

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



4th June 2023

Holy Trinity A

Psalter Week 1

Hypnotically, round and round it goes. The watermill. Gazing at the watermill. Round and round... On the watermill are buckets. These buckets constantly overflow into one another. Each one, self-emptying into, then being filled - filling one another. Emptying and being refilled. Continuously...hypnotically. Round and round...As they go round, there is an energy being produced that we can almost feel. An energetic flow is happening, and we would be forgiven for feeling that anything interrupting this flow would simply jar, most irritating.

This continual flow of emptying and filling, giving and receiving water, without hindrance, is how some experts visualise the Holy Trinity. Total, unhindered self-giving and receiving between the three persons of Father, Son and Spirit. A continual, mutual, perfect flow of love, a receiving of love perfectly, and a giving of love perfectly, a movement that never ends. Unhindered relationship.

The ancient fathers of our church used an interesting word for this. *Perichoresis*, meaning 'a dance', or 'a dance around'. *Choresis* led to our word *choreography*. God himself is the dance, the dance around – this is pure traditional orthodox teaching. (Probably largely untaught). Jesus' mission was to invite us into, and include us in this dance, this flow, this mutual giving and receiving of love, so that any knowledge of God and His love is an experience through taking part in God's love. Only faith and inner experience really get this. No logic or reasoning can. So don't try working it out in your heads! We must experience the flow for ourselves. Either, we allow ourselves to experience taking part, and enjoy; or we don't.

Like the flow of the hypnotic watermill that is suddenly stopped; it upsets, it jars. Or, beautiful rhythmical dancing that is suddenly stopped, equally quite jarring – both for the dancers, and those watching and enjoying. So blocking or interfering with the flow of God's love, the mutually giving and receiving; stopping the emptying of ourselves and so being refilled with God's love, blocking the mutual giving and receiving between each other – all this 'blocking the flow' is what we can call 'sin'. It can lead to stupid and unnecessary things happening. Sins such as greed, self-centredness, being judgemental and critical, the flow doesn't happen. Barriers between ourselves and others - and God, simply stop the flow - sin.

Is the Blessed Trinity challenging us to loosen barriers between ourselves and God, and between each other, to allow a greater flow of mutual love and care?

First Reading: Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

Psalms: Daniel 3:52-56

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel: John 7:37-39



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 3rd June	St Charles Lwango & Comps
5.30pm	Peter Feather RIP
Sunday 4th June	The Most Holy Trinity
8.00am	Parish Community
10.00am	Emma Louise Lucibello RIP (Susan & Damian Lucibello)
Monday 5th June	St Boniface
9.30am	Paul Gurney RIP (Rita Gurney)
Tuesday 6th June	
9.30am	Margaret Heath RIP
Wednesday 7th June	
10.00am	Kathleen Casey RIP (Mary & Pat Rickard)
Thursday 8th June	
9.30am	Lorraine Elmer RIP
Friday 9th June	
9.30am	Susan Ray RIP
Saturday 10th June	
5.30pm	Parish Community
Sunday 11th June	The Body and Blood of Christ
8.00am Mass	Russell Gonsal RIP
10.00am Mass	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>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 <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 Betty Holland, Pamela Denton, Mary Agnes Manton, and Stephen Pursue, 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.



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.



Baby & Toddler
GROUP



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.

Children's Liturgy - resumes Sunday 04/06/23.

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.

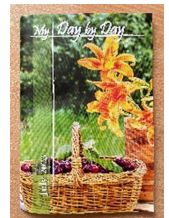
Thank you everyone and God Bless.

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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.

LUNCHTIME ORGAN RECITAL Wednesday 7 June at Brentwood Cathedral

On Wednesday 7 June at the usual time of 1pm – 1.45pm there will be a Lunchtime ORGAN Recital to be given by Alexander KNIGHT from the Royal College of Music. Many of you will remember Alex's wonderful Recital here back in February.

'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.

LEARNING MENTOR AT ST BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL

Hours: Full-time, 37 hours per week, term time only.

Start date: As soon as possible or September 2023

Pay Scale 7-12 (£22,369-£24,496 / pro rata actual salary £19,176-£21,000)

Closing Date: 5 June 2023, 9.00am

Interviews: (tbc)

If you are interested in applying for this role, please complete the Support Staff Application Form found on our website (www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk under About Us/Vacancies) and email it to recruitment@stbernards.southend.sch.uk.

We reserve the right to amend the closing date if need be.

Lourdes 2023

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



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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