

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



14th April 2024 - Easter 3B

Psalter Week 3

Ghosts! Do you believe in them? Some people do, often due to personal experience. Others do not, possibly with no such experience, saying it is simply not real, or, if they can't explain it now, then maybe one day science will explain this phenomena. Who knows?

Is the Resurrected Jesus a ghost! The account presents some people with a dilemma. If Jesus is risen, and is spirit, what is he doing eating some grilled fish with them? Have you ever eaten a meal with a ghost? A spirit? On the other hand, if he is body, is he just a resuscitated corpse, much like the story of Lazarus?

It appears that Jesus is concerned to show his friends that he is real, he is body, he is embodied. At the same time, when we look at all the stories of Our Lord's Resurrection, we notice that the focus is not on a bodily resuscitation – but a new resurrected body. A new type of body. A body that is open to universal presence, to people everywhere, and at one in the same time. Jesus has become the all-available Christ. Those who remember the old catechism may recall the expression the 'glorified body' Jesus is now the all-available Christ.

Have you ever met someone you knew quite well, that you haven't seen for many years? You can see it is them, yet at the same time, they may have changed quite dramatically. It is them, yet, in a strange way, it isn't! Mary Magdalene first thought Jesus was a gardener! Then she recognised Him. Yes and no at the same time. That's a way of appreciating how the disciples may have viewed Jesus.

So it is with Jesus' resurrection. Recognition, yet big difference. A glorified body. As it is with Jesus, so it will be for us. That's why we call it the 'resurrection of the body'. It waits for all of us. That's our faith. All of us will be resurrected bodies. He has overcome our final death. Does that at least bring some joy? Or relief?

Our present bodies have limited presence, if I'm here, I'm not there. But the new kind of resurrected body is a new kind of presence which is limitless. So we can eat 'grilled fish', yet be limitless at the same time. The dilemma is overcome in Jesus the Christ.

Ghosts? No. Resuscitated corpses? No. Something infinitely greater, all overcome in Jesus the Christ. Do we have that kind of faith? Does that faith bring some joy? Good news!

1st Reading: Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19

Psalm: 4: 2, 4, 7, 9

2nd Reading: 1 John 2: 1-5

Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th April

5.30pm Mass

Graeme Mason Hoare RIP – Kathy Hoare

Sunday 14th April

Thirds Sunday of Easter

8.00am Mass

Parish Community

10.00am Mass

Mary Kenefick RIP (Anniv) - Marian Kenefick

Monday 15th April

9.30am Mass

Anna Carminati RIP – Peter and Jean Wood

Tuesday 16th April

9.30am Mass

Terry Askem RIP (Anniv) – Brenda Askem

Wednesday 17th April

10.00am Mass

John Carmen RIP – Marissa Carmen

Thursday 18th April

9.30am Mass

Nicola Chamberlain and Family Ints – Rae Healy

Friday 19th April

9.30am Mass

Joseph McWilliams RIP – Emma Vick

Saturday 20th April

5.30pm Mass

Michael Gumley RIP (Anniv) – Marie Smith

Sunday 21st April

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Prayer for Vocations)

8.00am Mass

Parish Community

10.00am Mass

Irena Owczarek 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

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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

The Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4.30pm – 5pm Saturday evenings (not in the confessional box)

Please be aware - Times and days of weekday Masses are subject to change. Our Parish is part of The Brentwood Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity Number 234092



ANNIVERSARIES Kindly pray for Terry Askem, Marcelle Mark, Pat Marshall, Michael Gumley, Denis Holland and Valerie Quill whose anniversaries are at this time. Thank you. **May they rest in Peace**

✠ Please pray 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.

Empowering Vulnerable Children (EVC) Uganda –

Appeal last weekend 6th /7th April

Including Gift Aid, a total of £963.13 was raised last week, a tremendous contribution to the work. It is support like this which enables provision for a future, through education, for some of the poorest children in the world. Thank you again. Ted and Judy.

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 17th 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 If you are interested in running a coffee morning after the Sunday 10am Mass, please let the presbytery know. Thank you.





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.

The Knights of St. Columba

QUIZ NIGHT - next Saturday 20th April at 7.30pm in the Pope John Paul Hall. Teams of 6 and above recommended. Entrance fee £2 per person. Please support this event - the Knights are hoping to arrange other social events in order to bring our parish community together.

On Sunday 21st April, six Knights will be raised to Full Knighthood during the 10am Mass.

Red Box 2023: Thank you!

In 2023, Our Lady of Ransom Parish raised **£2,947.20** through the Red Boxes and online donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. On behalf of Missio and the Parish thank you all for your generous contributions. And thank you to all our local Missio Promoters who help to coordinate the collection of the Red Missio Boxes at regular intervals and bank the contributions into the Missio account.

Missio is the Pope's charity for World Mission. We ignite God's love by helping local missionaries to walk alongside global communities who are poor or in need, regardless of their background or belief. Thank you for your continued support for our global Church, through prayer and generous giving despite the challenging times we live in. In 2023, you provided essential support to enable Missionary Priests, just like Fr Ignatius, go out to some of the most remote areas of their parish to share the Sacraments and the message of the Gospel with their communities. This is the very essence of being a missionary disciple, and something we can all share in.

Our Parish here today is connected to our global Catholic community through the celebration of the Eucharist and through prayer. As you will be aware, in many countries the Church not only provides for the spiritual needs of the local community, but it is also a key player in the provision of services that improve the well-being of the most vulnerable in society. For example, in the Karamoja region of Uganda, the Mill Hill Missionaries have been working with the community to organise local self-help groups. The aim is to amplify the voices of marginalized groups, particularly

women, who historically have been side-lined in decision-making processes. As a result, unique projects have been developed that are tailored to each group's specific needs and interests.

Through Missio, we are part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries like Fr Ignatius through prayer and financial assistance. Together, through the Red Box we will continue to support communities around the world as they share the Gospel message through their words and actions.

If you don't already have a Red Box at home, or would like one, please speak with one of the ushers in church.

Thank you again and God Bless you all.
Local Missio Secretary – Our Lady of Ransom Parish

Housekeeper – Our Lady of Ransom - Rayleigh

Our Lady of Ransom are looking for a part time Housekeeper for the Presbytery.

The role will include cleaning and maintaining the Presbytery to provide a comfortable living space for the parish priest and also involves preparing meals.

The post will be part-time (working around 5 hours per week over two days).

Applicants can send their CV's to the parish email rayleigh@brcdt.org or application forms can be obtained by contacting the parish.

Full Job description can be viewed via our website: Housekeeper Our Lady of Ransom – Rayleigh www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us

Available now.



From The SVP Conference ,Rayleigh

This Easter time, 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.

Running the London Marathon.

Kath Pearson, formerly of OLOR School and St. Bernard's is running in the London Marathon on April 23rd to raise money for The Havens Hospice. All donations welcome. Kath has a Facebook page, KP Kat; alternatively, any donations can be left at the presbytery to be collected by Kath's mother, Mary. Kath previously ran for our primary school and St. Bernard's, so let's help her support once again those in need. Thank you.

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

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

WORK EXPERIENCE

CAFOD and SVP are working together to offer **residential work experience for 20 young adults**. Candidates must be over 20 years old and have a **passion for social justice**.



7th July-13th July



All accommodation costs, meals and travel to the Office throughout the week are covered.



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