

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



11th June 2023 The Body and Blood of Christ A Psalter Week 2

Do you love someone such that you have promised them your body? Maybe at your wedding? It's an intimate, unique and deeply personal promise being made. Of course, it is a mutual promise of your flesh.

Jesus seems to be talking this way in bringing his divinity to a fleshly level. It's an intimacy he wants with us. So much so it shocks many people and they walk away in disgust. It's meant to shock us too. But it doesn't. Mass becomes harmlessly repetitive rather than a life-changing ritual. Does it change us? Does it shock and rattle us? Even a little? If not, maybe we've lost something important.

Eat me, drink me Jesus says. Digestible chewable human flesh. Shocking! Such fundamental bodily actions, eating and drinking - these are so much more primitive than talking or thinking. The soul gets it, not the mind. So, like last week, don't try working it out in our heads. But what have people done? Exactly that! Gone right in to the head. So, they try and fail miserably time after time. So, what happens? We form big fancy words, debate, argue and fall out over it. Such a shame. Yet no surprise!

Ancient religions, including ours, had God wanting human or animal sacrifices to appease Him. We see what Jesus does – turns it all upside down – now God has given himself as food for us. God in Jesus is sacrificed on the cross. He is the one sacrificial victim so as we don't create other victims.

And we worry about how 'worthy' we are because of what's happening in our lives or the state of our lives. Marriages, divorces etc. Yet the prayer we say just before Holy Communion – 'Lord I am not worthy'.... is the very prayer that makes us worthy, irrespective of what's going on in our lives. We are worthy because God has made us so, not by our own merits. Our judgements are classic wrong and wicked statements of who's in and who's out, some of which is sadly enshrined in our traditional teaching. Yet it cannot be what Jesus really intended. Jesus never intended such exclusivity. As our Pope reminds us too, Holy Communion is not just a reward for good, or those who conform, but food for our human journey, medicine for the sick. We don't deprive the sick of medicine. We come forward because life has wounded us in some way – as Jesus said, he came for the sick, not the healthy. Holy Communion is for healing, a hospital for us sinners, not a country club for the 'supposedly good or those who 'supposedly conform'. We all in need of this medicine.

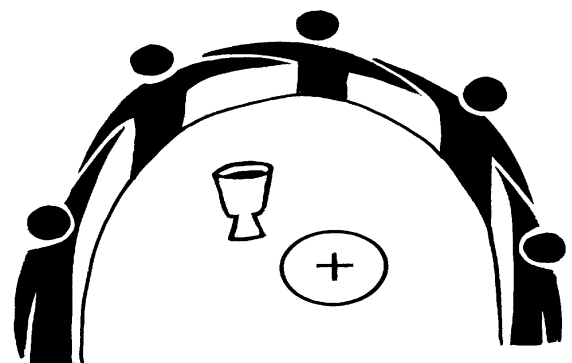
The 'Real Presence' is a crucial and healthily orthodox part of our tradition and should never be reduced in any way, or we do the same to ourselves and each other. What does 'Real Presence' mean for us?

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14-16

Psalms: 147:12-15, 19-20

Second Reading: 1Cor 10:16-17

Gospel: John 6:51-58



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 10th June	
5.30pm	Parish Community
Sunday 11th June	
The Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)	
8.00am	Russell Gonsal RIP
10.00am	Penny Stiles RIP (Marie Venneear)
Monday 12th June	
9.30am	Lotsi and Frances Hidveghy RIP
Tuesday 13th June	
St. Anthony of Padua	
9.30am	Pat and Peter Taffurelli RIP
Wednesday 14th June	
10.00am	Emma Louise Lucibello RIP (Anniv) Susan & Damian
Thursday 15th June	
9.30am	Kathleen and Hugh Kirkland RIP
Friday 16th June	
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	
9.30am	Fr. Philip Rosato RIP
Saturday 17th June	
The Immaculate Heart of Mary	
5.30pm	Annie Reidy RIP (Marie Venneear)
Sunday 18th June	
11th Sunday of the year (Day for Life)	
8.00am Mass	Ann Botting RIP (Jim O' Farrell)
10.00am Mass	Parish Community

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 Gwendoline Hill and Gwen Hassell whose anniversaries occur about this time. May they rest in peace.

Change of Email Address:

The parish email address has been changed to rayleigh@brcdt.org. Please use the new email address on all correspondence from now on. Many thanks.



THINKING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH? ...

Is something in you telling you to go deeper? Or find out? Perhaps you are, or maybe you know someone who has stopped coming to Church, and is wondering about returning. Because you want to go deeper. Or, you yourself might wish to informally ask questions, deepen your understanding and faith. Whatever your circumstances, you are welcome to come along to our Parish RCIA programme and learn more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian.



Our next programme will be starting on Monday 11th September at 8pm in the Bethany Room.

If you are not part of the Catholic Tradition, and you decide during the programme you would like to commit yourself to the Catholic Faith, you may be received into the Church at Easter next year. Of course, practising Catholics who want to ask questions are more than welcome.

If you are interested in joining the programme, please contact Fr. Paul for more details.

(01268 382499 or rayleigh@brcdt.org)

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.



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.

Wednesday Donations

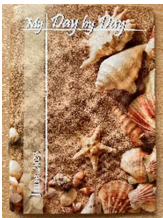
Although from the outset our Wednesday morning 'get togethers' were not intended to be fundraising meetings, thanks to everyone's generous donations £5,319.80 has been collected to date, enabling us - in some small way - to help those in need during troubled times.

Sincere thanks must go to those who are able to help regularly so that we can all spend time together. It's such a joy when the Bethany Room is full of happy smiling people enjoying one another's company. Those who can't physically help are nonetheless vital because of their encouragement and support simply by being there.

However, new volunteers to join the rota would be very welcome.

Thank you everyone and God Bless.

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you*



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

LEGION OF MARY PEREGRINATIO PER CHRISTO PROJECT 15TH – 22ND JULY 2023

Thanks to the generous response to our request for parishioners to provide accommodation for the team visiting our parish we now have enough host families. Members of the parish have also offered to help in other ways during this week with lifts, catering etc and both the host families and other helpers will be meeting very soon so that we can explain what needs to be done. If you are free that week and would like to help, please phone or text Isobel on 07795 821705 with your email address. Please continue to pray for the success of the project. Thank you again.

'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/

St. Vincent's Centre, Southend. Over the next few months, we have some amazing events and opportunities taking place to help fundraise for St Vincent's centre. This is a great way to support the work we are doing in the community. If you are interested in any of these events or would like further information, please email

sabrinab@svp.org.uk or call 01702 592980

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.

Vacancy.

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 on wickford@brcdt.org

St Thomas More Alumni Memorial Mass

The annual Memorial Mass at which all deceased former pupils, governors and members of staff of **St Thomas More High School** are remembered and prayed for will be held on **Thursday 22nd June at 7.30pm in the school.**

The Mass will be followed by drinks and a buffet giving all present the chance to renew old acquaintances. Further details at www.stmalumni.co.uk



Thursday, 18 May 2023

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Thank you so much
for raising a wonderful
£110.39
for Little Havens



Dear Tori and all our friends at Our Lady of Ransom,

We are writing to say a BIG thank you for raising a wonderful £110.39 for Little Havens after your First Holy Communion Group 2023 held two coffee mornings. We know it continues to be an incredibly uncertain time for everyone with the cost-of-living crisis, but every penny you raise has an immediate impact on our hospice care. Your generosity and kindness does not go unnoticed.

Our care remains completely free and that's only possible because of special people like you. Your support has made it that bit easier for our nursing teams and on behalf of them – thank you all again. It's so very appreciated.

Best wishes,

Lorraine Collie
Fundraising Team

“ I can see how hospices have been pushed to their limits with fundraising during this cost of living crisis. Yet hospices are still expected to provide the same level of care with the same level of funding coming in. ”

- *Natasha, support by Havens Hospices*

You're in charge of what information Havens Hospices has about you, and what you want to receive from the charity. Everything laid out in our [Privacy Policy](#) which you can read on our website. But you can change how we contact you by emailing change@havenshospices.org.uk, visiting havenshospices.org.uk/update-us or calling 01702 220 305.

St Bernard's High School
A Catholic Academy for Arts and Science



Open Evening for Year 5 Students

(Starting Year 7 in September 2024)

Wednesday 5 July 2023

5.30pm to 8.30pm

We would be delighted to welcome Year 5 girls and their parents/carers to our Open Evening. This is an evening for girls wishing to join Year 7 in September 2024.

We are also offering an opportunity for parents/carers to visit the school during a normal teaching day, between 9.30am and 11.00am on set days in October, dates will be published on our website. Appointments for these guided tours will be available in September.

St Bernard's High School offers selective places based on success in the CSSE selective tests and non-selective places according to faith-based admissions criteria. (Please see school website for full details.)

'St Bernard's High School is a welcoming, inclusive school'. Ofsted 2023

'Leaders have high expectations of pupils in terms of learning and behaviour. Pupils live up to these expectations.' Ofsted 2023

'St Bernard's High School is an outstanding Catholic school... Attainment and progress of students is outstanding' (Diocesan Inspection, 2017