdays 5.30pm Sundays 8am & 10.00am Mondays 9.30am Wednesdays 10.00am Thursdays & Fridays 9.30am</p> <p><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 Rita Reale, Colm Conneely, Margaret Cox, Rita Bond, Pat Murray, and Betty Holland, whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Change of Email Address:

From Monday 8th May, the parish email address has changed to **rayleigh@brcdt.org**. Please use the new email address on all correspondence from now on. Many thanks.



NEWSLETTER ITEMS:

Please ensure all items for the parish newsletter are submitted to the office by **11am on Thursdays** at the latest.

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

James and Daniel would like to thank everyone who supported their coffee morning and cake sale last week. It raised £154 for Havens Hospices.



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.



REPOSITORY

If anyone would be willing to look after the repository before and after Mass on Saturday evenings it would be very much appreciated. Please contact Fr Paul or telephone Kath on mobile 07815 126574 or home 01702 200295.

Our Lady of Ransom Toddler Group

Every Thursday, term time only @ Pope John Paul Hall, London Road. 9.30am – 11.30am
£3.00 per child, includes unlimited tea, coffee, squash, fruit and biscuits.



Parish Children's Meet-up

Come and join us for a walk and outdoor games at Rayleigh Mount on **Thursday 1st June** at 10am. Meet at the entrance to the Mount by The Mill. Bring a snack and some duck food!

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

My Day by Day Books

My Day by Day books for June and July 2023 can be purchased in the porch of the church.



Calais Light

Calais Light the refugee charity, invites you to join their 7-9th July convoy & help refugees directly by volunteering with the NGOs that support them. It's their 23rd trip and volunteers, experienced continental drivers (& cars) are urgently needed.

Everything is booked for you - £95 all in. You'll never regret helping refugees. Especially now. To register: www.calaislight.com

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 10th June, 10am – 2.30pm, at Sacred Heart of Mary School, Upminster. Hear national speaker Raymond Friel OBE, Chief Executive of the Catholic Social Action network (CSAN). 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

PEREGRINATIO PER CHRISTO PROJECT 15th – 22nd July 2023

We in the Legion of Mary have asked for a team of legionaries to come and carry out parish visitation in Rayleigh. This work is very much needed at this time as many people have not yet managed to get back to normal after the pandemic. Many are searching for a deeper meaning in their lives and could do with the support and guidance that the Catholic faith brings.

We are hoping to have a team of about twelve, coming from all over the country and maybe abroad. They are volunteers, giving a week of their holiday to make contact with as many people and families as possible, working morning, afternoon and evening. Now, we need to help them by providing accommodation (B & B), some meals and lifts to far corners of the parish. They will pay their way through the week for all food and accommodation so as not to be a financial burden on the parish.

Please do offer your help, even if only in a small way. I hope to have a meeting in the Bethany Room quite soon, to explain more fully what is required. So do contact me: Isobel Kennedy 01702 230578 or mobile 07795 821705.

And above all, please pray for the success of the project.

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JESUIT PROVINCIAL TO SPEAK AT GIDEA PARK

Fr Damian Howard SJ, provincial of the Jesuits in Britain, will be speaking at a Study Day entitled 'Serving Christ in a Hostile Environment' on Saturday 10th June. Fr Damian speaks frequently on contemporary issues such as social justice, inter-religious dialogue and the Church's mission today. The event, from 11.00 to 13.30 BST, will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest at Gidea Park (RM2 6DH) and will be both in-person and on-line. If you are attending in person please book by letting us know at gideapark@brcdt.org. Coffee will be available in the hall from 10.30 am. Please bring a packed lunch. For live-stream just go to www.whatgoodnews.org on the day.

'The Priests' Charity Concert:

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is delighted to announce that the Northern Irish classical singing trio 'The Priests' will be performing a second charity concert on Friday 30th 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. Why not organise a minibus or a coach to bring a group from your parish to Brentwood Cathedral? It promises to be a great evening of entertainment. Full details are available on our website: www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/

Special Collection Gift Aid Envelopes:

For those making their regular donation online/by bank transfer, and would like the Gift Aid envelopes for special collections only, they will be available to collect from the church porch.

Vacancies

Parish Administrator – Our Lady of Good Counsel

Our Lady of Good Counsel, Wickford, is looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community. The candidate must have excellent written and verbal communication skills and be able to manage their own workload. The post is for 12 hours a week, over 3 days (preferably Monday, Wednesday and Friday). Closing date is noon on Friday 2nd June 2023. CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information (as well as Job Description) please contact Fr Mark Reilly on 01268 733219 or email or wickford@brcdt.org.

Lourdes 2023

The parish group in Lourdes in May 2023. Thanks to all for the wonderful atmosphere that was enjoyed by all.



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LOURDES 2023



Do you know someone who no longer comes to Mass?



*Maybe it's a friend or family, neighbour or colleague,
or maybe its you?*



+ Bishop Alan from Brentwood would love to hear from you +

- Many Catholics have for one reason or another lost interest in the Church
- Others may still be interested and attracted to the Church, but don't have time for Sunday Mass
- Many others may not have returned to the Church since the Covid pandemic.
- Others may feel alienated from the Church because it's harmed or rejected them in some way.

This survey provides a space for the story and experience of you, your family and friends to be shared and heard, and seriously listened to by me as your Bishop and our wider diocesan Church.

Click on the link, or snap the QR code – it should take no more than 10-15 mins to complete



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PLEASE ASK your friends or family, your neighbours and colleagues who no longer come to Church to complete the survey so that we might hear from as many people as possible.

*“Thank you for taking the time to share your story and experience,
and allowing me the chance to listen once more.”* **Bishop Alan**

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