

## *Parish Newsletter*

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM



9th July 2023

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday A Sea Sunday

Psalter Week 2

Little Betsy was dying of a disease. But her older brother had recovered from the same disease 2 years previously. Only a blood transfusion from him would save the life of his little sister. “Are you prepared to give your blood” asked the doctor gently to the little lad. His eyes widened in fear, a moment’s hesitation and the lad replied, “OK doctor, I’ll do it”. All went well. About 2 hours after the transfusion, the little lad said to the doctor, “excuse me doctor, when do I die?” Suddenly, everyone trying to look at the world through the child’s eyes, realised the enormity of what the child was doing – in the eyes of the child. And all eyes welled up.....

Is the child simply naive and innocent? Or is there more to this? Jesus calls us to be more like children. Does that mean we should suck our thumbs? Of course not. Values like simplicity, humility, childlike trust, sense of wonder, playfulness and joy come to mind. All these are pretty well knocked out of us by society, culture and its demands to be competitive, to be superior, in control, powerful and having the most. What Jesus is clearly looking for is a people who can be wise to society, culture and its demands on our souls, without losing any of (or not too much) of those values mentioned above, so our souls, our characters remain healthy.

And yet none of those values mentioned above, wonder, awe, humility, simplicity etc, are achieved by will-power or determination. They are achieved by a genuine awareness of our pride and ego, and then an honest desire to let them go. When we live in the shadowlands of unawareness, we will always play those games of superiority and importance that will stifle our souls. The more we feed our egos, the more we lose or stifle our soul. Ego and soul are largely opposites. To be childlike is to hold on to the characteristics of childhood that are deeply human and permanent. That is feeding the soul. People of soul are always able to compassionately reach out to others, always wanting what is best for them, even before themselves. On the other hand, to be “childish” is to imitate a child’s temporary egocentric qualities that are immature and lack experience. Wisdom and experience teach us who to trust and, maybe, who not to, how we trust in God, how we hold the sense of wonder and awe, playfulness and joy – all using wisdom and experience without having had culture and society knock these childlike values out of us.

How childlike are we?

**First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10**

**Psalms: 144:1-2, 8 -11,13b-14**

**Second Reading: Romans 8: 9,11-13**

**Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30**



<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>5.30pm</b>	Mervyn and Theresa Ryder RIP – Marian and Family
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July      14<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	
<b>8.00am</b>	Parish Community
<b>10.00am</b>	Linda Wallace (Ints) – Mick Hodgins
<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>9.30am</b>	Ken and Terry Hammersley RIP
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July      St. Benedict. Abbott      Patron of Europe</b>	
<b>9.30am</b>	Katie Bundy RIP
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>10.00am</b>	Jean Flight RIP
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>9.30am</b>	Michael Lydon RIP – Kathy Hoare
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b><u>8.00am</u></b>	Mel and Heather Francke RIP
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July      St. Bonaventure. Bishop</b>	
<b>5.30pm</b>	Parish Community
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July      15<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year</b>	
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Tom Penney RIP
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Neil Charteris RIP – Kay and Jim

All Mass 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 &amp; Tuesdays 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 Thomas 'Tommy' Smyth, Marie (Myra) Baxter, Marie Goulbourn, Gladys Tudor Maud 'Penny' Mahoney, Eileen Young, Pat Moye, and Russell Gonsal. **May they rest in peace.**

† Please keep in your prayers Mr. Tom Penney of our parish who died recently. Please also remember Celia his wife and all the family. May Tom rest in peace. †

† Please also keep in your prayers Ms. Maria O' Farrell who died recently, quite suddenly. Please also keep all the family in your prayers. Also see note about Maria's Father, Jim, below. May Maria rest in peace. †

† Please further keep in your prayers Mr. Jim O' Farrell from our parish who died fairly suddenly during the week. Jim, and Maria mentioned above, are Father and Daughter. Please keep all the family in your prayers at this highly distressing time. May Jim 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.

**Children's Liturgy** - we are continuing to run 2 groups weekly-so do come and join in to explore the Gospel message with children of a similar age!

Younger group-for age 3 up to school year 2 Older group- for school years 3-6 We look forward to seeing you!

## 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.

## 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.

## 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. 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*

**CAFOD.** You are invited to an online event we are hosting with Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle on **Friday 14 July 7pm-8:30pm**. Cardinal Tagle is a Pro-Prefect for the Dicastery for Evangelisation and served as International President of the Catholic Church's social action network, Caritas of which we are a member. Cardinal Tagle is a fantastic speaker who inspired thousands of young Catholics at Flame in spring and will speak to us at our online event Mission Unleashed: embracing the power of social action and evangelisation. [Please click here for more information and to book your place.](#)

We will hear the Cardinal's reflections and have the chance to ask questions. We hope that this will inspire people in their efforts to share the Good News and in all the ministries of practical outreach, social action, and care across our Church.

We'd like to finish by saying a big thank you – for all you do for our Church and especially for what you do for those in poverty throughout the world. Thank you for holding parish collections, for supporting your parishioners to speak out about the causes of poverty, for holding our global family in your thoughts and prayers and so much more.

**CAFOD Community Participation Coordinator – Brentwood Diocese**

St Basil the Great RC Church, Luncies Road, Basildon SS14 1SD

Tel: 07776 493162

Email: [cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk](mailto:cdriscoll@cafod.org.uk)

**World Youth Day (WYD)** is the gathering of young people from all over the world with Pope Francis, taking place in Lisbon this summer. If you can't attend the main event, why not join **WYD in London** - a day celebration on **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2023** from 11am-5pm in the church by **Leicester Square**. Programme: music • prayer • talks • activities • Mass, bringing together a young community of different nationalities in one faith! Venue: Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place, London WC2H 7BX. Donations only. **To register** a group or individually, fill in the form: [//bit.ly/wydlondon](https://bit.ly/wydlondon)

**HARP for Homeless People.** We are in desperate need of clothes and toiletries at our day centre in York Road, Southend.

Our day centre is a place where people who are experiencing homelessness can come for something to eat, have a shower and get a clean change of clothes.

If you are having a clear out of clothes or having any spare toiletries that you wouldn't mind gifting to us, we would greatly appreciate this.

You can take this to our day centre in York road- 103-107 York Road, Southend-On-Sea

Or if you would rather I collect from you I can do this also, just send me an email if you have anything you would like me to collect and I can arrange a day where I can come and collect this.

HARP contd...As always your help is greatly appreciated and thank you all for your ongoing support.

Giving a regular gift is a great way to show your continued support for local people experiencing homelessness. Just knowing that there are people out there who care can be enough to help someone get through the day. [Please click here to donate](#)

**HARP is a registered charity no: 1098126**

**Website: [www.harpsouthend.org.uk](http://www.harpsouthend.org.uk)**

**Head Office: 4th Floor, Dencora Court, Tylers Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2BB**

***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*

### **TALK ON THE OUR FATHER**

On Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 7 pm in the parish hall at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH), Fr Adrian Graffy will give a short talk entitled 'The Prayer of Prayers: An exploration of the Our Father'. The talk is free of charge, and tea and coffee will be available from 6.30 pm. Ample free parking, and easy access on the Elizabeth Line. The talk is available also by live stream on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) No booking necessary.

***Stella Maris.*** *Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is THIS Sunday 9th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris (formerly called Apostleship of the Sea) to continue its important work - so please give generously. Thank you.*

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me (Annie) in the Stella Maris office.

## **Maryvale Institute, Birmingham- Study part-time, by distance learning for a Bachelor of Divinity (BDiv) or a Licence in Divinity**

The Maryvale Higher Institute of Religious Sciences (HIRS) is the only ecclesial institute of this kind in the English-speaking world.

**The Ecclesiastical BDiv** is a five-year part-time, collaborative-learning degree programme in Catholic theology providing a comprehensive exposition and analysis of Christian doctrine based on the study of the sacred Scriptures, the works of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and the documents of the Magisterium.

**The Licence in Divinity:** Pathway in Catechetical Sciences is another qualification of the Holy See, distinct from an STL, it is a three-year, part-time, programme aimed at those in leadership positions in catechetics and in other positions of responsibility.

Contact: Admissions tutor, Deacon Dr Harry Schnitker  
at: [researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk)

**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.

**Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society (BCCS)** is looking for a part time Finance Assistant to join the team working from their head office in Billericay High Street. Initially the role is for 10 hours per week, with potential to increase hours as training continues. A job specification and application form are available on their website at <https://www.bccs.org.uk/who-we-are/work-us/>. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact Fiona Reading [freading@bccs.org.uk](mailto:freading@bccs.org.uk)

**Catholic Listeners** is a confidential telephone helpline service set up for those returning Catholics who want to return to the faith and need a safe space to be heard. A Diocese of Westminster initiative, the helpline is staffed by a team of volunteers who are welcoming, friendly, empathetic and non- judgemental. The helpline is based on the Landings ethos of compassionate listening. Operating three days a week from 4pm -7pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Fridays calls are free to the helpline on 0800 448 0704 or by email at [Catholiclisteners@gmail.com](mailto:Catholiclisteners@gmail.com)

***St. Thomas More High School - open evening, Thursday, 13th July 4.00p.m. to 7.00p.m. - for families who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2024 - come and see the school, meet the staff and pupils.***

***The Headteacher's talk will begin at 6.00pm***

***Parents of boys who wish to apply to St. Thomas More School for a place in September 2024 should complete the local education authority single application form (saf) and fill in the supplementary information form (sif) that can be collected at the open evening.***

***If you are unable to come to the open evening, please contact the school in order to get the supplementary information form. The form can also be downloaded from the school web site:-***

**[WWW.ST-THOMASMORE.SOUTHEND.SCH.UK](http://WWW.ST-THOMASMORE.SOUTHEND.SCH.UK)**

### **Newham Partnership Youth Co-Ordinator**

**The successful applicant will build and develop a Partnership Youth Leadership Team. Full Job description is attached.**

**Hours: 35 hours per week (to include evening and weekend work)**

**Salary: £25,000 p/a**

**Contract: A fixed 2 year contract**

**Start Date: Early October 2023**

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

**Closing date for applications is 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023.**

**Interviews – Week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

### **Young Adults Formation**

**The Community of Our Lady of Walsingham (COLW) is offering an opportunity to Catholic men and women aged 18 - 35 to live alongside their community in Norfolk for a week this summer.**



As well as joining community prayers, meals and activities, young adults will receive formation on topics such *Prayer, Scripture, Discernment and the Spirituality of Walsingham*.

There are two choices of dates: 14th - 21st August or 30th August - 6th September.

To find out more, please enquire by 31st July by emailing the COLW Sisters at [freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org](mailto:freetobe@walsinghamcommunity.org)

*Community of Our Lady of Walsingham, House of the Divine Will, Neatherd Moor, Dereham, Norfolk, NR20 4AZ.*

*Tel. 01362 421442. [www.walsinghamcommunity.org](http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org)*

*We are very much looking forward to a Lunchtime **SOPRANO Recital here at Brentwood** Cathedral on **Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July** at the usual time of 1pm – 1.45pm. The Recitalists are Olive Murray who is a well known Soprano - she will be accompanied by Christopher Foreman on the Piano.*

*The Programme will include pieces by Alessandro Scarlatti, Robert Schumann, Richard Strauss, Franz Schubert and Antonin Dvorak amongst others.*

*Hope you can join us afterwards for refreshments in the Song School.*