

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



24th September 2023

25th Sunday A

Psalter Week 1

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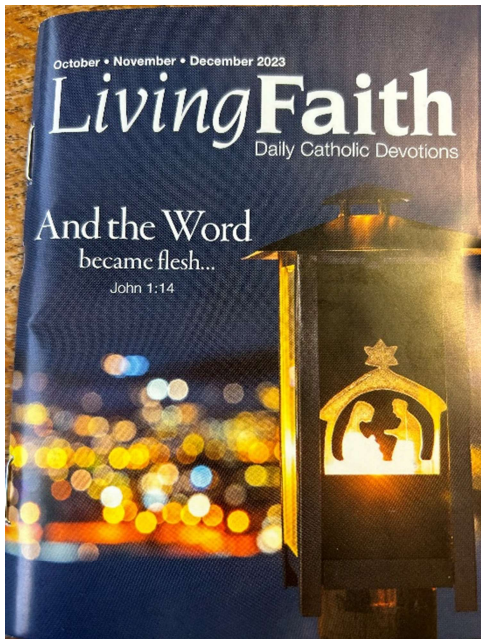


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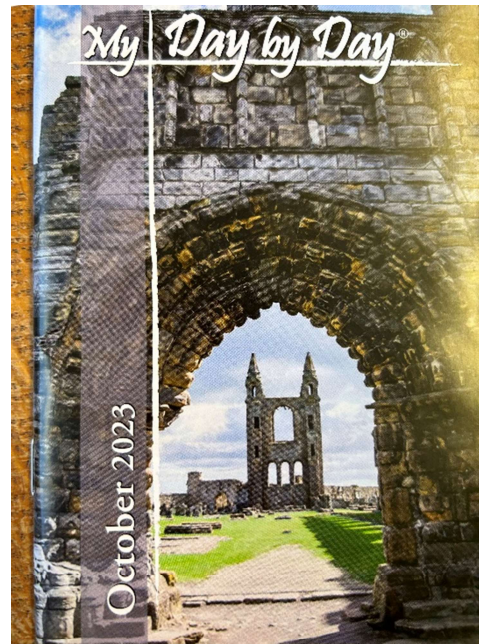
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- Open to absolutely anyone in year 9 and above, this is a weekend of outdoor activities (climbing, high ropes, archery, zip wire) as well as prayer, reflection and input from the amazing Adenike, who was a semi-finalist on “The Voice” (many will remember 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/

3 Catholic School Headteachers required.....

Headteacher

St Francis Catholic Primary School, Maldon

Required from 1st January 2023. Group 2: L11-L17 (Starting salary based on experience).
NOR: 210 (1 form entry). St Francis: 210.

The Governors of Christ the King Federation are looking for an inspirational, enthusiastic and dedicated Headteacher from January 2024. This is following the impending retirement of our highly respected current Executive Headteacher. St Joseph's and St Francis are caring, friendly and highly successful school communities whose Catholic ethos is at the heart of all that they do. The successful applicant will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of St Francis School, and will be responsible for day-to-day leadership and management, leading a team that strives together for the good of every single child. Applications are invited from Head Teachers, Heads of School, Deputy Head Teachers or Assistant Head Teachers with outstanding leadership experience.

Deadline for applications: **4:00 pm on Friday 13th October 2023**. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our schools, please speak with the School Business Manager Elizabeth Chapman at admin@st-franciscrc.essex.sch.uk for more information. Application packs are available at finance@st-franciscrc.essex.sch.uk and completed applications should be sent to this address.

Headteacher

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

Headteacher

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 2024. 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.

Primary School Link Adviser Opportunity

The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Primary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however, consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time or secondment opportunity. The Primary Link Adviser will report to the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director. It is expected that applicants will have an established and successful track record as a head teacher, a senior leader in a primary school or have recent, relevant advisory/consultancy experience. Applicants must be able to demonstrate school improvement experience and the ability to build and maintain effective relationships with a wide range of stakeholders. Working closely as part of a team, the successful candidate will:

- Support the development of Catholic schools as providers of high quality educational, religious and spiritual standards
- Play a leading role in the effectiveness of organisational services and operations
- Support projects in and across schools on an ad-hoc or commissioned basis
- Deliver training

Participate in the formulation of local level education policy. Further details and an application form can be obtained via the following link: [Primary Link Adviser – Brentwood Diocesan Education Service](#) or by emailing: victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

St. Thomas More High School - Open Days, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October 2023 by appointment. Telephone 01702 344933- for parents who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2024 - come and see the school during a normal school day, meet the staff and pupils.

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 from the school or downloaded from the website:-

www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk

Housekeeper – Our Lady & All Saints, Basildon

Our Lady & All Saints in Basildon are looking for a part time Housekeeper for Holy Trinity Presbytery and Hall, St Therese Hall and occasionally in St Basil's Presbytery in Basildon Parish.

The post will be part-time (approximately 15 hours per week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

Application forms can be obtained by contacting Father Sabu via the Parish email address: basildon@dioceseofbrentwood.org Job description can be viewed via our website.

Job description: Housekeeper Our Lady & All Saints -Basildon (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us)

Closing date for applications is 6th October 2023.

Caretaker/Cleaner, Epping

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Caretaker at The Immaculate Conception, Epping. The post will be part-time (three hours per week – with a flexible working agreement to be agreed)

Closing date is noon on 4th October 2023.

Please send your CV by email to admin@eppingparish.plus.com

Job description: JD014_08 – Caretaker Cleaner – Epping Official V.2 (002)

Parish Administrator – St Joseph the Worker, Hutton

St Joseph the Worker, Hutton 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 two days (one must be a Friday).

Closing date is noon on 4th October 2023.

Job description: I attached to this email.

CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information, please contact Fr Leslie Knight on 01277 221917 or email hutton@brcdt.org

Parish Administrator – Our Lady of Good Counsel– Wickford

Our Lady of Good Counsel in Wickford are looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community and also carry out some financial duties. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills as well as financial experience.

Hours: 16 hours per week working Monday to Friday.

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to hr@brcdt.org . Closing date for applications is 13th October 2023.

Job description: Parish Administrator -Wickford (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us).

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 – £30,000 pa (depending on experience)

Contract: A fixed 3 year contract

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

Closing date for applications is 28th October 2023.

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

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.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16th October 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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!

ST VINCENT'S CENTRE, SOUTHEND

FAMILY FUN



WALK

SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER

START 11AM - 2PM

START/END THE GREEN OPPOSITE THE GAS WORKS

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RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY

MINIMUM DONATION - £8.50

SPECIAL RATE FOR GROUPS - £20

**PRIZES FOR BEST FANCY DRESS AND FUNNIEST HAT FOR
BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN.**

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Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service - Essex

CHELMSFORD CATHEDRAL

15 OCTOBER, 2023 AT 6PM

**A SERVICE FOR ANYONE WHO HAS
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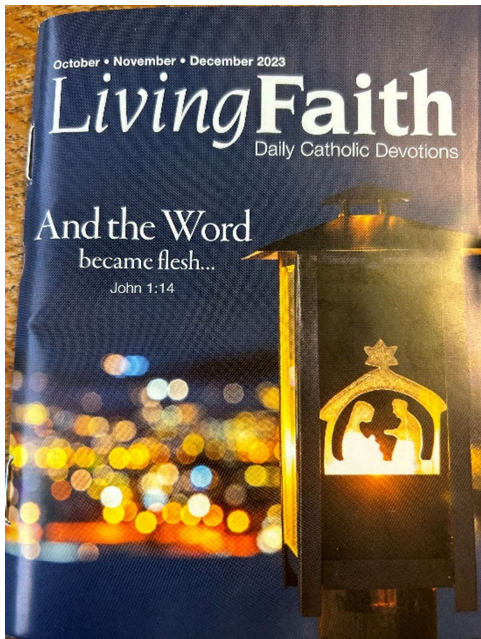


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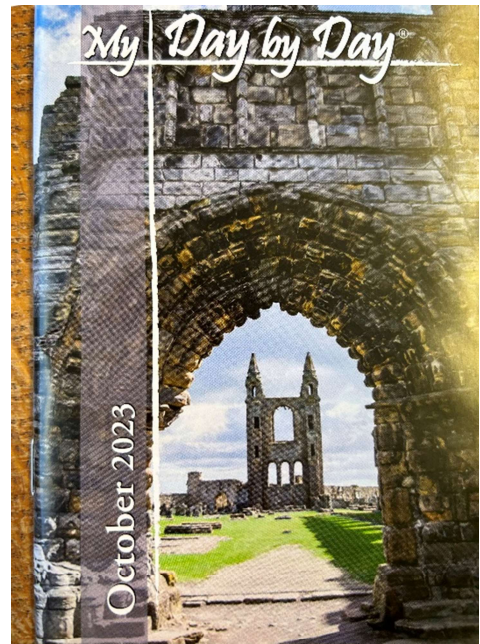
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Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



24th September 2023

25th Sunday A

Psalter Week 1

The pistol fired. Feet pounded against the road in one thunderous roar. The town's 3-mile mini-marathon had begun. Some were running to win, others simply to take part. Whichever, everyone was to get a medal. Some were sponsored raising money for charity. Others ran to prove to their children and grandchildren that they were still fit! Children ran to prove they were still fitter!

Approaching the last half-mile of the race a twelve year old in his track-suit bottoms joined in. He ran slower than the rest, eventually getting to the finishing line last of all, and was thrilled. Medals were handed out as planned, including the twelve year old. "Hold it", some people cried. "He only ran half a mile, we're shattered having ran the full three miles. That's not fair". The judge told everyone to look. He rolled up the boy's trouser leg to reveal a false foot and calliper. "To you", the judge said, "half-a-mile; to this very brave little lad, it felt like thirty miles".

We see similar complaints in today's Gospel. "It's not fair". And humanly, it isn't. But as Isaiah says, God's ways and thoughts are not ours. God gives according to our needs. Jesus is clearly subverting the idea that God orders life on the basis of rewards for work done. God is the generous God, and we humans find it so easy to begrudge such generosity. The labourers needed a minimum amount to live on, irrespective of the hours put in. They get it because God is generous.

At a more immediate and local level, the poor people will have been sick and tired of how they were exploited by the wealthy powerful land-owners. The poor know the rich are being stingy, trying to get by with as few workers as possible in the morning. The work doesn't get done. So they need more in the afternoon. Paying the same wage only serves to make them look generous and good hearted, amidst their corruption. What arrogance!

So we see the story is also about Jesus' heavy-handed criticism of the "domination system", how the rich and powerful control everything. He wants to subvert it, and is calling us to be aware of the same, and act. A call to justice - social justice. Are we prepared to act?

We are called to be aware of God's generous compassion, not rewards, and of a system and society that can so often lack compassion. And do something about it.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalm: 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew: 20:1-16



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23rd September	
5.30pm	John Amey RIP (Anniversary) – Tori McGhee
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8.00am 10.00am	Parish Community Mike Healy RIP – The Butterworth Family
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11.00am	Requiem Mass : Billy McSweeney RIP
Tuesday 26th September	
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Thursday 28th September	
<u>7.15pm (evening)</u>	Essex Police (Ints)
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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 2340



ANNIVERSARIES Kindly pray for Con Parker whose anniversary is at this time, and all who have died recently. **May they rest in Peace.**

Prayer please: †

Please pray for Mr. Brian Newby who sadly died recently. Please also keep his sister Ann and friends in your prayers. Funeral details to follow. May Brian rest in Peace.

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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.



Mondays 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)

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For information: Food that was left over was donated to the Elizabeth Fitzroy Home behind the hall and the SVP Centre in Southend.

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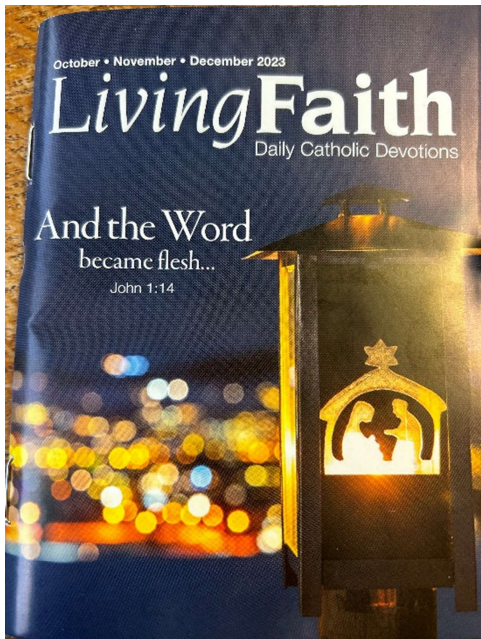


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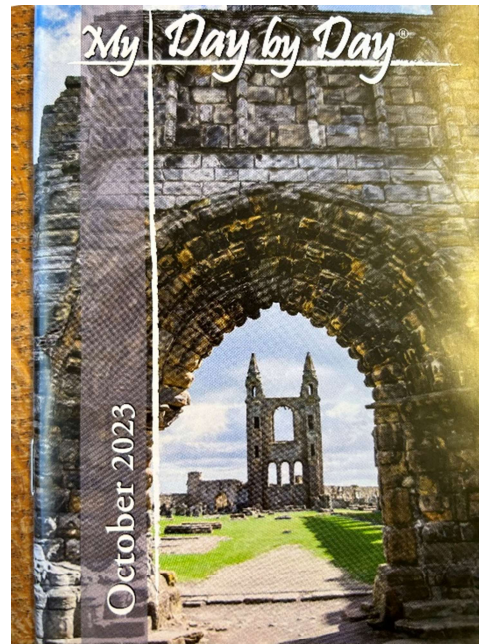
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ANNIVERSARIES Kindly pray for Con Parker whose anniversary is at this time, and all who have died recently. **May they rest in Peace.**

Prayer please: †

Please pray for Mr. Brian Newby who sadly died recently. Please also keep his sister Ann and friends in your prayers. Funeral details to follow. May Brian rest in Peace.

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.....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.



Mondays 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.

Wednesday Coffee Mornings...there will be **no** coffee mornings both this Wednesday September 27th or next Wednesday, October 4th.

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.

Thank you, thank you, thank you – to everyone who helped make last Sunday's celebrations so wonderful – and truly wonderful they were. To the organisers, those who generously donated the lovely food and drink, those who decorated the hall, those who cleared up afterwards – and to all who gave such wonderful gifts, lovely cards and good wishes. I really am so very grateful and very moved by the great affection shown to me.

For information: Food that was left over was donated to the Elizabeth Fitzroy Home behind the hall and the SVP Centre in Southend.

Thank you again.

Fr. Paul

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.

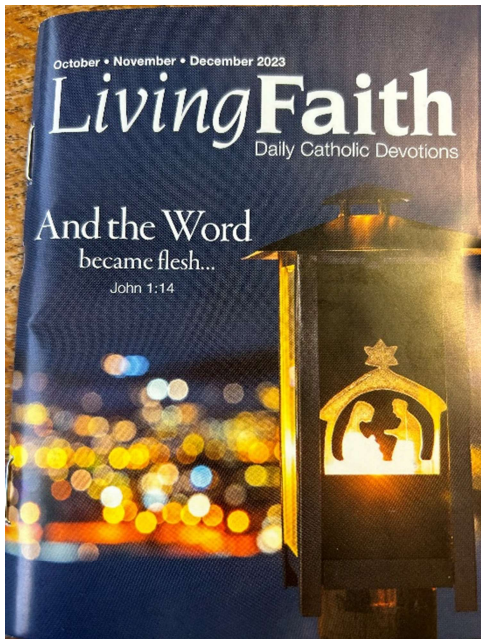


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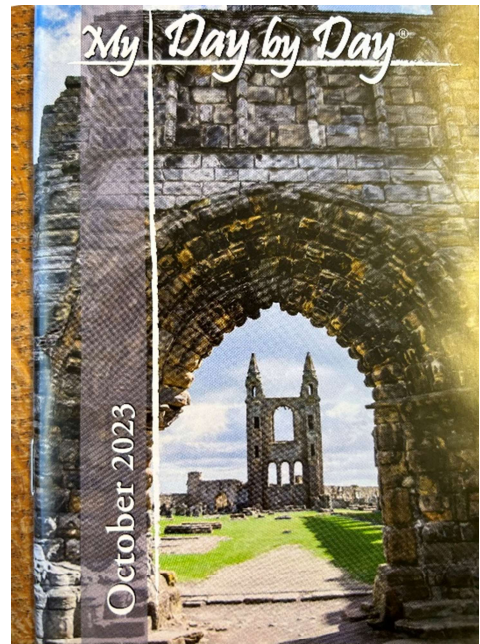
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- > Younger group: Children from age 3 years up to school year 2.
- > Older group : school years 3-6
- > We look forward to seeing you!

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.



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Brentwood Youth Events

- **BCYS YOUTH MASS**

- YOUTH MASS takes place on the first Thursday of **every** month at Brentwood Cathedral, beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, an hour of input, workshops, youth led prayer and formation from different organisations each month, and Youth Mass 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!

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/

3 Catholic School Headteachers required.....

Headteacher

St Francis Catholic Primary School, Maldon

Required from 1st January 2023. Group 2: L11-L17 (Starting salary based on experience).
NOR: 210 (1 form entry). St Francis: 210.

The Governors of Christ the King Federation are looking for an inspirational, enthusiastic and dedicated Headteacher from January 2024. This is following the impending retirement of our highly respected current Executive Headteacher. St Joseph's and St Francis are caring, friendly and highly successful school communities whose Catholic ethos is at the heart of all that they do. The successful applicant will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of St Francis School, and will be responsible for day-to-day leadership and management, leading a team that strives together for the good of every single child. Applications are invited from Head Teachers, Heads of School, Deputy Head Teachers or Assistant Head Teachers with outstanding leadership experience.

Deadline for applications: **4:00 pm on Friday 13th October 2023**. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our schools, please speak with the School Business Manager Elizabeth Chapman at admin@st-franciscrc.essex.sch.uk for more information. Application packs are available at finance@st-franciscrc.essex.sch.uk and completed applications should be sent to this address.

Headteacher

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

Headteacher

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

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Primary School Link Adviser Opportunity

The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Primary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however, consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time or secondment opportunity. The Primary Link Adviser will report to the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director. It is expected that applicants will have an established and successful track record as a head teacher, a senior leader in a primary school or have recent, relevant advisory/consultancy experience. Applicants must be able to demonstrate school improvement experience and the ability to build and maintain effective relationships with a wide range of stakeholders. Working closely as part of a team, the successful candidate will:

- Support the development of Catholic schools as providers of high quality educational, religious and spiritual standards
- Play a leading role in the effectiveness of organisational services and operations
- Support projects in and across schools on an ad-hoc or commissioned basis
- Deliver training

Participate in the formulation of local level education policy. Further details and an application form can be obtained via the following link: [Primary Link Adviser – Brentwood Diocesan Education Service](#) or by emailing: victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

St. Thomas More High School - Open Days, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October 2023 by appointment. Telephone 01702 344933- for parents who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2024 - come and see the school during a normal school day, meet the staff and pupils.

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 from the school or downloaded from the website:-

www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk

Housekeeper – Our Lady & All Saints, Basildon

Our Lady & All Saints in Basildon are looking for a part time Housekeeper for Holy Trinity Presbytery and Hall, St Therese Hall and occasionally in St Basil's Presbytery in Basildon Parish.

The post will be part-time (approximately 15 hours per week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

Application forms can be obtained by contacting Father Sabu via the Parish email address: basildon@dioceseofbrentwood.org Job description can be viewed via our website.

Job description: Housekeeper Our Lady & All Saints -Basildon (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us)

Closing date for applications is 6th October 2023.

Caretaker/Cleaner, Epping

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Please send your CV by email to admin@eppingparish.plus.com

Job description: JD014_08 – Caretaker Cleaner – Epping Official V.2 (002)

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Job description: I attached to this email.

CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information, please contact Fr Leslie Knight on 01277 221917 or email hutton@brcdt.org

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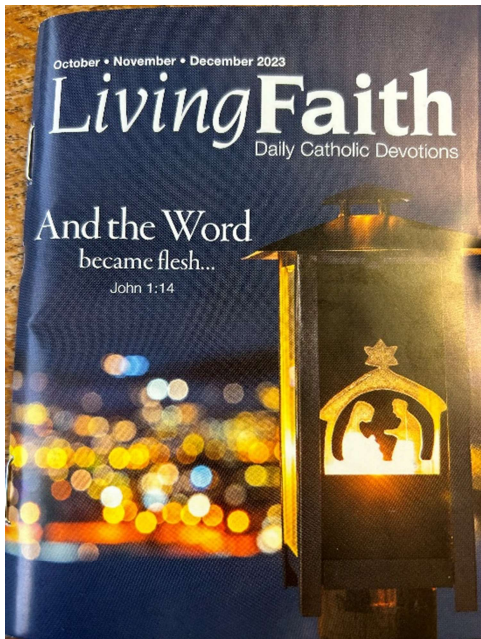


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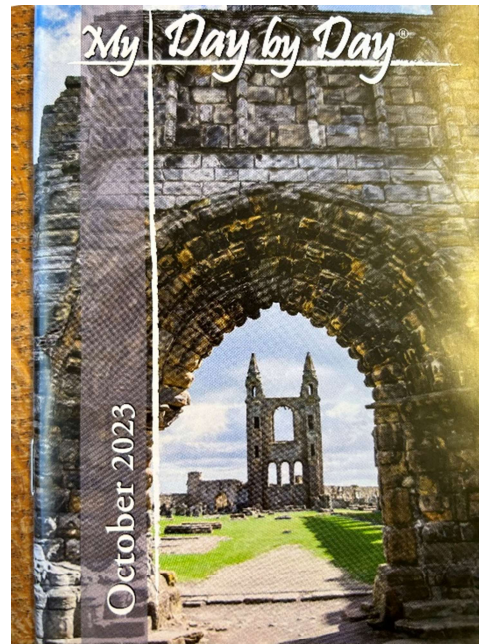
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- Play a leading role in the effectiveness of organisational services and operations
- Support projects in and across schools on an ad-hoc or commissioned basis
- Deliver training

Participate in the formulation of local level education policy. Further details and an application form can be obtained via the following link: [Primary Link Adviser – Brentwood Diocesan Education Service](#) or by emailing: victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

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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 from the school or downloaded from the website:-

www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk

Housekeeper – Our Lady & All Saints, Basildon

Our Lady & All Saints in Basildon are looking for a part time Housekeeper for Holy Trinity Presbytery and Hall, St Therese Hall and occasionally in St Basil's Presbytery in Basildon Parish.

The post will be part-time (approximately 15 hours per week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

Application forms can be obtained by contacting Father Sabu via the Parish email address: basildon@dioceseofbrentwood.org Job description can be viewed via our website.

Job description: Housekeeper Our Lady & All Saints -Basildon (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us)

Closing date for applications is 6th October 2023.

Caretaker/Cleaner, Epping

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Caretaker at The Immaculate Conception, Epping. The post will be part-time (three hours per week – with a flexible working agreement to be agreed)

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Please send your CV by email to admin@eppingparish.plus.com

Job description: JD014_08 – Caretaker Cleaner – Epping Official V.2 (002)

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Job description: I attached to this email.

CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information, please contact Fr Leslie Knight on 01277 221917 or email hutton@brcdt.org

Parish Administrator – Our Lady of Good Counsel– Wickford

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Hours: 16 hours per week working Monday to Friday.

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Contract: A fixed 3 year contract

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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

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.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16th October 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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!

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Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



24th September 2023

25th Sunday A

Psalter Week 1

The pistol fired. Feet pounded against the road in one thunderous roar. The town's 3-mile mini-marathon had begun. Some were running to win, others simply to take part. Whichever, everyone was to get a medal. Some were sponsored raising money for charity. Others ran to prove to their children and grandchildren that they were still fit! Children ran to prove they were still fitter!

Approaching the last half-mile of the race a twelve year old in his track-suit bottoms joined in. He ran slower than the rest, eventually getting to the finishing line last of all, and was thrilled. Medals were handed out as planned, including the twelve year old. "Hold it", some people cried. "He only ran half a mile, we're shattered having ran the full three miles. That's not fair". The judge told everyone to look. He rolled up the boy's trouser leg to reveal a false foot and calliper. "To you", the judge said, "half-a-mile; to this very brave little lad, it felt like thirty miles".

We see similar complaints in today's Gospel. "It's not fair". And humanly, it isn't. But as Isaiah says, God's ways and thoughts are not ours. God gives according to our needs. Jesus is clearly subverting the idea that God orders life on the basis of rewards for work done. God is the generous God, and we humans find it so easy to begrudge such generosity. The labourers needed a minimum amount to live on, irrespective of the hours put in. They get it because God is generous.

At a more immediate and local level, the poor people will have been sick and tired of how they were exploited by the wealthy powerful land-owners. The poor know the rich are being stingy, trying to get by with as few workers as possible in the morning. The work doesn't get done. So they need more in the afternoon. Paying the same wage only serves to make them look generous and good hearted, amidst their corruption. What arrogance!

So we see the story is also about Jesus' heavy-handed criticism of the "domination system", how the rich and powerful control everything. He wants to subvert it, and is calling us to be aware of the same, and act. A call to justice - social justice. Are we prepared to act?

We are called to be aware of God's generous compassion, not rewards, and of a system and society that can so often lack compassion. And do something about it.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms: 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew: 20:1-16



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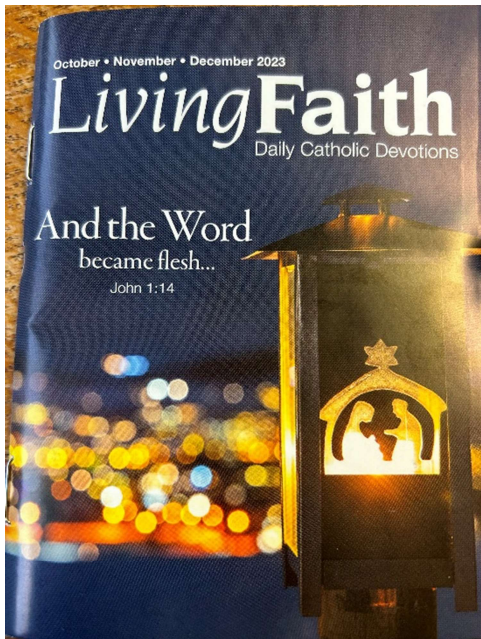


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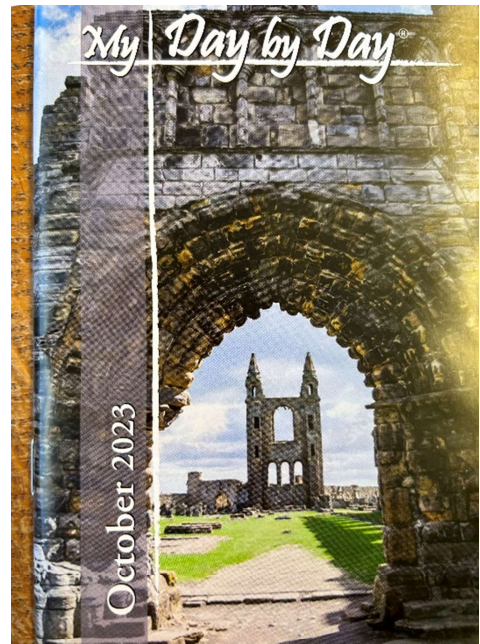
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OUR LADY OF RANSOM



24th September 2023

25th Sunday A

Psalter Week 1

The pistol fired. Feet pounded against the road in one thunderous roar. The town's 3-mile mini-marathon had begun. Some were running to win, others simply to take part. Whichever, everyone was to get a medal. Some were sponsored raising money for charity. Others ran to prove to their children and grandchildren that they were still fit! Children ran to prove they were still fitter!

Approaching the last half-mile of the race a twelve year old in his track-suit bottoms joined in. He ran slower than the rest, eventually getting to the finishing line last of all, and was thrilled. Medals were handed out as planned, including the twelve year old. "Hold it", some people cried. "He only ran half a mile, we're shattered having ran the full three miles. That's not fair". The judge told everyone to look. He rolled up the boy's trouser leg to reveal a false foot and calliper. "To you", the judge said, "half-a-mile; to this very brave little lad, it felt like thirty miles".

We see similar complaints in today's Gospel. "It's not fair". And humanly, it isn't. But as Isaiah says, God's ways and thoughts are not ours. God gives according to our needs. Jesus is clearly subverting the idea that God orders life on the basis of rewards for work done. God is the generous God, and we humans find it so easy to begrudge such generosity. The labourers needed a minimum amount to live on, irrespective of the hours put in. They get it because God is generous.

At a more immediate and local level, the poor people will have been sick and tired of how they were exploited by the wealthy powerful land-owners. The poor know the rich are being stingy, trying to get by with as few workers as possible in the morning. The work doesn't get done. So they need more in the afternoon. Paying the same wage only serves to make them look generous and good hearted, amidst their corruption. What arrogance!

So we see the story is also about Jesus' heavy-handed criticism of the "domination system", how the rich and powerful control everything. He wants to subvert it, and is calling us to be aware of the same, and act. A call to justice - social justice. Are we prepared to act?

We are called to be aware of God's generous compassion, not rewards, and of a system and society that can so often lack compassion. And do something about it.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms: 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew: 20:1-16



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23rd September	
5.30pm	John Amey RIP (Anniversary) – Tori McGhee
Sunday 24th September 25th Sunday of the Year	
8.00am 10.00am	Parish Community Mike Healy RIP – The Butterworth Family
Monday 25th September	
11.00am	Requiem Mass : Billy McSweeney RIP
Tuesday 26th September	
9.30am	Anna Carminati (Ints)
Wednesday 27th September St. Vincent de Paul	
9.30am	Requiem Mass: Andy Smyth RIP
Thursday 28th September	
<u>7.15pm (evening)</u>	Essex Police (Ints)
Friday 29th September SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael - Archangels	
9.30am	Mike Healy RIP – Brenda Askem
Saturday 30th September St. Jerome - Priest	
5.30pm	Parish Community
Sunday 1st October 26th Sunday of the Year	
8.00am Mass	Billy McSweeney RIP – Colin and Marie Griffin
10.00am Mass	Jane McTiernan RIP – Desmond D’Arcy

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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 2340



ANNIVERSARIES Kindly pray for Con Parker whose anniversary is at this time, and all who have died recently. **May they rest in Peace.**

Prayer please: †

Please pray for Mr. Brian Newby who sadly died recently. Please also keep his sister Ann and friends in your prayers. Funeral details to follow. May Brian rest in Peace.

The Requiem Mass for Mr. Billy McSweeney will be on Monday (tomorrow) September 25th at 11am here at Our Lady of Ransom. May Billy rest in Peace.

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.....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.



Mondays 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.

Wednesday Coffee Mornings...there will be **no** coffee mornings both this Wednesday September 27th or next Wednesday, October 4th.

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.

Thank you, thank you, thank you – to everyone who helped make last Sunday's celebrations so wonderful – and truly wonderful they were. To the organisers, those who generously donated the lovely food and drink, those who decorated the hall, those who cleared up afterwards – and to all who gave such wonderful gifts, lovely cards and good wishes. I really am so very grateful and very moved by the great affection shown to me.

For information: Food that was left over was donated to the Elizabeth Fitzroy Home behind the hall and the SVP Centre in Southend.

Thank you again.

Fr. Paul

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.

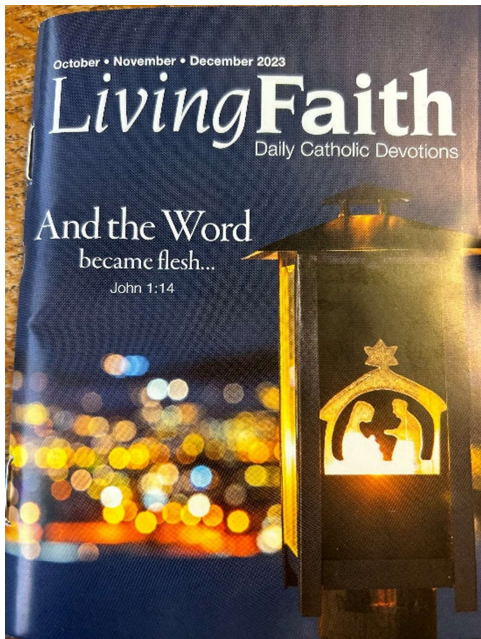


Children's Liturgy > Children's liturgy returns

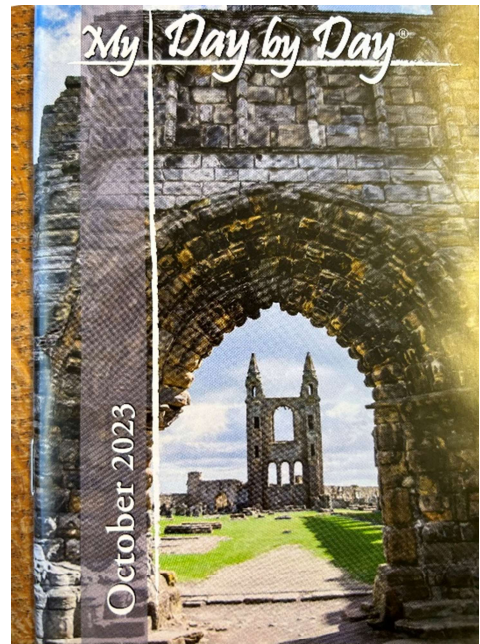
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- > We look forward to seeing you!

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.



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Brentwood Youth Events

- **BCYS YOUTH MASS**

- YOUTH MASS takes place on the first Thursday of **every** month at Brentwood Cathedral, beginning with pizza & refreshments in the Parish Hall from 6pm, an hour of input, workshops, youth led prayer and formation from different organisations each month, and Youth Mass 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!

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
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- 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.**

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3 Catholic School Headteachers required.....

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St Francis Catholic Primary School, Maldon

Required from 1st January 2023. Group 2: L11-L17 (Starting salary based on experience).
NOR: 210 (1 form entry). St Francis: 210.

The Governors of Christ the King Federation are looking for an inspirational, enthusiastic and dedicated Headteacher from January 2024. This is following the impending retirement of our highly respected current Executive Headteacher. St Joseph's and St Francis are caring, friendly and highly successful school communities whose Catholic ethos is at the heart of all that they do. The successful applicant will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of St Francis School, and will be responsible for day-to-day leadership and management, leading a team that strives together for the good of every single child. Applications are invited from Head Teachers, Heads of School, Deputy Head Teachers or Assistant Head Teachers with outstanding leadership experience.

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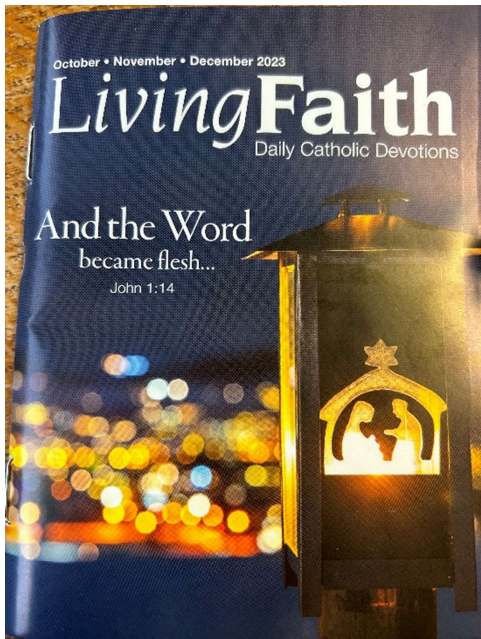


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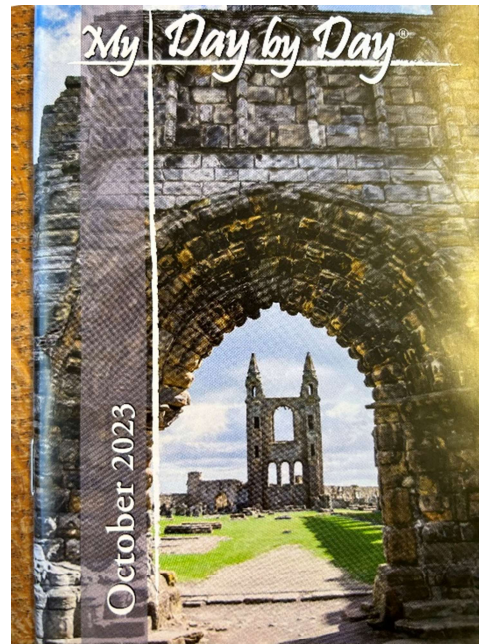
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BCYS YOUTH GATHER – Sat 21st – Sun 22nd October, at Essex Outdoors on Mersea Island

- 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/

3 Catholic School Headteachers required.....

Headteacher

St Francis Catholic Primary School, Maldon

Required from 1st January 2023. Group 2: L11-L17 (Starting salary based on experience).
NOR: 210 (1 form entry). St Francis: 210.

The Governors of Christ the King Federation are looking for an inspirational, enthusiastic and dedicated Headteacher from January 2024. This is following the impending retirement of our highly respected current Executive Headteacher. St Joseph's and St Francis are caring, friendly and highly successful school communities whose Catholic ethos is at the heart of all that they do. The successful applicant will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of St Francis School, and will be responsible for day-to-day leadership and management, leading a team that strives together for the good of every single child. Applications are invited from Head Teachers, Heads of School, Deputy Head Teachers or Assistant Head Teachers with outstanding leadership experience.

Deadline for applications: **4:00 pm on Friday 13th October 2023**. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our schools, please speak with the School Business Manager Elizabeth Chapman at admin@st-franciscrc.essex.sch.uk for more information. Application packs are available at finance@st-franciscrc.essex.sch.uk and completed applications should be sent to this address.

Headteacher

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

Headteacher

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 2024. 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.

Primary School Link Adviser Opportunity

The Diocese of Brentwood is seeking to appoint a Primary School Link Adviser who is a practising Catholic, to support the Diocesan Board of Education and its family of schools. This is likely to be a part-time post of either 3 or 4 days a week, however, consideration will also be given to applicants who are seeking a full-time or secondment opportunity. The Primary Link Adviser will report to the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director. It is expected that applicants will have an established and successful track record as a head teacher, a senior leader in a primary school or have recent, relevant advisory/consultancy experience. Applicants must be able to demonstrate school improvement experience and the ability to build and maintain effective relationships with a wide range of stakeholders. Working closely as part of a team, the successful candidate will:

- Support the development of Catholic schools as providers of high quality educational, religious and spiritual standards
- Play a leading role in the effectiveness of organisational services and operations
- Support projects in and across schools on an ad-hoc or commissioned basis
- Deliver training

Participate in the formulation of local level education policy. Further details and an application form can be obtained via the following link: [Primary Link Adviser – Brentwood Diocesan Education Service](#) or by emailing: victoriabarnes@dioceseofbrentwood.org

St. Thomas More High School - Open Days, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th October 2023 by appointment. Telephone 01702 344933- for parents who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2024 - come and see the school during a normal school day, meet the staff and pupils.

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 from the school or downloaded from the website:-

www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk

Housekeeper – Our Lady & All Saints, Basildon

Our Lady & All Saints in Basildon are looking for a part time Housekeeper for Holy Trinity Presbytery and Hall, St Therese Hall and occasionally in St Basil's Presbytery in Basildon Parish.

The post will be part-time (approximately 15 hours per week – Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

Application forms can be obtained by contacting Father Sabu via the Parish email address: basildon@dioceseofbrentwood.org Job description can be viewed via our website.

Job description: Housekeeper Our Lady & All Saints -Basildon (full job description is contained on www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us)

Closing date for applications is 6th October 2023.

Caretaker/Cleaner, Epping

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Caretaker at The Immaculate Conception, Epping. The post will be part-time (three hours per week – with a flexible working agreement to be agreed)

Closing date is noon on 4th October 2023.

Please send your CV by email to admin@eppingparish.plus.com

Job description: JD014_08 – Caretaker Cleaner – Epping Official V.2 (002)

Parish Administrator – St Joseph the Worker, Hutton

St Joseph the Worker, Hutton 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 two days (one must be a Friday).

Closing date is noon on 4th October 2023.

Job description: I attached to this email.

CV and Covering letter required for application. For further information, please contact Fr Leslie Knight on 01277 221917 or email hutton@brcdt.org

Parish Administrator – Our Lady of Good Counsel– Wickford

Our Lady of Good Counsel in Wickford are looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community and also carry out some financial duties. The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills as well as financial experience.

Hours: 16 hours per week working Monday to Friday.

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to hr@brcdt.org . Closing date for applications is 13th October 2023.

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Newham Partnership Youth Co-Ordinator

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

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Salary: £25,000 – £30,000 pa (depending on experience)

Contract: A fixed 3 year contract

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Closing date for applications is 28th October 2023.

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

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.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16th October 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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!

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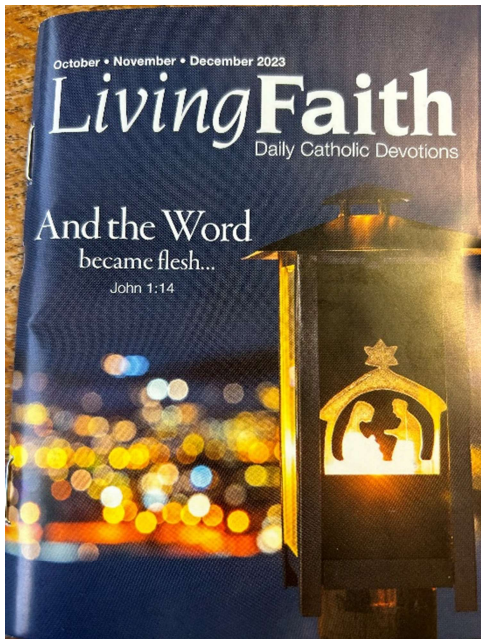


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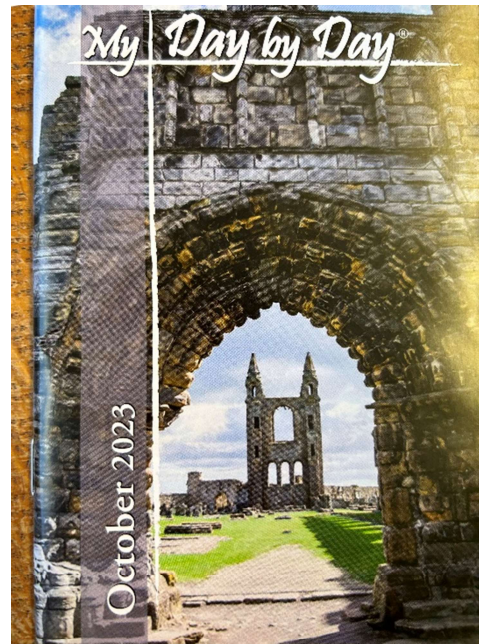
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For details of how to book onto this free weekend and for more info see:-

<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.

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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!

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Saying Goodbye Remembrance Service - Essex

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15 OCTOBER, 2023 AT 6PM

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AGO. THIS EVENT IS ALSO FOR THOSE
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Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



24th September 2023

25th Sunday A

Psalter Week 1

The pistol fired. Feet pounded against the road in one thunderous roar. The town's 3-mile mini-marathon had begun. Some were running to win, others simply to take part. Whichever, everyone was to get a medal. Some were sponsored raising money for charity. Others ran to prove to their children and grandchildren that they were still fit! Children ran to prove they were still fitter!

Approaching the last half-mile of the race a twelve year old in his track-suit bottoms joined in. He ran slower than the rest, eventually getting to the finishing line last of all, and was thrilled. Medals were handed out as planned, including the twelve year old. "Hold it", some people cried. "He only ran half a mile, we're shattered having ran the full three miles. That's not fair". The judge told everyone to look. He rolled up the boy's trouser leg to reveal a false foot and calliper. "To you", the judge said, "half-a-mile; to this very brave little lad, it felt like thirty miles".

We see similar complaints in today's Gospel. "It's not fair". And humanly, it isn't. But as Isaiah says, God's ways and thoughts are not ours. God gives according to our needs. Jesus is clearly subverting the idea that God orders life on the basis of rewards for work done. God is the generous God, and we humans find it so easy to begrudge such generosity. The labourers needed a minimum amount to live on, irrespective of the hours put in. They get it because God is generous.

At a more immediate and local level, the poor people will have been sick and tired of how they were exploited by the wealthy powerful land-owners. The poor know the rich are being stingy, trying to get by with as few workers as possible in the morning. The work doesn't get done. So they need more in the afternoon. Paying the same wage only serves to make them look generous and good hearted, amidst their corruption. What arrogance!

So we see the story is also about Jesus' heavy-handed criticism of the "domination system", how the rich and powerful control everything. He wants to subvert it, and is calling us to be aware of the same, and act. A call to justice - social justice. Are we prepared to act?

We are called to be aware of God's generous compassion, not rewards, and of a system and society that can so often lack compassion. And do something about it.

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Psalms: 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew: 20:1-16



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 23rd September	
5.30pm	John Amey RIP (Anniversary) – Tori McGhee
Sunday 24th September 25th Sunday of the Year	
8.00am 10.00am	Parish Community Mike Healy RIP – The Butterworth Family
Monday 25th September	
11.00am	Requiem Mass : Billy McSweeney RIP
Tuesday 26th September	
9.30am	Anna Carminati (Ints)
Wednesday 27th September St. Vincent de Paul	
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Thursday 28th September	
<u>7.15pm (evening)</u>	Essex Police (Ints)
Friday 29th September SS. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael - Archangels	
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Saturday 30th September St. Jerome - Priest	
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All Church Services are now Live Streamed. To take part please go to

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Masses can be watched “live” or later as a recording

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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 2340



ANNIVERSARIES Kindly pray for Con Parker whose anniversary is at this time, and all who have died recently. **May they rest in Peace.**

Prayer please: †

Please pray for Mr. Brian Newby who sadly died recently. Please also keep his sister Ann and friends in your prayers. Funeral details to follow. May Brian rest in Peace.

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.....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.



Mondays 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)

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Wednesday Coffee Mornings...there will be **no** coffee mornings both this Wednesday September 27th or next Wednesday, October 4th.

Sunday Coffee Morning

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Thank you, thank you, thank you – to everyone who helped make last Sunday's celebrations so wonderful – and truly wonderful they were. To the organisers, those who generously donated the lovely food and drink, those who decorated the hall, those who cleared up afterwards – and to all who gave such wonderful gifts, lovely cards and good wishes. I really am so very grateful and very moved by the great affection shown to me.

For information: Food that was left over was donated to the Elizabeth Fitzroy Home behind the hall and the SVP Centre in Southend.

Thank you again.

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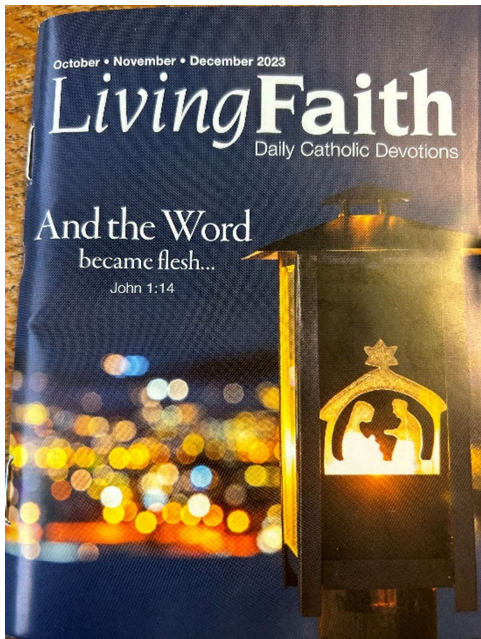


Children's Liturgy > Children's liturgy returns

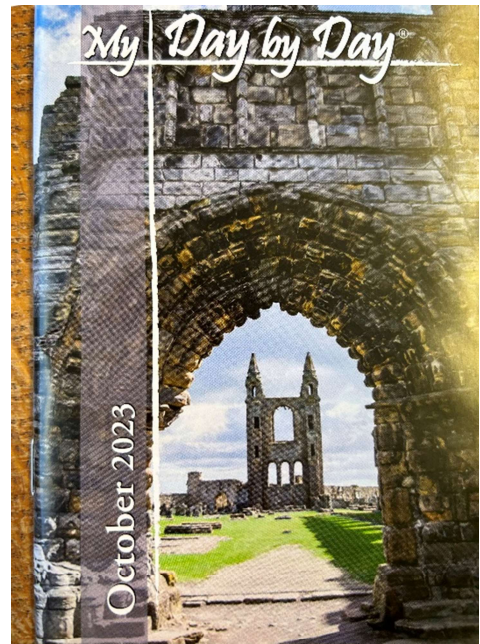
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Catholic Listeners is a confidential telephone helpline service set up for those returning Catholics who want to return to the faith and need a safe space to be heard. A Diocese of Westminster initiative, the helpline is staffed by a team of volunteers 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

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.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 16th October 2023. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £150.00. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

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!

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