

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



21st April 2024 - Easter 4B – Good Shepherd (Vocations) Sunday Psalter Week 4

Abusive and foul language - the drunken yob is disturbing the peace. The police are called. Using force to try and stop and arrest him, he only hurls even more abuse back. Suddenly “sir” appears. “Sir” is a well- respected and loved retired teacher who taught this young man. Loving with discipline, he would discipline the children with love. No surprise -he had fewer discipline problems.

“Gerry, come on young man, and let’s get you home” sir says. “Good evening sir” says Gerry, he apologises to everyone and ‘sir ‘calmly escorts him home. Do we prefer force or authority?

Clearly there is a big difference between using force and using authority. Using force can increase negative energies, sending us deeper into our fears and anxieties. Look at some of the political leaders in our world today who use force. Look at their peoples. Do we need more proof? Sir”, on the other hand, had authority, an authority that came from within. Authority is the ability to “author” other people’s lives, to help people write the direction of, and find meaning to their lives. Leadership, service, authoring with respect and dignity.

This is Jesus’ way. Watch Jesus carefully. He never appeals to other priestly/rabbinical authority; never to other sacred texts, nor to anyone else – and certainly never force. His power and truth come from within, from his life-style. A life-style that simply reflects – truth. And pure goodness. He is simply - the Good Shepherd. Shepherding us, tough yet tender; discipline yet love.

Power without or outside the Holy Spirit becomes force, domination, oppression. Again, look at some world leaders. And their peoples. Where is the Holy Spirit in this scenario?

Power inside and with the Holy Spirit becomes service, authority, leadership, truth. Look at Jesus. Or sir, maybe. The Holy Spirit alive and active.

Life-style must reflect this Jesus-authority - Good shepherd authority.

The Jesus-authority is the authority that casts out demons, calms abusive people down, an authority that can surprise others. Service and true leadership. An authority that enables people to come alive, excited with life’s opportunities and with life itself. Don’t be surprised at the authority we can have with other people’s lives, when our life-style simply reflects – Good Shepherd life-style.

1st Reading: Acts 4: 8-12

Psalms: 117: 1, 8-9, 211-23, 26, 28-29

2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2

Gospel: John 10: 11-18



MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday 22nd April

9.30am Mass

Canon Anthony Dolan RIP

Tuesday 23rd April

9.30am Mass

Kate Clinch RIP (Anniv) – Jean Wood

Wednesday 24th April

10.00am Mass

The Hemming Family RIP

Thursday 25th April

9.30am Mass

Fr. John McCullough RIP – SVP Rayleigh

Friday 26th April

9.30am Mass

Nick Reid RIP – Mary and Tom Butterworth

Saturday 27th April

5.30pm Mass

Pauline Burgess RIP – Barry and Philip Burgess

Sunday 28th April

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8.00am Mass

Marie and Colin Griffin (Ints) – SVP Rayleigh

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

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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 Anna Mazen, Norman Hamilton, Kate Clinch, Bob Scott and Hugh Kirkland 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 this week, 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.

It has been requested that a copy of the newsletter be placed on the notice-board for quick reference. Please leave it attached to the notice-board for others to see. Thank you.

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.*

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.

Thanks to all who came and supported our Coffee Morning last Sunday. £110.00 was raised that will go to the School's Year 6 Leavers' Fund. Thank you all.





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

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

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-u

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*

Prayer/wellbeing garden at St. Thomas More's School: This is a plea from the St Thomas More SVP and CAFOD teams for support with our prayer/wellbeing garden. We have been donated some lovely fruit trees for our garden and need some extra-large tubs and potting compost to enable them a growth spurt before they go into the ground. If you have any garden resources that you no longer use or is going spare, we would be very grateful. Please drop any donations to St Thomas More reception or contact reception@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk. Any donations will be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Abortion. Good Counsel Network “On Saturday 27th April, which is the 56th anniversary of abortion becoming legal in Britain, please pray and fast for the end of abortion in this Country. Normally we would ask you to fast from all food except bread and water for the day, but as it is still the Easter Season, you might choose instead to fast from a particular food or luxury, e.g. chocolate, alcohol, cigarettes, TV. Through God’s grace we have seen thousands of Mothers in our counselling centre continue their pregnancies in very difficult circumstances. Please help us to help save lives with your prayers, fasting and support. www.GoodCounselNetwork.com”

In case you did not see it yet here is The Catholic Herald short article by Clare about the Pro-Life struggle and why fasting and prayer are so important. Please take a few minutes to read it, <https://catholicherald.co.uk/can-pray-and-fasting-really-make-any-difference-when-it-comes-to-abortion/>

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 :

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, NEXT 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

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School is looking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly-motivated class teacher in KS1/2 to join our friendly and dedicated team

The post would suit an experienced or newly qualified teacher who is either a practising Catholic or willing to support the strong Catholic ethos of our school.

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

The appointment is subject to satisfactory references, medical and enhanced DBS checks.

Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged.

For more details please contact Mr. Parascandolo (Head Teacher) via the school office (01268 785741)

For an application form please visit the school website www.olorcps.net

Closing date: Thursday 9th May 2024 (4pm) Interview date: tbc

We reserve the right to call for interview and appoint prior to the closing date

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.



**CAFOD and SVP National Office,
Romero House, Waterloo, SE1 7JB**



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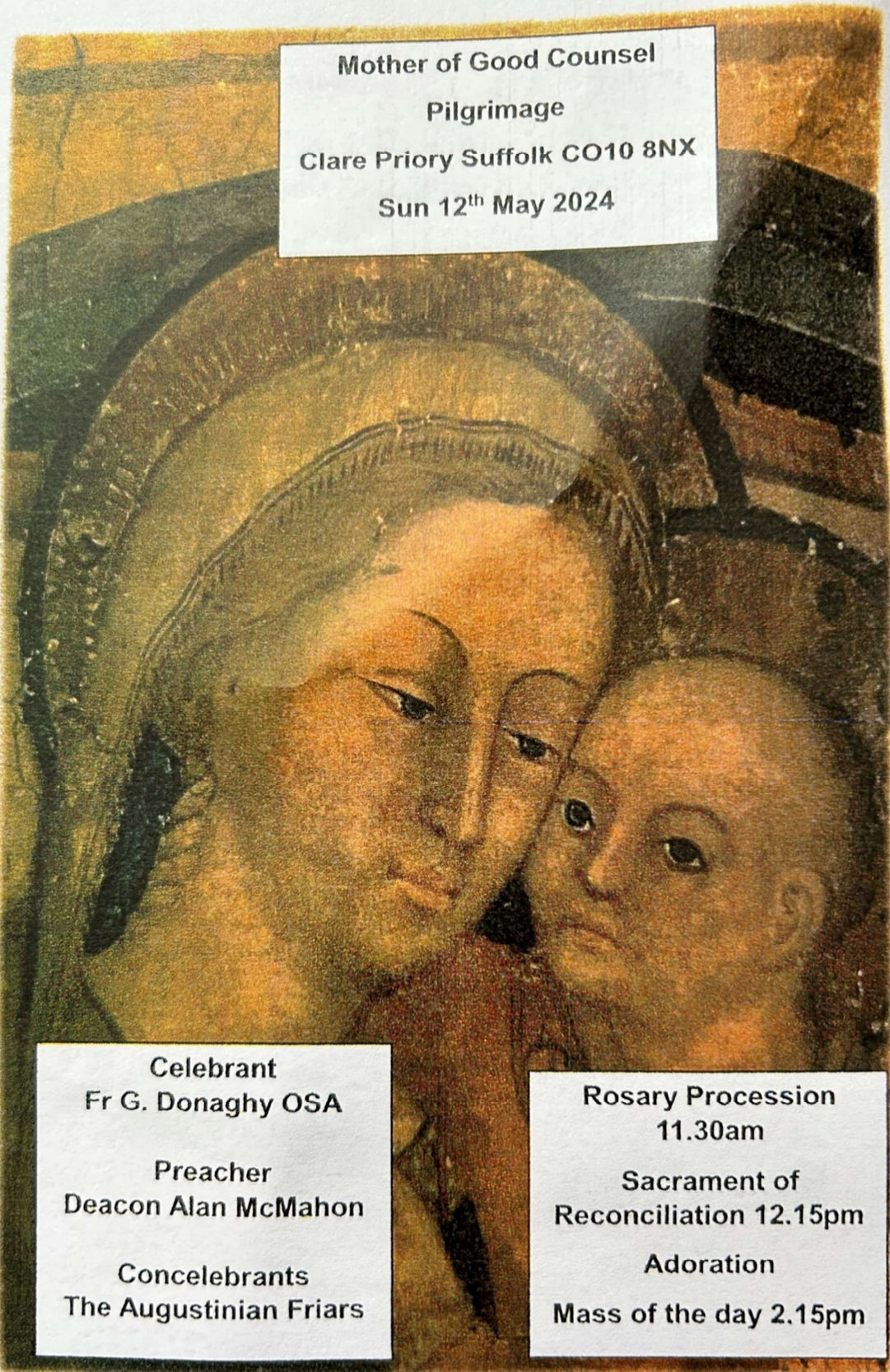


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**Mother of Good Counsel
Pilgrimage
Clare Priory Suffolk CO10 8NX
Sun 12th May 2024**

**Celebrant
Fr G. Donaghy OSA**

**Preacher
Deacon Alan McMahon**

**Concelebrants
The Augustinian Friars**

**Rosary Procession
11.30am
Sacrament of
Reconciliation 12.15pm
Adoration
Mass of the day 2.15pm**

Clare Priory, Ashen Road, Clare, Suffolk CO10 8NX
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Bring a Picnic Lunch

