

## Parish Newsletter

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM



19<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Pentecost (B)

Psalter Week 3

The concert hall was filled with gently humming low-pitched voices. One could feel a certain excitement and anticipation. The grand piano was ready, on stage, waiting for the maestro. On the front seats were two ladies chatting, with their respective children either side. During all this, one of the children, five years old, unseen by mum, toddled up to the stage and started playing the piano as any five-year old might. Plink-a-plonk, with no melody, nothing. Just random notes. A hush came over the audience, mum was mortified, mortified into paralysis, unable to collect her son. Was anyone else prepared to gently usher the boy back to his embarrassed mum?

Seconds later, the maestro came out to a round of applause, and without introduction he crouched behind the child, and with arms around the child, started to play the piano, such that you almost felt that the child's random plink-a-plonks were part of the overall melody and music. Such was the skill of the maestro. This went on for a few minutes. When he was satisfied that the child had 'played' enough, he tenderly handed the child back to his mum. He then began his repertoire.

At the end, he received thunderous applause, as great as his musical prowess was, what do you think the people spoke about most on leaving the concert hall? And subsequently? No prizes for guessing! A true story from about 100 plus years ago. So beautiful.

It illustrates something of the Holy Spirit. Wherever there are gaps in our lives, the Holy Spirit will fill. If our prayer allows him to, if we're in touch. Are we? Many are not.

Yes we can feel frightened, lack confidence, not feel up to it. We so doubt ourselves. Being in touch with Our Lord's Spirit lets us be 'on fire' like the disciples and do amazing things even when we're unsure or frightened – as were the disciples. And we surprise ourselves especially when our life's notes are random and seem to have little or no melody - no melody of order, depth, purpose .or meaning.

Claim the Holy Spirit. He is there for the taking. Will we avail ourselves of Him? Despite our own inadequacies, let's be sure to be in touch with this Holy Spirit, and quite possibly, amaze even ourselves.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 2: 1-11**

**Psalms: 103: 1, 24, 29-31, 34**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Galatians 5: 16-25**

**Gospel: John 15: 26-27, 16:12-15**



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May**

**5.30pm Mass**

Bill Williams RIP – Jean Williams

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May**

**Pentecost**

**8.00am Mass**

Patrick Reidy (Ints) - Marie Venneear

**10.00am Mass**

Parish Community with Confirmation Candidates (Ints)

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

**Mary, Mother of the Church**

**9.30am Mass**

Nick Ryan RIP – Judy Hoskins

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**

**9.30am Mass**

Fr. Derek Powney RIP

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

**9.30am Mass**

Mel Francké RIP –The Francké Family

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest**

**9.30am Mass**

Joey McBrearty RIP – The Bunker Family

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**9.30am Mass**

Fr. John McCullough RIP – Susan and Damian Lucibello

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

**5.30pm Mass**

Sheila Linton RIP – Esther Thomas

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**The Most Holy Trinity**

**8.00am Mass**

John McMorrow RIP – The Bunker family.

**10.00am Mass**

Parish Community with 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Children

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 all those whose anniversaries are at this time. Especially Fay Semple, William Packwood, Jim Fallaize, Joan Daubney and Matthew Barnetson. **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.

**Please pray for our young people receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> at the 10am Mass.**

**Congratulations: Erin, Isla, Xandre, Jack C, Noah, Oliver, Laura, Aimos, Ava, Mila, Sebastian, Beau, Elodie, Alfie, Lydia, Jack M and Oakley on receiving your First Holy Communion last week. What a joyful celebration it was. Wishing you all, every joy, success and blessings in Our Lord's presence in the years to come.**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May - First Holy Communions. Two further groups of our children will be making their First Holy Communion at the 10am Mass on this day. Please keep them in your prayers.**

**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

Coffee morning this Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 10am Mass.

If anyone would like to join the small team of volunteers for Wednesday coffee mornings that would be very much appreciated.



**Coffee Morning this morning, Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>, after the 10am Mass.** 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](http://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.

## **From The SVP, Rayleigh**

The Members of the SVP would like to thank everyone who came along supported the Coffee Morning after the 10o'clock Mass last Sunday morning

The donations given were **£80.50p** which will be used to support those on our Care List.

Thank you also to those people who made or donated cakes.

It proved to be a very successful morning.

I would ask you to keep the SVP in your Prayers so we can continue to carry on our work of supporting those in need

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

**Legion of Mary** *The Family Rosary. We in the Legion of Mary are looking for families to accept a statue of Our Lady of Fatima in their homes for a week during the month of*

*May/June nd to pray the Rosary for peace in the world and also for their own families and perhaps for a special intention etc... If you are interested, please contact Isobel Kennedy on 07795 821705 or 01702 230578*

**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](mailto:nicky.prideaux@outlook.com) This is just to see the level of interest. 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)

### **2025**

'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](mailto:clare_simon@hotmail.co.uk) or message 07757 138345

### **CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IN AN ELECTION YEAR**

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June Raymond Friel OBE, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, will lead a Study Day, reflecting on Catholic Social Teaching and what the Church says about democracy and voting. Talks will be at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Coffee will be available from 10.30 am and the talks begin at 11 am, and conclude by 2 pm. This is an in-person event, also available online at [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) If you intend to be present please email [gideapark@brcdt.org](mailto:gideapark@brcdt.org) Please bring a packed lunch. No booking necessary for online participation. Simply go to the website. Talks will be available on the website after the event.

### **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](http://www.bcys.net/events/sl)

**Retreat Manager for Walsingham House at Abbotswick:** Walsingham House are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager for Walsingham House. The Retreat Manager will work to ensure the smooth and efficient running of retreats and leading the volunteer team. This is a live in position and ideal for someone with previous experience in youth ministry. Full details, including background information and how to apply, can found at [www.bcys.net/news/vacancies/](http://www.bcys.net/news/vacancies/)  
The closing date is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**Programme Leader for Walsingham House at Abbotswick:** Walsingham House are seeking to appoint a Programme Leader. The successful applicant will work alongside the Retreat Manager helping to lead retreats for the schools and

parishes of our diocese. Full details, including background information and how to apply, can be found at [www.bcys.net/news/vacancies/](http://www.bcys.net/news/vacancies/) The closing date is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**Youth Mass, Thursday 6th June 2024, Brentwood Cathedral**

*This may be a busy and stressful time for many of you, particularly those taking exams.*

*The Cathedral and Parish Hall will be open for you to socialise, pray and celebrate Mass with us, or pop in for a break from revision, change of scenery or quiet personal prayer.*

*Pizza from 6pm in the Parish Hall, Mass at 7:30pm in the Cathedral.*

**“Revive. Discover. Empower.” Retreat for Young Adults, 22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> June at Walsingham House at Abbotswick**

*This young adult retreat is an opportunity for spiritual growth and reflection, to revive, discover and empower you in your faith. This retreat is aimed at those aged 18+, having left school, to roughly 30.*

*All details can be found at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)*

**Walsingham House Anniversary Mass, 31<sup>st</sup> August at Walsingham House at Abbotswick**

*Celebrate 40 years of team at Walsingham House with us, beginning with Mass celebrated by Bishop Alan at 12pm followed by celebrations at our beautiful retreat house just outside Brentwood.*

**Children’s Liturgy Appeal – please read**

We are appealing for people to consider coming forward as leaders, so that we are able to continue providing two age group sessions on a weekly basis.

Our aim each week is to help the children to engage with the Gospel in a way that is meaningful in their lives.

We read the Gospel in age appropriate language, and spend time exploring its message through talking, sometimes music, and a variety of activities.

We have 2 groups:

- 1) Younger group – age 3 years up to school year 2. We ask that children come independently, after a settling in session or two, as this enables the group to focus.
- 2) Older group – school years 3 to 6.

Each group has 2 adults in the room - a leader and an assistant -so that requires 4 adults per week for the rota. This is why we need to expand our team, to share the load.

To be a leader, you don't need to be a teacher, or be a parent or an expert on the Bible.....you just need an enthusiasm to share Jesus' message.

We especially need leaders, but assistants are also welcome. Committing to one Sunday per month in term time would make a huge difference to our team.

We would love to diversify our team – it's good for our children to see both male and female leaders. For example, young adults would be such a good role model for our children.

We have a wealth of our own resources to give ideas, and we can direct you to trusted online resources too. You would not be alone, you would be well supported and eased in. You would be able to choose the age group you feel comfortable working with. Perhaps you might even consider doing this in a pair, with a friend.

***We know that the children and young people are the future of the church.....but you can't be the future unless you are fully part of the present.***

We should be so grateful if you would think about this....pray about this.....and if you have any thoughts or questions, please come and talk to any of the team, without any pressure. (or call/text 07801 888787)

**Personal reflection from a longstanding previous leader, Sandra:**

It has been both my and Linda's absolute pleasure to have had the opportunity to share our faith with the children of our parish, many of whom bring their own children now. We are not teachers. We are members of the parish who believe that leading the children in prayer and explaining the Sunday Gospel in a way that captures their attention and speaks directly to them, and most importantly allows them to express their thoughts, questions and prayer requests, is essential. We have found joy in sharing our faith with the children of our parish.



Please consider leading the children. You gain as much from them as they do from you and there are many occasions to smile with some of their innocent comments and accounts.

Quote:

I asked the children who they would like to pray for and one child said,  
"I want to pray for my nanny."  
I asked if she was ill.  
"No she's dead."  
I said, "Oh let's pray for her soul."  
"No she is out of her wheelchair and better now!"  
You see, miracles do happen in our parish!

Thank you to all the big and little ones for making our Sunday groups so special!

*When we hear the word of God and respond, as the early disciples did, our souls will find joy. Joy is also to be found in helping the children of the parish better understand the word of God, at a level that encourages conversation, questions and prayer.*

**Brentwood Catholic Children's Society** is pleased to host their first Charity Tribute Night featuring ABBA Chique at the Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre in Rayleigh on Friday 12th July from 7.30 to 11pm. Please spread the word among friends and family, join them at this special anniversary event and get ready to dance and sing along to your favourite ABBA hits! Tickets cost £20 plus a small booking fee and can be purchased via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abba-tribute-night-tickets-849314000037> Please keep your e-ticket to show on entry to the venue. All details can be found on the BCCS website: [www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/](http://www.bccs.org.uk/get-involved/events/) If you have any questions about the event, please email Julie [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk).

# 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

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# FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 22nd June 2024

12PM – 4PM

St Thomas More, Kenilworth  
Gardens, Westcliff, SS0 0BW

Get ready for a day filled with an abundance of activities  
and endless fun for everyone!

🎵 Live Band Music & Major Acts 🧢 Fancy Dress for Under  
12s 🏰 Bouncy Castles, Slides, and Rides 🎲 Games and  
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