

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

19th November 2023 33rd Sunday A - Psalter Week 1



To quote Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jnr. ...*“You maybe be 38 years old, as I happen to be. And one day some great opportunity stands before you and calls you to stand for some great principle, some great issue, some great cause. And you refuse because you are afraid...you refuse to do it because you want to live longer...you’re afraid that you will lose your job, or that you will be criticised, or that you will lose your popularity, or that somebody will stab you, or shoot you, or bomb your house...so you refuse to take a stand. Well, you may go on to live until you are 90, but you are just as dead at 38 as you are at 90. And the cessation of breathing in your life is but the belated announcement of an earlier death of the spirit”*. Dr. King stood up for this truth and paid the ultimate price.

Yes, fear really does paralyse us. It cripples us spiritually, mentally emotionally and bodily. Even more, It is said that raw fear causes our IQs to fall a minimum of fifty percent. Our whole being pays a big price. We shrivel up through fear and pain. It seems as though they both feed on themselves. Often people in pain, for example, due to losing someone close, will say something like “don’t be so nice to me”. Other times we create our own stories to justify and validate our fear and pain. Whatever, fear and pain feed on themselves and cause us to wither. Faith is the only way to break this cycle, honestly recognising and acknowledging them, then the demon can be exorcised, cast out.

Jesus says, ‘perfect love casts out all fear’. Those who love, those who have real faith and hope, those who forgive, and show mercy, compassion and patience are people who continue to grow. Alive people keep growing. Loving people generate more love. Faith-filled people generate deeper faith. Forgiving people know they are forgiven, and forgive even more generously. So it goes on.

Maybe this is what Jesus was referring to by “those who have will receive more; those who have not, the little they have will be taken away”. Spiritual talents always self-expand, self-create, self-generate. We become bigger. ‘Non-talents’, such as fear, pain, bitterness and resentment cause us to shrink, shrivel, to spiritually die, if they are not dealt with. Martin Luther King was so right.

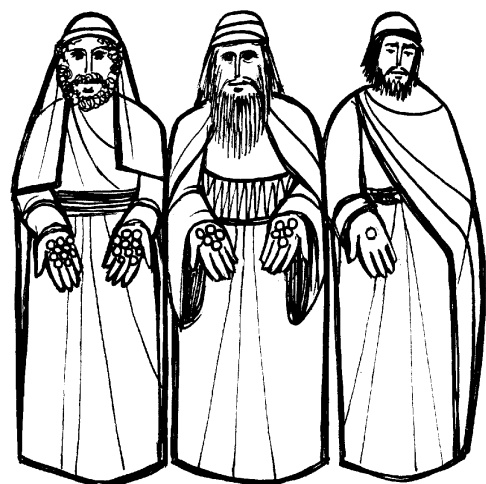
Are we frightened? Of what? Losing reputation, good image, control, self-importance? So paralyzing. Only faith, hope and love can truly conquer this crippling fear. Does our faith and love allow us to take that necessary stand in life having overcome these fears?

First Reading: Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Psalms: 127:1-5

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 18th November	
5.30pm Mass	Dec'd Brothers and Members of the KSC
Sunday 19^h November	
33rd Sunday of the Year – World day of the Poor	
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Holy Souls RIP
Monday 20th November	
<u>11.30am</u>	Requiem Mass - Hilary Barry RIP
Tuesday 21st November	
9.30am Mass	Jerry Flemming RIP – Brenda Askem
Wednesday 22nd November	
10.00am Mass	Dec'd Members of the Legion of Mary RIP
Thursday 23rd November	
<u>8.30am Mass</u>	Holy Souls RIP
Friday 24^h November	
9.30am Mass	Hilary Barry RIP – Brenda Askem
Saturday 25th November	
5.30pm Mass	Parish Community
Sunday 26th November	
Our Lord Jesus Christ the Universal King	
8.00am Mass	Holy Souls RIP
10.00am Mass	Walenty Krolikowski RIP – The Krolikowski Family

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 Elizabeth Powley, Veronica Webster, William Gray, Bob Walker, Penny Stiles, William Hall and Catherine Davies whose anniversaries are at this time. **May they rest in Peace.**

† **The Requiem Mass for Mrs. Hilary Barry will be this 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.

*The Legion of Mary will recite the Legion prayers including the Rosary, at 4.15pm in the church, immediately following the service of the reception of the body (4pm) They will also recite the Legion prayers on the day of the funeral, (Monday 20th November) at the cemetery in Hall Road immediately after the burial service. All are welcome to join us as we pay tribute to one of our most dedicated members of the Legion of Mary for over 47 years. **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 22nd November after the 10am morning 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.

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. Due to Ryanair’s flight booking policy the cost shown is subject to change. Recommended optional insurance cover can be arranged through the operators, Tangney Tours, at a cost of £41 per person.

Those still considering joining the pilgrimage or would like to know more, please contact Colin Griffin, Tel. 01268 772322, Mob. 07841 013606 or email colingriffin@outlook.com.

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.

HARP Coffee Morning for their daycentre for the homeless raised £65. Huge thanks to all, and especially those who made donations. Many thanks also for the toiletries left in the box in the church porch. Toiletry donations will continue until the end of November.

Children's Liturgy.

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

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

In Aid of Missio

APF/Missio Red Box

All the contributions to Missio via the Red Box have to be accounted for in readiness for the Year End report due next month. If you have a Red Box and you think it needs emptying and the monies banked, please get in touch with your local Missio Promoter **OR** feel free to bring your box to church and hand it in to one of the Ushers and it will be dealt with in good time. The deadline is **30th November** for the boxes to be handed in. Thank you for your continuing support for Missio.

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,

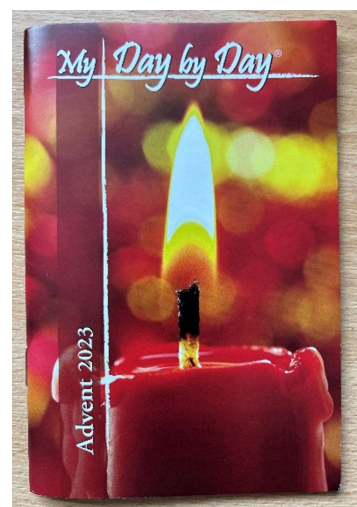
Thank you for your prayers and your generous contributions during World Mission Sunday and throughout the year.

Thank you for being part of the Missio family.

Local Missio Secretary - Our Lady of Ransom Parish

On sale now.

Calais Light. On 24 November 25 ordinary people will be crossing the channel for a Calais Light weekend to support charities working with refugees living in dreadful conditions in France. This will be the 25th time a volunteer convoy has been organised by Mary Stretch, who founded the charity over seven years ago. "We've asked each volunteer for this milestone trip to ask family, friends and colleagues to sponsor them with donations via GoFundMe on the Calais Light website," she says. "Alongside the convoys, we help, befriend and fund refugees here in the UK and organise mass brand deals for clothing for refugees in bridging hotels. It all takes cash and effort – and we really need people to show their faith in this work." If you would like to donate to the charity, please go to www.calais.light.com



Read more here:

Please support Calais Light as it clocks up 25 missions - Brentwood Diocese
(dioceseofbrentwood.net)

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

Office Clerk- Cathedral House

To provide effective and efficient support in relation to administration requirements at Cathedral House.

Hours: 21 hours per week 09.00 until 17.00 (Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays). Start Date: December /January 2024

Salary- £13 per hour

Apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) hr@brcdt.org. Closing date for applications is 5th December 2023

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 ...

Exam Invigilators required - as soon as possible
Current Hourly Rate: £10.50

Invigilators should be reliable, responsible, and able to follow instructions in a calm and sensible manner.

A flexible approach to working hours is essential and full training will be provided.

We welcome applications from all denominations or none.

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

Note: CVs will not be accepted.

St. Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay

A part-time Learning Support Assistant vacancy has become available at our school. Please could we kindly ask you to advertise this in your next Parish newsletter?

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=94919>

The closing date is midday on 27th November 2023.

Many thanks and regards,

Mrs M Chapman

Administration Assistant

Coxes Farm Road

Billericay

Essex

CM11 2UB

T: 01277 653770

www.stpeterscatholicprimaryschool.co.uk



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

WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY – 26th November 2023

- **World Youth Day is a unique opportunity to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Catholic Church**, along with the global Church, and is celebrated each year on the feast of Christ the King. There will be a second collection for the Brentwood Catholic Youth Service, and any money raised on will go towards supporting those in need of financial support to go on pilgrimages and to events, as well as allowing the BCYS to continue running events, such as the monthly Youth Masses, provide support and training to those working with young people and so much more. You will also see posters around the church with details on how you can get

involved or donate online, and please pray for all our young people and those who work with them.

To find out more about the work of the BCYS, please visit www.bcys.net

Silent Weekend Retreat 'Be Still My Soul'. Fri 8th - Sun 10th December 2023.

Organised by Allegra Mutanda. Venue: Sion Community, Brentwood. Our theme focuses on the need to learn the 'art' of being still and at rest in the midst of a busy and noisy society.

Guest speaker: Grace Nowakowska, full-time lay missionary member of Sion

Community. This silent weekend retreat during Advent offers us the opportunity to spend time with the Lord in quiet prayer and reflection. 40-HOURS of CONTINUOUS Adoration, spiritual guidance & prayer ministry included. For more information or to book, visit <https://sioncommunity.org.uk/adults/> or email allegra.mutanda@gmail.com



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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.