

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

12th November 2023

32nd Sunday A

Psalter Week 4



The film crew were filming. A seemingly wise old man approached the Director and said it would rain the following day, *so don't film*. It did! A few days later he told them there would be a storm the following day. And there was. A few more weather predictions came true. They wanted to hire the old man - but for two weeks he could not be found. Eventually he was found, and the director asked what had happened. The old man replied that his radio was broken, so - no weather forecasts!!

Was he really wise? He sounded so. Being wise is about seeing subtlety, nuances, seeing various nuanced shades of meaning. Ten bridesmaids; five appeared wise, but had no oil, five really were wise. The door to the banquet (the Kingdom) is always open. All are invited. Those with the oil of true dedicated and prepared lives will experience the Kingdom now. Others who think they know better, or only appear wise on the surface, may well be greeted by *'I never knew you'*. Pious people who appear holy and prayerful, yet without substance to their piety ie. no dedicated service may, be in for this shock. Why not be happy now, and experience the Kingdom now? Do we have the oil of dedicated service? Does Our Lord really know us? Are we wise to God's Kingdom in the here-and-now?

Today we also honour and pay tribute to those who have fallen in all wars, through history to the present day. We remember and are inspired by extraordinary bravery, sacrifices, heroism and martyrdoms. Our faith must be that they are in a very real way alive, at peace, and with us.

With us yes, to inspire and give us fresh hope. Urging us, screaming at us from heaven, "stop it, enough is enough". Their deaths remind us of the evils of war, fighting and more fighting. Today so much is on the news. Lives heroically sacrificed teaching us a valuable lesson about the evils, angers, griefs and terrors war promotes. Do we learn? Its venom of bitterness biting into our very depths, creating agony and turmoil. Wars raging into marriages, friendships, families down through the decades causing spiritual pandemonium. All victims of war, shout at us, stop - surely peace is the only way. The Gospel.

Is war living out the Kingdom? Is there any oil of truth and wisdom here? We are called to be wise. Wise in so many different ways. Seeing subtlety and nuances, seeing the subtly of different shades of meaning. Wise to God's Kingdom here and now. Wise to peace, truth, the virtues of the Gospel, lives dedicated to service in the name of his Gospel and all that that entails. To make sure Our Lord knows us through our committed service. The door to the banquet is open, do we think we know better, or are we wise enough to go in?

First Reading Wisdom 6: 12-16

Psalm: 62: 2-8

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 11th November	St. Leo the Great
5.30pm Mass	Parish Community
Sunday 12^h November	32nd Sunday of the Year - Remembrance Sunday
8.00am Mass	Holy Souls RIP
10.00am Mass	The Dead of ALL Wars RIP
Monday 13th November	
9.30am Mass	Barbara Williams RIP – Frances Wiley
Tuesday 14th November	
9.30am Mass	Holy Souls RIP
Wednesday 15th November	
10.00 am Mass	Paddy Corr RIP – Rita Gurney
Thursday 16th November	St. Edmund of Abingdon (Rich)
9.30am Mass	Bridie O’ Sullivan RIP
Friday 17th November	
9.30am Mass	Tom Gunn RIP - JMGT
Saturday 18th November	
5.30pm Mass	Dec’d Brothers and Members of the KSC RIP
Sunday 19th November	33rd Sunday of the Year – World day of the Poor
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Holy Souls RIP

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 Peter Whitehead, Walenty Krolikowski, George Valentine, Joan Walmsley, Ernie Hughes, Dan Abel and Sheila Freeman whose anniversaries are at this time. **May they rest in Peace.**

† **The Requiem Mass for Mrs. Hilary Barry will be on Monday November 20th at 11.30am here at Our Lady's. Reception of the Body will be at 4pm the day before (Sunday 19th). Please continue to keep Deidre, Martin and all the family in your prayers. May Hilary rest in Peace. †**

† **Please pray for Mrs. Jean Pye of our Parish who died recently. Jean's Requiem Mass will be on Monday 27th November at 10am. May Jean 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 one will be on the 15th November after the 10am morning Mass.

Sunday Coffee Morning

This week's Coffee Morning (12th) after the 10am Mass will be in aid of HARP, the Southend Homelessness Charity.



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.

OLOR Lourdes Pilgrimage 2024 – Monday 10th to Friday 14th June 2024

Bookings are now being accepted for next year's Lourdes pilgrimage. Flights will be from Stansted Airport using Ryanair scheduled services. Accommodation will be provided by Hotel Stella on a full-board basis for 4 nights. The cost is £560 per person, based on 2 or more sharing a room. A single room supplement of £120 applies. Recommended optional insurance cover can be arranged through the operators, Tangney Tours, at a cost of £41 per person.

There will be a meeting at **8:00pm** on **Tuesday, 14th November** in the Bethany Room for those who have already expressed interest. Those still considering joining the pilgrimage are also most welcome to attend. If you are interested in joining us or would like to know more, please contact Colin Griffin, Tel. 01268 772322, Mob. 07841 013606 or email colingriffin@outlook.com.

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 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.

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We would like to invite any adults who may have thought of getting involved in Children's Liturgy – either as assistant or leader – to have a chat with any of the team. You may like to come along and see what we do. To continue running 2 groups weekly, which is so beneficial for our lovely parish children and families, we do need a few more people to fill some slots on our rota. Perhaps you may be able to help us out one session a month?

Please think about itthank you.

Children's Liturgy Dates to Christmas

12th November; 19th November; 3rd December; and 10th December

Christmas Eve Family Mass- come and join in our nativity tableau for the Gospel at the family mass, on Christmas Eve at 6pm!

We have plenty of costumes, all shapes and sizes and there is room for everyone. No one is too little, and we hope some of our older children will be able to guide the younger ones, having been part of this before. If your child would like to join in, please make a note of the dates below:

Sunday 19th November – after 10 am mass - come along and sign up to get a part/costume

Sunday 3rd December – after 10 am mass - come along and sign up to get a part/costume

Sunday 17th December – after 10 am mass – practice for Christmas Eve

Any adults who may be able to assist, and see what is involved, to help to continue this tradition for years to come, would be welcome!

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

Coffee morning in Aid of Missio

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“Thank you to the ‘Coffee Morning Team’ for organising the coffee morning on Wednesday 18th October and on Wednesday 25th October”

It was well attended and we all enjoyed delicious cakes, biscuits, tea, coffee and there was much good-natured banter too.

The money raised was **£62.66** on 18th October & **£41.00** on 25th October. - Significant contributions in aid of Missio. The monies have been banked into the Missio account at our local Nat West Bank on Rayleigh High Street.

Also thank you to the Trustees of the Jeanne Marie Gunn Trust for the cheque of **£1,000** made payable to Missio – another significant contribution.

The Prophet Isaiah

Words of the prophet Isaiah dominate the Liturgy during Advent. This is an opportunity to explore the book attributed to this prophet, and especially to consider the words which have been seen as fulfilled in the coming of Jesus. **Fr Adrian Graffy** is parish priest of Gidea Park, a Scripture scholar, and since 2014 a member of Pope Francis' Pontifical Biblical Commission. All are warmly invited to engage in this preparation for the Season of Advent.

Wednesday 29th November 7 pm (1900 GMT)

This is an in-person event. Tea and coffee will be available from 6.30 pm. Easy access on Elizabeth Line, three minute walk to church. The event is also available on live stream free of charge at www.whatgoodnews.org No prior booking necessary. A recording of the talk will be available subsequently on the same website.

Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest

Brentwood Road Gidea Park RM2 6DH

Sharing God's Love:

We all have a part to play in mission!

Ten years ago, **Pope Benedict XVI** told the crowds in Hyde Park:
'Each of us has a mission. Each of us is called to change the world'.

That is as true today as it was 10 years ago and it will still be true tomorrow. The Missio family helps Churches too poor or too young to support themselves, and you play a major part in that.

On behalf of Missio,

Thank you for your prayers and your generous contributions during World Mission Sunday and throughout the year.

Thank you for being part of the Missio family.

Local Missio Secretary - Our Lady of Ransom Parish

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

also...

Reprographics and Display Technician Urgently Required for St. Bernard's School, Part-time 25 hours per week 8.00am-1.30pm Monday-Friday (hours negotiable) Term time + 1 week

Scale 7-12 (pro rata)

The school is urgently looking to recruit a Reprographics and Display Technician ideally from 17 November 2023. We are looking for someone organised and adaptable to ensure the smooth running of our Reprographics Department.

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share in this commitment.

If you are interested in this position, please fill in the support staff application form found on our website under <https://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk/about-us/vacancies/> and email it to recruitment@stbernards.southend.sch.uk

St. Thomas More High School

SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING,

THURSDAY 23rd NOVEMBER, 6.00-9.00 P.M.

For families who have students – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2024. Come and visit the school and meet the staff and current sixth form students. There will be tours of the sixth form building and the rest of the school.

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

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
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- **BCYS SUMMER LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE – July 2024 (exact dates TBC)**
 - **Bookings are now open online for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service pilgrimage to Lourdes in July.**

The week is spent serving the main Diocesan pilgrimage, assisting the elderly and infirm, alongside times of retreat, reconciliation, visiting the baths, taking part in the beautiful Processions, an afternoon in the mountains, party and social nights - all with other young Catholics from around our Diocese.

The pilgrimage is open to all those in school year 10 – 13, with all those of school leaver age (18+) invited to join us as young leaders (subject to attending a training weekend). All details and applications can be found on the website www.bcys.net/events/sl24

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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.”
Vincent Nichols Archbishop

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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.