

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



31st March 2024 The Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Psalter Week 1

Are you defiant? God is. Resurrection is an act of defiance. A defiant answer from God that says violence will **not** win, peace will. Hatred will **not** win, love will. Lies will **not** win, truth will. Death will **not** win, life will. Can this sink into the marrow of our bones? But these transformations require patient waiting, they must be passionately desired – we need to create a space within for them to happen.

Christianity pivots around Resurrection. Jesus, blazes a trail, he consciously walks through the mystery of hatred, violence, lies and death and asks us to follow. He does it first. He transforms it all. Tomorrow *will* be different to today. It really will. Jesus asks us to *follow*, and follow all the way to the cross, not part of the way, all the way, and not offering only pretty worship. Walking the walk. Never easy. We instinctively know we have walked the journey. That way, we too are transformed. We have to have walked through this Mystery ourselves – all the way - at least in some form – or else it remains simply “pretty rituals” and “rarefied beliefs” – nothing to do with the nitty-gritty of living everyday real life.

Death and Resurrection - the pattern of the universe. Jesus personifies this pattern in himself. Everything dies, everything is renewed, transformed. In Christianity we call it the “Paschal Mystery”. We can only know this truth for ourselves as a lived experience. We have to walk it ourselves – all the way. Not just clever, smart intellectual assent. Not satisfy ourselves with pretty worship. Walk all the way - this is surely what it means to follow the Lord. So much needed in this fractious, broken world.

This disconnected world so much needs the uniting, loving power of the Risen Lord. Only Our Lord can. Try as they may, politics and society can't unite this fractious violent world along with its ecological devastation and political corruptions. We so need the Resurrection experience. Only achieved when we walk the journey for ourselves, confronting these evils, following Jesus all the way, not just part of the way. It needs real gutsy faith. Then, and only then are our lives transformed, which then enables transformation to happen in others. A deep joy like no other. And we find our God, right here, right now, in this very moment, guiding and leading us through to a hopeful future, making sense of our past. Isn't all that worth it?

Wishing you all every blessing for a joyful and peaceful Easter.

Please remain good to each other, to yourselves – and please stay well, stay safe, stay wonderful.

Fr. Paul

1st Reading: Acts: 10: 34, 37-43

Psalm: 117: 1-2, 16-17, 22-23

2nd Reading: Colossians 3: 1-4

Gospel: Mark 16: 1-8

(These readings are for the 8am and 10am Masses only).



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 30th March	Holy Saturday + Easter Vigil
<u>8.00pm Mass</u>	RCIA Candidates and Parish Community
Sunday 31st March	The Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Sunday
8.00am Mass	Margaret Mayor RIP
10.00am Mass	Emma Louise Lucibello RIP - Susan and Damian Lucibello
Monday 1st April	
<u>12.00 (midday) Mass</u>	Johanna Packer RIP – Helen Culf
Tuesday 2nd April	
9.30am Mass	Norah McPherson and Julia Dillane and Family (Ints)
Wednesday 3rd April	
10.00am Mass	Hilary Barry RIP – Rae Healy
Thursday 4th April	
9.30_Mass	Fr. John Taylor RIP
Friday 5th April	
9.30am Mass	Helen Rock RIP – Rae Healy
Saturday 6th April	
5.30pm Mass	Andy Rickard RIP (Anniv) – Jean Wood
Sunday 7th April	Divine Mercy Sunday
8.00am Mass	Maria O ‘ Farrell RIP – Kay O’ Connor
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>Public Mass times: Saturdays 5.30pm Sundays 8am & 10.00am Mondays & Tuesdays 9.30am Wednesdays 10.00am Thursdays & Fridays 9.30am</p>
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Please be aware - Times and days of weekday Masses are subject to change.

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HAPPY
EASTER



ANNIVERSARIES Kindly pray for Kenneth Buckingham, Pat Holohan, Betty Fallaize, Joe McWilliams, Dick McCamley and Tinneke Robertson whose anniversaries are at this time. **May they rest in Peace**

✚ Please pray for Mrs. Anna Carminati of our Parish who sadly died recently. Please also keep Gino and all the family in prayer. Anna's Requiem Mass will be on Monday April 8th at 12.00pm midday. May Anna rest in Peace. ✚

✚ Please pray also for Mr. John Harnetty (father of Michael Harnetty) who sadly died recently. We keep Michael and all the family in prayer too. John's funeral service (not Mass) will be on April 24th at 12.00pm midday. May John rest in Peace. ✚

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

PLEASE: *when receiving Holy Communion, consume the Sacred Host IMMEDIATELY. The Sacred Host should be consumed before receiving the Sacred Blood from the Chalice, if you do not receive from the Chalice, then consume the Sacred Host straight away in front of the Altar. Thank you.*

Please continue to pray for Shantel, Charlie, Gina, Liam, Della and Kelly, who will be fully welcomed into the Catholic Church this Saturday at the Easter Vigil. We wish them every blessing.

Easter Flowers. In honour and remembrance of Pat and Tom Herelihy, Emma Louise Lucibello, Gloria Jean Ray, Pauline Burgess, Walenty Krolokowski, and Barbara and Ken Dewar. Thanks also to those of yourselves who have donated anonymously.

Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda –

Appeal Next weekend 6/7 April

This Charity works to provide a future through education for some of the poorest children in the world. Judi Fawcett, Founder and Trustee, will talk briefly at all the

Masses about their work. For more information about EVC please go to their website at <http://www.evcuganda.org>.

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.

Wednesday Coffee Morning

This Wednesday 3rd April after the 10.00am Mass.
If anyone would like to join the small team of volunteers for Wednesday coffee mornings that would be very much appreciated.



Sunday Coffee Mornings

This Easter Sunday, March 31st after the 10am Mass.

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.

First Holy Communion – The Repository

Our lovely Repository has a wonderful selection of First Holy Communion gifts. There is also a catalogue available if you would like to view and order. However, please do this sooner rather than later to avoid disappointment.

Knights' Forthcoming event : The Knights are organising a quiz night to take place on Saturday 20th April in Pope John Paul II hall, starting at 7.30pm. Teams of six and above. If you haven't a team and wish to participate just turn up and we'll find one for you. Full details will appear in next week's newsletter.

From The SVP Conference ,Rayleigh

This Easter, the SVP Conference Members would like to express our gratitude to all Parishioners for the continued support you have given to those in need.

Sadly there is a greater need, at present, to help families who are struggling in one way or another.

Loneliness is also a big factor in some of our older Parishioners lives. We can pay them a visit and hopefully brighten their week. Please contact an SVP Member if you know of anyone who may be in need of a visit.

You have enabled us to support so many individuals and single parent families with both financial and practical help which has made such a difference to their lives. I would ask you to keep the SVP in your Prayers so we can continue to carry on our work in supporting those in need.

We would finally like to wish you all a Blessed and Holy Easter.

Pat Rickard, President, SVP Conference Rayleigh, 01702 206842 or Mobile 07831 558242.

"Foodbank Donations"

For many years, OLOR Parishioners have generously supported Rayleigh Foodbank through food donations in the box in the porch. In this way, we have developed a good working relationship with the team at Hopeworx which runs the foodbank. You are kindly asked to note that Hopeworx can only accept donations of food that are **within their 'Best before date' or 'Expiry date'**. Out-of-date items should be disposed of through your own local council refuse collections."

In your kindness, please think: would I want to eat/drink items that are a long time out-of-date? Would I eat previously opened items, previously opened by an unknown person? Thank you.

The Legion of Mary Acies, *the annual consecration to Our Lady, takes place on **Saturday 6th April 2024 at 2pm in St Teresa of Lisieux Church, 16 Clairmont Rd, Colchester CO3 9BE.** Active and Auxiliary Legionaries and any other interested parishioners are welcome to attend. It includes Benediction but not Mass. Also.....*

Legion of Mary - Edel Quinn Pilgrimage to Aylesford, Kent. Saturday 4th May 2024. *There will be a coach to take us to the shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St Simon Stock for our annual Legion of Mary pilgrimage held each year near the anniversary of the death (in 1944) of our great legionary envoy to East Africa, Edel Quinn. Active and Auxiliary Legionaries, Senior and Junior, welcome to attend. Other interested parishioners too. For more details and to book a place on the coach, contact Isobel Kennedy 07795 821705. The charge for the coach will be £15, children £10. The coach pick up point in Rayleigh is at The Eastwood Road Bus Stop, by M&S. The coach pick up time is **9.15am**. The places are taken up very quickly and booking is on a first-come-first-served basis, so do contact Isobel ASAP*

Our Lady of Ransom Theatre Club

There are a few trips arranged that may be of interest . Most are local (meet at theatre) with just two in London . Car share / travel companions can be arranged . £5 pp initial payment . All tickets can be paid in instalments.

The trips arranged are as follows :

April 20th from 7pm ' The Boatyard ' Leigh on Sea - Silent Disco (£20pp)

May 16th - 18th 7:30pm ' Who Framed Easter Bunny ' (Rayleigh Operatic and Dramatic Society Mill Hall) This is not a trip I am able to arrange due to a clash but if interested let me know and I can send more details of how to book !!

May - 31st 7:30 pm ' Fastlove ' George Michael Tribute £39.50 Cliffs Pavillion

June - 7th 7:30 pm Twelfth Night Regent's Park Open Air Theatre London (£37 pp)

Sunday 23rd June 3pm Anton and Giovanni - Together Tour (£58 pp)

August 1st 7pm Madagascar The Musical (£26.50 pp)

Tuesday 6th august 8pm (cliffs)- ' Pretty Woman '

(£38 pp)

29th august 7.30pm Taylormania (£30.50 pp)

September 14th 2:30pm Hairspray the Musical - £49.50

October- 10th Lord of the dance (£36 pp)

(all above are at Cliffs Pavillion)

Oct 12th - Come from Away Musical in London at New Wimbledon Theatre £44.50

November 5th Grease The Musical 8pm- (£35.50)

November 30th - Jack and The Beanstalk Panto Towngate Basildon- £21pp

31st December Jack and The Beanstalk pantomime Cliffs Pavillion £32.50 (all front stalls)

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'Paddy McGuinness - Nearly There..' - Feb 21st - 7:45 (£44.50)

'& Juliet' May 7th 8pm

'Tina Turner Musical'

August 27th - 7.30pm (£33.50)

To book please contact clare_simon@hotmail.co.uk or message 077571383

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/sl

BCYS YOUTH MASS

[Youth Mass, Thursday 4th April 2024](#)

Celebrating the Easter week with a Praise and Worship Music Workshop.

Meet in the Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza and refreshments, before being lead in a music workshop with Art Wangcharoensab from the Cathedral music department.

Singing is a wonderful way of praying together, sharing our talents and celebrating our faith, particularly in the joyful week following Easter Sunday! You are welcome to sing, bring an instrument or just listen if you prefer!

At 7:30, Mass will then be celebrated in the Cathedral, where you are also welcome to sing, play, read or serve (just bring along an alb or instrument.) All information can be found at

www.bcys.net

Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

Interested in the Catholic Response to homelessness, welcoming refugees and migrants, assisting with the Cost of Living Crisis, or tackling the causes and effects of climate change? You are invited to the 2024 Caritas Brentwood Networking Day, Saturday 27th April, 10am – 2.30pm, at the St Edward the Confessor Church Hall, Romford (10-minute walk from Romford Station on the Elizabeth line, Bus routes from London are regular, parking is available but limited and a bike rack is also on site). This day is a chance to be sustained, share ideas and good practices with people from parishes across Essex and East London and hear about charities and resources available. Details and Registration (for free!) at www.caritasbrentwood.org/network

Concert for St John Bosco Children's Camp: Come and enjoy an exciting variety show of music and entertainment, to raise money for the camp, which provides holidays for over 100 children. The camp is restarting in 2024, under the umbrella of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood. The fundraising concert is on **Saturday 13th April 2024 - New Windmill Hall, Upminster. 7:00 to 9:00 pm. Wine and refreshments included.** Adult tickets £10; children £5. Bookings by phone: 07957382592. Online bookings and more details: www.boscocamp.co.uk/events

Volunteers at the St John Bosco Children's Camp; from 27th July – 3rd August help give 100 children a holiday. Helpers must be 18+, and the Camp will arrange for a DBS check,

and appropriate training. To help at the Bosco Camp is a wonderful experience, and now is the time to apply. Details: www.boscocamp.co.uk

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society will be hosting a very special Anniversary Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel, Thorpe Bay, Southend-on-Sea on **Tuesday 23rd April 2024** at 1pm for service at 1.30pm. They are delighted that Bishop Alan, BCCS President, will be attending as guest of honour. Tickets for the event are £34.00 per person and should be purchased before Monday 8th April directly from their event webpage: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/> or by clicking on their secure payment form here: <https://form.iotform.com/240354018762352> Once you have purchased your tickets, please advise Julie of any special dietary requirements or seating requests by contacting her by email jabbott@bccs.org.uk or call her on 07912 277413. Guests will be seated at tables of 12.

Also...The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) are looking for thrill seekers with a passion for fundraising to take part in Harlow Tye Rotary's annual Harlow Water Tower Abseil on Saturday 18th May 2024. For all details, please visit our Harlow Water Tower Abseil webpage here: <https://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/>

To secure your spot, a £35 entry fee will be paid to the Harlow Tye Rotary Club, with all funds raised through your efforts being donated to BCCS. Please reach out to Charlotte: cwalker@bccs.org.uk / 07986841178 to sign up

ST BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL

Exam Invigilators

The school is looking to recruit further Exam Invigilators to join its bank of staff who oversee examinations in the school. Training will be given.

Hourly rate: £10.50

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 becoming part of the team, please fill in a non-teaching application form found on our website under <https://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk/about-us/vacancies/> and email it to recruitment@stbernards.southend.sch.uk

Pastoral Support Assistant at St. Bernard's

Five Days Per Week, Term Time Only, 8.00am – 4.00pm Scale 7 –12 (£24,294 – £26,421)

(Pro rata actual salary £20,827 – £22,650)

An opportunity has arisen for a Pastoral Assistant to join our Pastoral Team. We are looking for a positive, enthusiastic and approachable professional to support Heads of Year and work alongside Learning Mentors supporting identified students. You will be joining a successful, friendly and supportive department within a high-performing school, supporting students from Years 7 – Y13. You will need to be able to work flexibly and provide support, motivation and guidance to students. You will liaise with our Heads of Year and Learning Mentors with pastoral concerns and investigations of incidents.

St Bernard's High School is a vibrant Catholic girl's school from Years 7-11 with a co-educational mixed Sixth Form. Our school is ranked one of the top schools in Southend, and we are in the top 20% of schools across the country for our progress with students and our outcomes. It is a warm and welcoming school where our Catholic values underpin our day to day life.

And A Receptionist

Five Days Per Week, Term Time Only Plus Two Weeks,

8.30am – 4.30pm Scale 7-12 (£24,294 - £26,421) / pro rata actual salary £21,852 - £23,766)

We are seeking to appoint a full-time Receptionist to join our friendly admin team at St Bernard's High School. The Receptionist will be the face of the school, as the first point of contact either by phone or once on site. You will provide a professional receptionist service to the school as well as secretarial support to teaching staff. If you

have the ability to work under pressure and prioritise effectively, be committed to maintaining confidentiality at all times, and be able to deal with difficult situations effectively, come join our team.

