

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM



18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday (Day for Life) A Psalter Week 3

Is our country in a mess? Socially, politically, control of crime? Do you think all countries are experiencing a similar mess? Some maybe even worse, others maybe not so much?

What can we do? Please read on. There are 2 people who enlighten me in solving this problem. The first is Einstein. He said *you cannot solve a problem with the same mind-set that caused the problem in the first place*. So my question here is: if political mind-sets have caused so many political problems, how can we expect political mind-sets to solve them? Same mind-sets! That's why we have an eternal political problem for whoever is in power. What we need is for a few politicians and public workers (not necessarily church or temple-goers), but those few who are truly, spiritually aware. Those prepared to go to a deeper place. Those who are practised in *"listening to the silent music beneath the noisy traffic of our thinking in order to catch the Divine harmony within"* (as Fr. Daniel O' Leary so beautifully puts it) – ie. contemplation - they will always find the bigger picture, where integrity can be found, from where will flow an integrity of public life. Otherwise, corruption will always follow. Why wouldn't it? Power games, deceit, self-interest are just a few of the eternal issues we constantly see. Going deeper allows for us to check our real motives. Frightening at times, yes, (what is really lurking deep down?), but it must be done, especially if we are in public life. Or, all we'll ever get is "what's in it for me". When this spiritual part is not there, selfishness, deceit and power games always follow. Why wouldn't they? So, to me, Einstein was so right, we have to go to a different place, a deeper bigger and different mind-set, not more politics, but a spiritual place, if we are to see our political world and society heal. It may just take the few, then good things start to evolve.

The other person is Moses. From the Burning Bush experience, and today's encounters, Moses' experiences with the Divine always have social and political consequences. *'Let my people go'*. *'Tell the House of Jacob...'* His confrontations with Pharaoh and the House of Jacob all flow from this deep personal experience of the Divine, which is open to us all if we are prepared to take the sometimes scary journey into our souls/ hearts. This is why Moses remains a man of such integrity, never giving up. The same of course for us.

So public life entails going to that bigger, deeper place and checking ourselves out so we remain people of integrity in our public lives, politically, or otherwise. Yes, Einstein and Moses are so right. This is where all our institutions can be healed from, public figures checking out real motives with the Lord, *'the Divine harmony within.'* Actions and decisions will flow from there. An authentic political or social system of integrity will evolve. And it may only take the few, or as Jesus says elsewhere, *the leaven*, to make it happen.

**First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6**

**Psalm: 99:2-3, 5**

**Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11**

**Gospel: Matthew: 9: 36-10:8**



<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>5.30pm</b>	Annie Reidy RIP (Marie Venneear)
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year (Day for Life)</b>	
<b>8.00am</b>	Ann Botting RIP (Jim O' Farrell)
<b>10.00am</b>	Parish Community
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>9.30am</b>	Gladys Tudor RIP (Brenda Askem)
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>8.00am</b>	Jim Fallaize RIP
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June</b>	
<b>St. Aloysius Gonzaga</b>	
<b>10.00am</b>	Penny Stiles RIP
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	
<b>SS. John Fisher and Thomas More</b>	
<b>9.30am</b>	Ian Irwin RIP (Hilary Barry)
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	
<b>9.30am</b>	Private Intention
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>Birth of John the Baptist</b>	
<b>5.30pm</b>	John Shaw Lincoln RIP (Maria Woolcott)
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>12<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Parish Community
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Penny Stiles RIP (Marie Venneear)

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@brcdt.org">rayleigh@brcdt.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 Phil Reilly, Ted Mahoney, John Mair and Kathleen Scott 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](mailto: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 is doing just that. Or maybe stopped coming to Church, and is wondering about returning. We are looking for depth. Or, you yourself might wish to informally ask questions, so 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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.

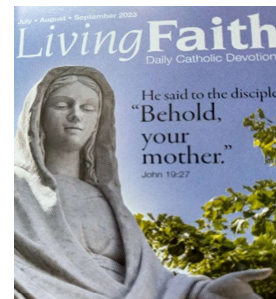
Sincere thanks must go to those who are able to help regularly so that we can all spend time together. It's such a joy when the Bethany Room is full of happy smiling people enjoying one another's company. Those who can't physically help are nonetheless vital because of their encouragement and support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

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

Thank you everyone and God Bless.

*thank you*

## Living Faith Booklets covering July, August and September now available.



## Calais Light

Calais Light the refugee charity, invites you to join their 7-9<sup>th</sup> July convoy & help refugees directly by volunteering with the NGOs that support them. It's their 23<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.calaislight.com)

## **LEGION OF MARY PEREGRINATIO PER CHRISTO PROJECT 15<sup>TH</sup> – 22<sup>ND</sup> 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.***

***Please note: There is to be a meeting in the Bethany Room on MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE at 7pm for all those who have offered to help during the week of this project. There is much to prepare and arrange, so we legionaries in the parish would be grateful for help in organising things. If you have not yet***

***contacted me offering help but would like to do so, just come along that evening and see if there is anything you might be able to help with.***

**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](mailto: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.

**'The Priests' Charity Concert: one un-required ticket...Call 07738 291443.**

*Can you join us next Wednesday 21 June at 1pm – 1.45pm for a Lunchtime ORGAN Recital to be given by Alexander EVANS from the Royal College of Music also at Brentwood Cathedral?*

**Vacancies.**

**Property Assistant – Cathedral House**

**The successful applicant will provide comprehensive, effective, and efficient administration support. Full Job description is attached.**

**Hours: 35 hours per week- Office Based.**

**Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to [recruitment@brcdt.org](mailto:recruitment@brcdt.org)**

**Closing date for applications is 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lorraine Collie".

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, supported 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 is laid out in our [Privacy Policy](#) which you can read on our website. But you can change how we contact you by emailing [changeme@havenshospices.org.uk](mailto:changeme@havenshospices.org.uk), visiting [havenshospices.org.uk/update-us](http://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*