

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



10th September 2023

23rd Sunday A

Psalter Week 3

“But Father, I don’t need to go to church to pray, I can pray at home....

Oh dear! Still today many people hold this seriously mistaken attitude. *What happens if I just stay at home?* Our private thoughts so easily drift in to fantasy without us knowing it. Our prayer becomes unfocussed. We remain unchallenged, become spiritually withdrawn, spiritually not stretched, and unfulfilled.

Going to Church grounds us. We realise we are part of other peoples’ lives, they can take us beyond our private little cocooned selves, to realise that there is something wonderfully bigger going on. We begin to see ourselves as part of a wholeness of all God’s people – the Body of Christ. How can we do this if we just stay at home? A good community will be steady, have a good rhythm, a routine and regularity that can be so calming. Our lives take on a fresh meaning, and purpose, because of other people and mutual needs. Together we reinforce and strengthen each other as Christ’s Body. Of course, arguments, fall-outs happen, breaking down community life. They need correction and reconciliation, which, when authentic, is so powerful. It strengthens and restores community life.

“Where two or three meet in my name, I am there with them” – two or more people equal community. Jesus is clearly pushing community involvement over the individual. The therapy of being part of church community life, with all its inherent wonderfulness and, sometimes, silly behaviours of some, according to some studies, results in people largely being steadier, emotionally healthier and less obsessed.

We see why gossip and tittle-tattle are so evil, they utterly destroy community life and reputations. (By the way, most people who pride themselves on not being gossips are often the biggest ones of all. They just can’t or daren’t believe it of themselves).

Who knows how much we help each other by our prayerful presence in community. It certainly happens. Can all this happen if we stay at home?

So we see why going to church, and going weekly has its importance. Does our example encourage others to go to church and feel part of community?

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Psalms: 94:1-2, 6-9

Second Reading Romans 13:8-10

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th September

5.30pm Paddy Corr RIP – Mary Butterworth

Sunday 10th September 23rd Sunday of the Year

8.00am Mike Healy RIP - Clare Pryke and Kate Howe
10.00am Parish Community

Monday 11th September

9.30am Pat Ham RIP – Mary Butterworth

Tuesday 12th September

9.30am Eileen and David (Wedding Ints) – Mary Rickards

Wednesday 13th September

9.30am Mike Healy RIP – Sally McNamara

Thursday 14th September

8.30am Paddy Corr RIP – Barrie and Mary Mason

Friday 15th September

9.30am Barbara Williams RIP – Mary Rickards

Saturday 16th September

5.30pm Mike Healy RIP – Joan Gardiner

Sunday 17th September 24th Sunday of the Year

8.00am Mass Parish Community
10.00am Mass Paddy Corr RIP – Pat and Mary Rickard

All our 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

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Public Mass times:

Saturdays 5.30pm

Sundays 8am & 10.00am

Mondays & Tuesdays 9.30am

Wednesdays 10.00am

Thursdays & Fridays 9.30am

*Please be aware - Times and days of
weekday Masses are subject to change.*

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 Tony Rickard, Terry Foreman, Dennis Whitewick and Doreen Derrick whose anniversaries are at this time. **May they rest in Peace.**

Prayer please: †

Please keep Mr. Brian Newby in your prayers. Brian is seriously unwell in hospital at the moment.

Please pray for Mr. Billy McSweeney who sadly died last Friday-week ago. Please keep his wife Eileen and the family in your prayers too. Funeral details to follow. May Billy rest in Peace.

The Requiem Mass for Mr. Andy Smyth will be on Wednesday 27th September at 9.30am here at Our Lady of Ransom. May Andy rest in Peace.

The funeral for Mrs. Maureen Howell will be at Basildon (Pitsea) Crematorium on Monday September 18th at 3pm. May Maureen rest in Peace.

The Requiem Mass for Mr. Mike Healy will be at 11am on Thursday September 21st here at Our Lady of Ransom. May Mike rest in Peace.

The Requiem Mass for Mr. Paddy Corr will be 11am on Wednesday October 4th here at Our Lady of Ransom. Reception of the body will be the day before at 4pm. May Paddy 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.



Tomorrow (Monday 11th) our next programme will be starting in the church.

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.

Wednesday Coffee Mornings. Will resume **THIS Wednesday 13th September.**
All donations at that Coffee morning will be for **MacMillan Cancer Support.**

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.

The Dedication of a Church: The next Gidea Park Faith Talk is due to take place at 7 pm on Wednesday 20th September in the hall at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Parish priest and liturgical scholar, Fr David Manson, will be speaking about 'the Dedication of a Church', explaining how this rare ceremony takes place, and pointing to its deeper significance. All are welcome. Tea and coffee will be available from 6.30 pm. The event can also be viewed on line simply by going to www.whatgoodnews.org

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.



SVP Urgent Appeal. Do you have furniture surplus to requirements? We supporting a young man who has been homeless or in temporary accommodation for over a year. He has just signed up for a new flat and has absolutely nothing apart from a double mattress and TV. If you have "white" goods, sets of drawers, free standing wardrobes, kitchen table, chairs, kettles, pots and pans, cutlery, towels, tea towels etc please contact Pat Rickard on 01702 206842 or 07831 558242. Arrangements will be made to collect and deliver. Thank you.

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.

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!

Brentwood Youth Events

- **BCYS YOUTH MASS – Thursday 7th September, from 6pm at Brentwood Cathedral**
 - Pizza & refreshments in the Brentwood Cathedral Parish Hall from 6pm, with a chance to catch up with those from pilgrimages this Summer or perhaps find out more if you are thinking about joining the BCYS Lourdes or World Youth Day Pilgrimages in the future. Youth Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral at 7:30pm. Absolutely everyone is welcome, please bring instruments, and sing, serve or read if you wish! No need to book!
 - **YOUTH MASS always takes places on the first Thursday of the month at Brentwood Cathedral, and coming up this term there is input from Charitable organisations in October, the fantastic David Wells speaking in November and an Advent Reconciliation service in December.**

- **BCYS YEAR 13 RETREATS – *Midweek, Weds 13th – Fri 15th September OR Weekend, Fri 22nd – Sun 24th September at Walsingham House at Abbotswick***

- You are made for a purpose. Going into year 13, you may be about to make big or tough decisions about your future, wonder what God may have planned for you or where to go next. This retreat is time to think, pray, chat with those in your year from across Essex and East London, and get a good focus for the future, right at the start of Year 13 and will take place in our beautiful Diocesan youth retreat house Walsingham House at Abbotswick, just outside Brentwood. For just £35, the cost will include meals, accommodation and youth-led formation.

- Last few places are remaining so APPLY NOW AT www.bcys.net/events/year13weekday/

BCYS YOUTH GATHER – *Sat 21st – Sun 22nd October, at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island*

- Open to absolutely anyone in year 9 and above, this is a weekend of outdoor activities (climbing, high ropes, archery, zip wire) as well as prayer, reflection and input from the amazing Adenike, who was a semi-finalist on “The Voice” (many will remember her from Flame in March!) There will be coaches picking up from 6 different locations around the Diocese, and this is included in the cost of the weekend, as well as all food, accommodation, 2 outdoor activities, workshops from Adenike and the SVP and so much more!

- This is always a popular event, so do ensure to apply for your place now at www.bcys.net/events/yg23

- **CATECHIST TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY – *Saturday 4th November at Sacred Heart of Mary Girls School in Upminster***

- This training and resources day is open to all First Holy Communion and Confirmation Catechists, as well as those who look after the children’s liturgy in the Diocese of Brentwood. It will be an opportunity to hear about fresh resources, as well as receiving input to assist you in your First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. **A particular welcome is extended to any young catechists or young people (16+) who may be interested in working as or with catechists, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation.**

Reserve your place **now** at www.bcys.net/events/catechistday23/

Headteacher required...

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Dovercourt, Harwich

This is an exciting opportunity to lead our school which was recently described by Ofsted as "a school full of happiness". St Joseph's is part of the Rosary Trust and is situated close to the seafront in Dovercourt. We are seeking a new dedicated Headteacher from January 2024. The closing date for applications is 12:00 noon, 26th September. For further information please contact our Business Administrator Mrs Gill Colley admin@st-josephs-dovercourt.essex.sch.uk. The advert can also be viewed online at www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk

And....

Headteacher required

Ursuline Catholic Preparatory School, Ilford

Required from 1st January 2024 Ursuline L10 – L17 comparable to Group 1: (starting salary based on experience). NOR: 104.

The Governors of The Ursuline Preparatory School, Ilford are seeking to appoint an inspirational and dedicated Headteacher from January 2023. The Ursuline Prep is a caring, friendly school and community where our Catholic Ethos is central to all that we do. Our new Headteacher will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of the school, and will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of The Ursuline Prep.

We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school, please speak with the School Business Manager Amina Ayankogbe. Further information and application packs are available online from the school website www.urspsi.org.uk or from HR at hr@urspsi.org.uk and completed applications should be sent to this address.

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

Holy Trinity Church (at the top of the hill). Dramatised reading of St. John's Gospel on Saturday 30th September, 6.30 for 7pm. Tickets available at the Parish Centre (just to give an idea of numbers. No charge – but retiring collection).

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is hosting a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock, Co Mayo from November 9 to 14. **It will be led by the Marian Fathers. Package includes:** Return flights by Aer Lingus from Heathrow Airport, half board, 5 nights, accommodation in en suite twin rooms, hand-luggage (10 kgs), all transfers and Airport Development fee. **The Retreat will include daily Mass and Hour of Mercy and retreats at Glendalough and Kylemore Abbey. Cost £800. All Welcome. Please call Millie on 07957594646 for more information to the helpline on 0800 448 0704 or by email at Catholiclisteners@gmail.com**

Young Catholics Weekend. During the weekend of the 21st-22nd October 2023, Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History will be organising a pilgrimage to York and will visit the shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, York Oratory, the Bar Convent and St. Mary's Abbey.

This event is aimed at Young Catholic Adults and Catholics interested in history.

For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:-

<https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2023>

Upkeep of Church Grounds. A number of people have shown an interest in this. If you wish to become part of the gardening group please contact Tom Kennedy on 01702 230578 or Jovito Fernandez on 01268 984044. Thank you.

Response to the SVP Appeal Huge thanks to everyone who supported the SVP Conference Appeal last weekend to provide for a young man who had been relocated to a premises in Runwell without any furnishings, bedding, cooking facilities or general household goods.

Thanks to your generosity we have been able to provide him with a microwave, bedding, cutlery, crockery and the basic needs for him to set up a home. Financial donations have also been received which will help to cover any costs that may arise in supporting the young man.

Furniture will be delivered to him shortly following a fantastic response to the appeal.

Please keep the SVP in your prayers. Thank you for your continued support.

Pat Rickard, President, SVP Conference, Rayleigh.



SVP Conference Report 2022-2023

Our Conference

Our Lady of Ransom Rayleigh Conference was started in 1932 and has been active ever since, undertaking a range of work in the Parish, Hockley and Rochford. We undertake this work within and outside the Catholic community.

We currently have 8 active members plus 3 auxiliary (non-visiting) members. Members attend the fortnightly meetings and undertake to visit those in need and to offer help and friendship without discrimination. New members are always welcome.

Number of People Helped/Visited/Contacted

- Families, including single parent 20
- Elderly 492
- People in Residential/Nursing Homes 22
- Sick and Mobility-impaired 3
- Others 3

We also provided 60 cash grants, 1 energy grant, 1 electrical appliance, help with household repairs, shopping and transport, including to/from Mass, on 89 occasions. Hopeworx food bank again received our full support. 80 food parcels were obtained and delivered, mainly to families.

Highlights of the Year

As the cost-of-living crisis has developed we have been happy to be able to provide support for more young families. Small gifts have been given to our beneficiaries at Easter and Christmas. Going forward, we are now in a position to resume our tea parties for beneficiaries and other elderly parishioners.

Our Income and Expenditure

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>£</u>
Members Donations	364	Assistance to Families	3,216
Non-Members Donations	1,700	Other Needy	2,271
Church Collections	1,580	Mass Stipends	115
JMGT Grants	3,750	SVP Support	701
Other Income	135	Twinage (Overseas Projects, India)	470
		Administration Expenses	96
Total Income	7,529	Total Expenditure	6,869

Your Local SVP contact is:

NAME: **Mr Pat Rickard** TEL: **01702 206842**

Thank you very much to those who have generously supported us throughout the year. Our grateful appreciation is also extended to the members of the Jeanne Marie Gunn Trust, our major sponsor in caring for those in need.




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OPEN DAY

& EXHIBITION

**THEME: FAITH, FOOD
AND FRIENDS**

**SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER
11 AM - 4PM**

FAMILIES WELCOME

DISCUSSIONS

MOSQUE TOUR

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

KIDS ACTIVITIES

WATCH LIVE PRAYER

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ASK QUESTIONS



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