

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

28th April 2024 - Easter 5B

Psalter Week 1



A delivery-man pauses, sits on a bench, scrapes his pipe and watches the world go by. Seeing a young businessman nearby, he asks: *do you have a light please?* The smart businessman asks what he is doing. *I'm resting and filling my pipe.* "Shouldn't you be doing more deliveries"? *Why would I do that?* "To earn more money". *Why do that?* "You fool! With more money, you could buy new equipment, more delivery vans, make even more money, employ people...start your own delivery business". *Then what?* "Well, then you could relax, and begin to enjoy life and take it easy". *What do you think I'm doing now?* – replied the delivery-man with a contented smile.

This story suggests that the delivery-man is probably a "connected" man. A deeply happy man. Connected to deeper realities. To use Jesus' words, 'a branch connected to the vine'. He is free. Could he be easily stressed-out? I doubt it. Being connected in this way, whatever we want just happens. How connected might our smart business friend be? Hmmm? It feels like everything we pray for happens. Seek and ye shall find...At a profound, radical level, everything is okay. Pure joy.

Dis-connected - the branch cut from the vine, we live separate autonomous lives, resulting in a profound self-centredness, selfishness, sadness, anger and rage, ie. we are not in communion with ourselves, with each other, or with God. We are not rooted in God's peace. Might that explain some of the problems in the world around us? No deeper connection. No amount of entertainment, good food, or good living can fill this deep, raw, nagging emptiness that so many suffer today. As I say, just look around. As Jesus says – we are "useless", fruitless – and no good for helping humanity. Being disconnected really is the root of all sinfulness. Thinking we can go it alone, autonomously, without God.

It's not about getting it right or being clever or smart, but about finding a deeper peace and joy like our friend above. Being connected. It seems many would rather appear smart about their ideas than be happy. When we are connected, and bad things happen, instead of continually raging against them, avoiding or breaking down - we eventually break *through*. We work *through* the terrible hurts of life, humiliations and deaths, then after a little while, maybe, we then become a "larger than life" person. It's called resurrection. Humility, vulnerability, being powerless for a time – hard, yes – but these are typical virtues that eventually connect us. Being consciously connected to the source will always result in a zest for life and joy. Would we rather be smart, or happy?

1st Reading: Acts 9: 26-31

Psalms: 21: 26-28, 30-32

2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 18-24

Gospel: John 15: 1-8



MASS INTENTIONS

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
Monday 29th April	
St. Catherine of Sienna (Patron of Europe)	
9.30am Mass	Henry Baidoo RIP
Tuesday 30th April	
Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse	
9.30am Mass	Fr. John McCullough – Lorna Warren and Family
Wednesday 1st May	
10.00am -----	<u>Eucharistic Service</u>
Thursday 2nd May	
St. Athanasius	
-----	No Mass or Eucharistic Service
Friday 3rd May	
SS. Philip and James	
9.30am Mass	Vera Cooling RIP (Anniv) – Tony Cooling
Saturday 4th May	
The English Martyrs	
5.30pm Mass	Parish Community
Sunday 5th May	
Sixth Sunday of Easter	
8.00am Mass	Luciano Menegatti RIP – Candi and Family
10.00am Mass	Cecilia and Olatunde Macauley (Ints)

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</p>
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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 all those whose anniversaries are at this time. Thank you. **May they 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. Thank you.

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 1st May after the 10.00am Eucharistic Service. If anyone would like to join the small team of volunteers for Wednesday coffee mornings that would be very much appreciated.



Coffee Morning next Sunday, May 5th. The St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) will be hosting the Sunday Coffee morning after the 10am Mass. Please come along and support YOUR SVP Conference, meet with friends and have a catch up chat. Pat Rickard, President, SVP Conference
Rayleigh, 01702 206842 or Mobile 07831 558242.



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

Children's Liturgy- there will be children's liturgy on 28/4 and 5/5, and then there will be a break while 10am mass is devoted to First Holy Communion and Confirmation services. Thanks.



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.

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, at times, also involves preparing meals.

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

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

Parish Pilgrimage to Fatima: *next year, possibly around early May. Interested? No details yet. If interested please contact Fr. Paul or Nicky (07710 126563) or nicky.prideaux@outlook.com This is just to see the level of interest. Thank you.*

Kath Pearson: *wishes to thank everyone who donated towards her London Marathon run. This was in aid of the Haven's Children's Hospice. Kath completed the run in 4 hours and 10 minutes with no stops and raised approximately £1,500. Well done Kath.*

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.

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

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

Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre – St Patrick’s Way Pilgrimage 2025

The Community is organising a pilgrimage on 22-27 April 2025. We will be journeying along the newly-established St Patrick's Way in the North of Ireland. The pilgrimage is open to all faiths and none and is aimed at being accessible to everyone - walkers and non-walkers.

If you are interested in joining us, please find further details and booking form on our website <https://canonesses.co.uk/pilgrimage-st-patricks-way-april-2025/> or email projects@canonesses.co.uk. Closing date: 10 May 2024.

Thy Kingdom Come - Pentecost Prayer Novena. The original novena (nine days) was prayed by the apostles in the upper room on the days in between the Ascension of the Lord and the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. We are all invited to pray this novena, for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon our Church, but also on those we hold in our hearts who don't know the Lord. Why not join with the Sion Community in Brentwood, to pray this novena in a special way this year. There will be a launch event for the Pentecost Novena at 8pm on the evening of Ascension Thursday, 9th May, with Praise & Worship and a short talk. There will then be a 24/7 interactive prayer room running from 2pm on Sunday 12th May to 10pm on Saturday 18th May. People can book an hour slot in the prayer room at a convenient time for them by visiting this link: <https://signup.24-7prayer.com/signup/75e411> or you can join us for Praise & Worship at 8pm each evening.

For more information, please contact admin@sioncommunity.org.uk
Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex, CM15 9BX

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a First Saturday Divine Mercy Recollection Day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, on Saturday 1st June 2024 from 11 am to 4:30 pm. The Recollection Day will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Holy Mass, Stations of the Cross, Hour of Mercy with Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Please call Millie on **07957594646** for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria.

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**



For more information, please contact

- SarahB@svp.org.uk
- Khutchinson@cafod.org.uk

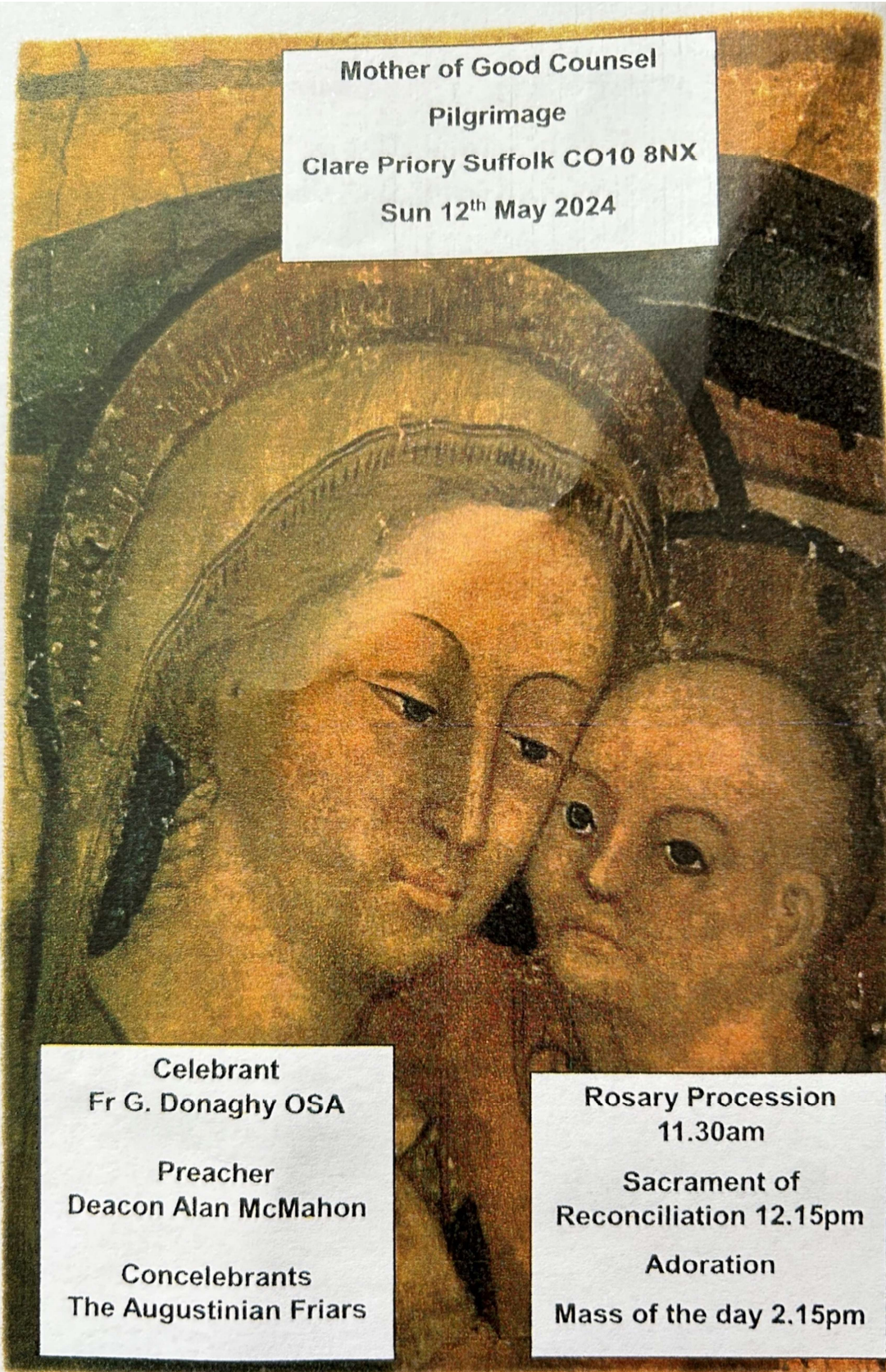


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**Mother of Good Counsel
Pilgrimage
Clare Priory Suffolk CO10 8NX
Sun 12th May 2024**

**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
Tel: 01787 277326 Email: clarepriory@clarepriory.net

Bring a Picnic Lunch



ST BON'S RECONNECT 2024

REUNION AND CELEBRATION NIGHT



11th July 2024 - 18.30 till late

St Antony's Catholic Club - The Red House

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Early Bird price of £35



For enquires: please email alumni@stbons.org