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<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 & Tuesdays 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 23409



ANNIVERSARIES Kindly pray for Reg Freeman, Sheila Everitt, Richard King, Gabriella Prideaux, Ellen Lydon and Noel Cullen. **May they rest in peace.**

†. The Requiem Mass for Mrs. Barbara Williams will be here at Our Lady of Ransom on Wednesday 16th August at 9.30am. May Barbara rest in peace †

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 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 parish office by **11am on Thursdays** at the latest.



WILL CLOSE unless we get responsible and regularly committed people to help out weekly. Commitment to this is essential. This includes regularly setting up on a Wednesday afternoon/evening, running the group on Thursdays between 9.30-11.30am and putting things away afterwards. This needs to be more or less a weekly commitment to the group. No volunteers for this means we will see **the group close down. Do you want this? Can we try and keep this special group going please?**

Please call Sharon if you feel you can commit yourself weekly on 07949 480448. Thank you.

Wednesday Coffee Mornings. There will be no Wednesday coffee mornings during the month of August to enable our wonderful helpers to take a well-earned break. We shall resume on Wednesday 6th September.

Sunday Coffee Morning

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.



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.

Catholic School Application Forms. If your child was baptised at Our Lady of Ransom, when bringing in the Certificate of Practice to be signed, there is no need to accompany it with a Baptism Certificate. Baptism Certificates **must** accompany the form if the child was **NOT** baptised at Our Lady of Ransom. Failure to bring a Baptism certificate in this instance will result in an unfortunate delay. Thank you.

The "Faith and Hate Paradox" this Tuesday August 8th from 5.00pm-8.30pm at Southend and District Reform Synagogue.

851 London Road, Westcliff, SS0 9SZ

Details of the evening on the parish notice-board in the porch.

Organised by Essex Police.

Our Lady of Ransom Theatre Club - (looking ahead dates for diary) - is

a voluntary run group that arranges affordable trips to local shows with group rates and flexible payment options. Families and friends connected to the school and church either past or present are all very welcome and it's become a great way to socialise and meet up. In the darker winter months we can bring you cheer as we have secured excellent seats at for three local shows. Details below for your planning purposes!

Wednesday 15th November 7:30pm - 'Nativity The Musical!' (a Southend Operatic and Dramatic Society Production) at The Palace Theatre, Westcliff featuring Miss Hannah (yr 4) and also one of our current year 6 pupils! Tickets £15:50pp

Saturday 25th November 1pm - 'Cinderella' - our annual en masse pantomime outing ! (250 stall seats reserved) at The Towngate Theatre Basildon. Tickets £20.50 pp

Friday 19th January 2024 6pm I have also reserved best value rear stall seats for '**Six The Musical'** at the Cliffs Pavillion - £33 pp.

If you are interested in reserving seats at any of the above (all are 'meet at venue ' trips so no coach), please contact Clare Mason 07757138345. Payment for Nativity kindly due by 10th August; Cinderella - beginning of October; Six - mid October. **Instalment Payments** can of course be made for your ease. We look forward to seeing you!

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

The Todman Centre Lunch Club lunches for retired people and those who experience loneliness. Would you like to volunteer? Volunteers continue to be needed? Tuesday lunches will continue, but this has now been extended to Wednesday as well, so more volunteers are needed. Costs remain the same- £5.00 for the meal; transport can also be provided by Wyverns Community Transport at the subsidised cost of £5.00 as well. Further plans to further extend this are also under negotiation.

Interested? Please call Phil Goldsmith on 07505 841187. Raleigh Age Concern, the Todman Centre.

The Knights of Saint Columba National Relic Tour 2023 We are delighted to announce that the Diocese of Brentwood will be graced with the presence of esteemed relics during the Knights of Saint Columba National Relic Tour 2023. From July 30th to August 12th, we welcome you to witness and venerate the sacred relics of St. Columba of Iona, St. Andrew the Apostle, and St.

Date:	Church:	Time of Arrival:	Timings of Events while Relics are in situation:				Date and Time of Departure:
Sunday 30 th July	St Mary Mother of God, Hornchurch RM12 4TF	3pm	Sunday: 3pm – 5pm Welcoming Service and Veneration	Monday: 9am – 11am Mass and Veneration	Tuesday: 9am -11am Mass and Veneration	Wednesday: 9am – 11am Veneration and Departure Service	Wednesday 2 nd August 11:15am
Wednesday 2 nd August	St Anthony of Padua, Forest Gate E7 9QB	12 Noon	Wednesday: 12:30pm – 6pm Welcoming Service and Veneration	Thursday: 8am – 12 Noon Mass and Veneration	Friday: 8am – 12 Noon Mass, Veneration and Departure Service		Friday 4 th August 12:15pm
Friday 4 th August	Sacred Heart of Jesus, Southend on Sea SS1 2QB	2:15pm	Friday: 3pm – 5pm Welcoming Service and Veneration	Saturday: 10am – 12 Noon Veneration 4:30pm – 7pm Mass and Veneration	Sunday: 8:30am – 12:30pm Two Masses and Veneration		Sunday 6 th August 1pm
Sunday 6 th August	St Margaret of Scotland, Doddinghurst CM15 0QJ	2pm	Sunday: 2:30pm – 4:30pm Veneration				Sunday 6 th August 5pm
Sunday 6 th August	Cathedral of St Mary and St Helen Brentwood CM15 8AT	5:30pm	Sunday: 6pm – 8pm Welcoming Mass and Veneration	Monday: 7am – 8pm Mass and Veneration	Tuesday: 7am -10:30am Mass, Veneration and Departure Service		Tuesday 8 th August 11am
Tuesday 8 th August	Our Lady Immaculate Chelmsford CM2 0RG	12 Noon	Tuesday: 12:30pm – 3pm Welcoming Mass and Veneration	Wednesday: 8:30am – 11:30am Mass and Veneration	Thursday: 8:30am – 10:30am Veneration and Departure Service		Thursday 10 th August 11am
Thursday 10 th August	St Peters Chapel Bradwell CM0 7PN	12:30pm	Thursday: 1:30pm – 3:30pm Processed from car park to Chapel Service and Veneration				Thursday 10 th August 4pm
Thursday 10 th August	St Andrew's Anglican Church Greenstead, Colchester CO4 3XH	5pm	Thursday: 5pm – 7pm Welcoming Service and Veneration	Friday: 11am – 12:30pm Processed from St Andrews to St James the Less and St Helens			Friday 11 th August 11am
Friday 11 th August	St James the Less and St Helen Colchester CO1 2QB	12:45pm	Friday: 1pm – 12 Midnight Welcome Mass and Veneration	Saturday: 12 Midnight – 1:30pm Veneration and Departure Mass			Saturday 12 th August 2pm Leaves the Province / Diocese

Margaret of Scotland. These relics, rich in spiritual significance, offer a unique opportunity for personal reflection and communion with these revered saints.