

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

29th October 2023

30th Sunday A

Psalter Week 2



Revolting to look at. The overwhelming stench of his rotting flesh, nauseating, as if you were smelling him with eyes and ears as well. Such was the revulsion that St. Francis of Assisi had for lepers. Francis would try and avoid them at all costs. Except on that famous occasion when something happened that only the Holy Spirit can explain. Francis got off his horse, reached out, touched, kissed and embraced one of these people that repulsed him. Francis says he felt his knees wobble and his body tremble, but he did it, he embraced and kissed him. After, Francis says he felt incredibly liberated. And the man with leprosy felt welcomed and accepted. (I mentioned this true story recently).

This well-known, and true story was a turning point for St. Francis. What Francis began to realise was that he was not just hugging a leper, but also hugging the leper within himself. Embracing his own imperfections. He wasn't just making a friend of a man with leprosy "over there", but making a friend of the leper, the ugliness within himself. This began his new found freedom.

When Jesus tells us to "love our neighbour as ourselves", I wonder how we can truly "love" ourselves until we have forgiven ourselves. Forgiven ourselves for all our imperfections, our own leprosy within. Forgiven ourselves for not being perfect, or not being the saint we thought we were. Or how can we possibly love our neighbour with all their issues, if we are not first loving and forgiving ourselves – with our own issues?

So, loving our neighbour is to love them with *all their* imperfections, leprosy, ugliness and stupidities. And we do that because we first of all accept and embrace all these limitations within *ourselves*. Now there is nothing over there in other person to hate, be revolted by, or be frightened of. Why? Because you have met, embraced and forgiven it in your own soul. The passionate struggle with these ghastly things we do not like in ourselves becomes com-*passion* for such things going on in our neighbour. Yes, painful, demanding and tough at first, but truly liberating afterwards. Now living out Jesus' command to love our neighbour as ourselves becomes possible. This is a true following of Our Lord.

St. Francis got it, it turned his life around (and became a Saint). What about us?

First Reading: Exodus 22: 20-26

Psalms: 17: 2-4, 47, 51

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34-40



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 28th October	Ss. Simon and Jude
5.30pm Mass	Parish Community RIP
Sunday 29th October	30th Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	Fr. Patrick Egan RIP
10.00am Mass	Mrs. Emma Lucibello RIP – Damian and Susan Lucibello
Monday 30th October	
9.30am Mass	Mike Healy RIP – Eithne and Una
Tuesday 31st October	
9.30am Mass	Paco Sevilliano Iglesias RIP – Clare and Maddie Enever
Wednesday 1st November	All Saints
7.30am Mass	Parish Community
9.30am Mass	Andy Smyth RIP – Jean and Peter Wood
8.00pm Mass	Brian Newby RIP – Jean and Frank Lowry
Thursday 2nd November	All Souls
7.30am Mass	All Souls RIP
9.30am Mass	Dec'd members of the Flower and Lucibello families RIP
8.00pm Mass	Alice Allso RIP
Friday 3rd November	
9.30am Mass	Dec'd members and beneficiaries of the SVP – SVP
Saturday 4th November	St. Charles Borromeo
5.30pm Mass	Holy Souls RIP
Sunday 5th November	31st Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	Dec'd members of the Rayner and Griffin families RIP
10.00am Mass	Parish Community

All Church Services are now Live Streamed. To take part please go to
<https://stream.seccomgroup.com/channel/olor>

Masses can be watched "live" or later as a recording

<p>PARISH PRIEST Father Paul Fox 50 London Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP 01268 38.24.99 www.olorchurch.org email: rayleigh@brcdt.org</p>	<p><u>Public Mass times:</u> Saturdays 5.30pm Sundays 8am & 10.00am Mondays & Tuesdays 9.30am Wednesdays 10.00am Thursdays & Fridays 9.30am <i>Please be aware - Times and days of weekday Masses are subject to change.</i></p>
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The 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 Doris Haysman, Alan Burton and Christina Frost whose anniversaries are at this time. **May they rest in Peace.**

† Please kindly pray for Mrs. Hilary Barry who died last Monday afternoon. Please also keep Deidre, Martin and all the family in your prayers. **May Hilary rest in Peace. †**

† The Funeral Service for Mrs. Bridie O' Sullivan (not Mass) will be on Thursday November 9th at 10.30am here in our parish.
May Bridie 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.



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.

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.

First Holy Communion – Summer 2024

If your child is in Year 3 or above, is a Baptised Christian, please register your interest by contacting the Parish at rayleigh@brcdt.org by November 19th 2023. Thank you.

Wednesday Coffee Mornings... the next Wednesday Coffee morning will be this Wednesday October 25th after the 10am Mass.

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.

All Saints November 1st - is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses are at the times advertised,

The following day is the feast of All Souls (November 2nd) . There will be three Masses with the same schedule as the previous day to enable everyone to come to Mass and pray together for our faithful departed.

"Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 – Come And Join Us!

A group of parishioners, led by Father Paul, intend visiting Lourdes next year. The provisional dates are Monday, 10th June to Friday, 14th June, being 4 nights. We hope to return to the popular Hotel Stella, which is only a short distance from the Domain. Flights would be from Stansted Airport using Ryanair scheduled services. The pilgrimage is being arranged through Tangney Tours who are specialists in this field. At present, the price has not been determined. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Colin Griffin, Tel. 01268 772322, Mob. 07841 013606 or email colingriffin@outlook.com **before 17th November.**"

Accommodation Required.

48 year old Male Rayleigh Parishioner is seeking a 1 Bedroom Flat in the Rayleigh, Eastwood or surrounding areas from the beginning of December. He would also consider Flat share if that was available.

References can be provided. Contact details regarding availability etc are to:

Pat Rickard, President, SVP Conference Rayleigh

01702 206842 or Mobile 07831 558242..

November – month of the Holy Souls. As usual, there will be our Remembrance Book in the Church porch during November in order to place names of those who have died. A prayer will be offered for them at Masses during November.

HARP Day Centre (Amended) continues to be in need of male and female toiletries. Thank you to all who have already donated so generously. Wonderful. The box will remain in the church porch for ongoing donations until the end of **November.** **Blankets and sleeping bags** are also in short supply. Any unused ones in your lofts or garages? Contact Jane on 07984923639.

There will be a coffee morning after the 10am Mass on **November 12th for HARP.**

Children's Liturgy.

Younger group: Children from age 3 years up to school year 2.

Older group school years 3-6

Children do not need to bring anything with them as all resources for activities will be provided.

We look forward to seeing you!

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY 29TH OCT- HALF TERM HOLIDAY

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....and..



REPOSITORY.



Christmas stock is on display. If you have any particular requests please let us know in good time for an order to be placed. There is a catalogue from which you are welcome to choose - however supply will depend on remaining stock availability the closer we get to Christmas. As always we shall do our best to help.



Parish Secretary- Our Lady of Ransom, Rayleigh

To provide administrative support services to the Parish Office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office.

Hours: 10 hours per week (to be negotiated)

Start Date: February 2024

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

Closing date for applications is 1st December 2023. Click on Job Description below.



Parish Secretary
Rayleigh Oct 2023.d

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School - Posts -

Class Teacher - We are looking to appoint a Class Teacher in KS2 for September 2024.

Please visit Essex Jobscene for further details:

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=94018>

Closing date: Thursday 23rd November 2023 (4pm)

Interview date: tbc

Learning Mentor - Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School

We are looking to appoint a Learning Mentor

Permanent contract.

Salary - Point 5 £21,575 FTE (actual salary £11,686)

23 hours, 45 mins a week (8.30am-1.15pm) Term Time only

Please visit Essex Jobscene for further details:

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=94015>

Closing date: Thursday 23rd November 2023 (4pm)

Interview date: tbc

Supply Teachers - Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School

We are also looking to build a team of Supply Teachers

Please Contact Mr Parascandolo via info@olorcps.net for further details.

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. These appointments are subject to satisfactory references, medical and enhanced DBS checks.

St Bernard's High School

A Catholic Academy for Arts and Science

Open Evening for Prospective Year 12

Thursday 30 November 2023

7.00pm to 9.00pm

We would be delighted to welcome to our Sixth Form Open Evening prospective students who are interested in joining St Bernard's High School's Sixth Form in September 2024.

www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk

We welcome applications to our mixed Sixth Form from students of all faiths and none, who meet our entrance requirements and are seeking a school with a Christian ethos.

'St Bernard's High School is a welcoming, inclusive school'. Ofsted 2023

Leaders have high expectations of pupils in terms of learning and behaviour. Pupils live up to these expectations.' Ofsted 2023

'St Bernard's High School is an outstanding Catholic school - attainment and progress of students is outstanding' (Diocesan Inspection, 2017)

www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk, Milton Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 7JS

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@brcdt.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 31st October 2023.

Brentwood Youth: Walsingham House

Walsingham House volunteer team: applications for the Walsingham House at Abbotswick volunteer retreat team are now open. If you are aged between 18-23 and are considering a gap year then please consider the Walsingham House Team. The volunteer team work with around 5000 young people from across the diocese running retreats for Yr5-Yr13 students. For more information please see our website:

<https://bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/> or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

Walsingham House available for day groups: Walsingham House at Abbotswick is a beautiful setting for days of reflection, retreats or meetings. They are open to accept bookings for day groups on Wednesdays – Saturdays. For more information or to make a booking please email the Hospitality Manager, Issy, at issycordova@brcdt.org

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!

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/

CATHOLIC TEACHING ON MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES: Earlier this year the Bishops of England and Wales issued a document on Migrants and Refugees. A talk on this document, *Love the Stranger*, was given by Liam Allmark of the Jesuit Refugee Service on 7th October at Gidea Park parish. Please visit www.whatgoodnews.org to see the edited recording.

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<https://universecatholicweekly.co.uk/universe-weekly-newsletters/september-2023/UNIVERSE-22-SEPTEMBER%20v3.pdf>

“There is always a need for us Catholics to be able to know what is going on, especially in that key relationship between our faith and our world.”
Archbishop Vincent Nichols

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Hopeworx Food Hub - Christmas Hamper Collections

If you are able to help in collecting food for the hampers, the list of food is bellow We thank you for your support.

The deadline for letting us know your figures is **Friday 24th November**.

These hampers will be available for collection on **Friday 8th December from 10.00am to 12 noon** at the Todman Centre, Castle Road, Rayleigh SS6 7QF. If you cannot make this collection date and time please let us know as we do not have the room to store many hampers.

If you would like to help with putting Christmas Hampers together on **Thursday 7th December at 7.30pm** at the Todman Centre, Castle Road, Rayleigh SS6 7QF then please let me know.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Janet Fox Hopeworx Re-use Centre Manager. 01268 74323 or 07436 271949

www.hopeworx.org.uk

List of food.

Christmas Cake, sponge fruit of log; Christmas Pudding (can be chocolate); Mince pies, tinned fruit, custard; large tin of ham; salmon; Christmas sweets; savouries such as cheese twists, twiglets, cheeselets; a box of biscuits or shortbread; 1 litre carton of juice.