



## Parish Newsletter

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday A

Psalter Week 2

What a shock! The burial went as well as any burial can go. The family thanked me. I wished them well, turned around and.... The grave behind me was that of one of my previous students, Joel, a little photo of himself on the stone. I never knew he had died. For I remember Joel with some affection and tinges of non-affection. He was mischievous, often the ring-leader if there was trouble and quite lippy when confronted. Despite all that, mutual respect enabled us to get on quite well.

He had a difficult home life, but what I loved about him was that aside from his machismo, he loved looking after the smaller children. With them he was tender, kind, gentle, helpful, supportive, protective, and never worried about what his mates might think. He just did what was right by them. You would never have thought he was the same young man I describe above. I saw it with my own eyes. But both are true. How? Why?

I suspect Joel had an inner voice which he knew was correct. The voice of God, conscience, vocation possibly. But being with his mates lured him to ignore that inner voice, maybe due to peer pressure, peer needs, in-fighting to be the top-man, and so on. Jeremiah agonizes over something similar in the first reading.

Joel could change his way of thinking when he was with the smaller children to an arguably much more Godly way of being. If only, at times, he could have been more that way with his mates. Maybe human ways took over. May Joel rest in Peace.

Jesus wants Peter to change his way of thinking, from that of a kind of machismo violent warrior, to appreciate the kingdom will come about, not through machismo, muscles and swords; but through suffering, death and resurrection. Jesus' rebuke to Peter is a pretty blistering one...*get behind me Satan*. Peter obviously struggles, yet, we know he can go deep, as we saw last week when he intuits Jesus as the Christ. That's the Godly thinking that works within that Jesus wants from him again. And of course, from us too.

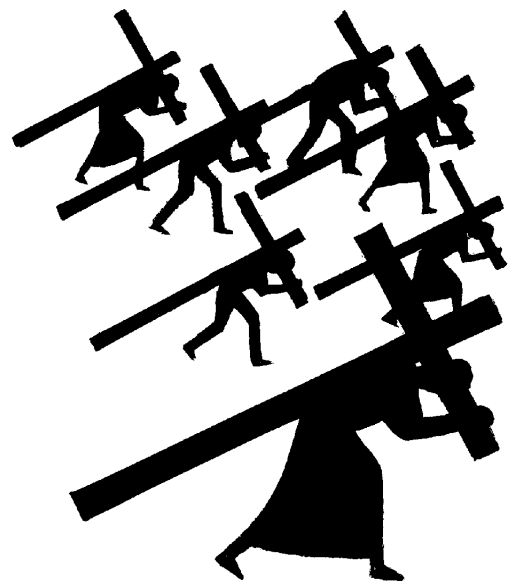
Jeremiah's mind-blowing dramatic words today say it all. Trouble happens when we ignore those deeper resonances, our deeper conscience. We are so tormented if we don't listen to our consciences, those deeper resonances within. Like Jeremiah, we may not humanly always want them, but they are there, and forcing a struggle, sometimes between our human desires, and God's. Never easy. How do we cope?

**First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9**

**Psalms: 62:2-6, 8-9**

**Second Reading 12:1-2**

**Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27**



## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

5.30pm

Mike Healy RIP – Peter and Kath Hands

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

#### 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Year

8.00am  
10.00am

Parish Community  
Maureen Howell RIP – Tom and Isobel Kennedy

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am

Mike Healy – Mary and Pat Rickard

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September

#### Mother Teresa of Calcutta

9.30am

Paddy Corr RIP – Isobel and Tom Kennedy

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September

**7.30am**

Luke Kavanagh RIP (Anniv) – Shelagh Mesher

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September

9.30am

Ron Frost RIP – Pat and Mary Rickard

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September

#### The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.30am

Matthew Harvey RIP – Marie and Colin Griffin

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September

5.30pm

Paddy Corr RIP – Mary Butterworth

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September

#### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Year

8.00am Mass  
10.00am Mass

Mike Healy RIP – Clare Pryke and Kate Howe  
Parish Community

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 Mike Barry, Stella Ray, Kathleen Brown, Margaret Walsh and Brian Gilbert whose anniversaries are at this time. **May they rest in Peace.**

### **Prayer please: †**

**For Mr. Andy Smyth who sadly died in hospital last Wednesday. Please keep his wife Eileen and the family in your prayers too. Funeral details to follow. May Andy rest in Peace.**

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

**The Requiem Mass for Mike Healy will be at 11am on Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup> at Our Lady of Ransom. May Mike rest in Peace.**

**The Requiem Mass for Paddy Corr will be 11am on Thursday October 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



### **Our next programme will be starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 8pm in the Bethany Room.**

If you are not part of the Catholic Tradition, and you decide during the programme you would like to commit yourself to the Catholic Faith, you may be received into the Church at Easter next year. Of course, practising Catholics who want to ask questions are more than welcome.

**If you are interested in joining the programme, please contact Fr. Paul for more details.**

(01268 382499 or [rayleigh@brcdt.org](mailto:rayleigh@brcdt.org))

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS:** Please ensure all items for the parish newsletter are submitted to the parish office by **11am on Thursdays** at the latest.

**Wednesday Coffee Mornings.** Will resume on Wednesday **13th** September. All donations at that Coffee morning will be for MacMillan Cancer Support. *Please note change of date.* Thank you.

### **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](http://www.thekidsbulletin.com) and is aimed at primary school children. It can be downloaded and printed out.

**Barbara Williams.** The family of Barbara Williams would like to thank all the Parishioners who were so supportive of our dear Mum in her declining years. For those who brought her Holy Communion and the Legion of Mary who visited her. Also for all those who came to her Requiem, thank you, we also felt your loving presence on the day. God Bless you.

**The Dedication of a Church:** The next Gidea Park Faith Talk is due to take place at 7 pm on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> November 1pm - 'Cinderella'** - our annual en masse pantomime outing ! ( 250 stall seats reserved) at The Towngate Theatre Basildon. Tickets £20.50 pp

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> – Fri 15<sup>th</sup> September OR Weekend, Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – Sun 24<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.bcys.net/events/year13weekday/)

**BCYS YOUTH GATHER – Sat 21<sup>st</sup> – Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.bcys.net/events/yg23)

- **CATECHIST TRAINING AND RESOURCES DAY – Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://www.bcys.net/events/catechistday23/)

**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

**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**

### **Catholic Guided Pilgrimage of Cambridge**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September by coach. Please join us for a guided pilgrimage of Cambridge with Father Graham and Father Paul Keane, Catholic Chaplain to Cambridge University, and a Brentwood diocesan Priest. The tour begins after a short comfort break upon arrival and will include Holy Mass at 1:10pm, lunch immediately follows Mass (please bring your own packed lunch) the tour will conclude by 4pm when we depart. The tour includes the place where St Simon Stock had his vision of the Virgin Mary holding a brown Scapular. Cambridge is also a place that has produced 40 martyrs. The pilgrimage includes a tour of John Fisher House. Please be at the coach at 9:20am to depart 9:30am promptly from St John Fisher Church, Prittlewell (layby opposite Fair Havens Hospice). You are welcome to use St John Fisher car park. The cost is £20 per person. Please contact Mrs Sandy Rand to book your place – 07470 820994



  
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**THEME: FAITH, FOOD  
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**MOSQUE TOUR**

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