

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



26th May 2024

The Most Holy Trinity (B)

Psalter Week 4

Remember Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers? A dancing sensation of their day. Adored by millions. Maybe there was something almost hypnotic and compelling in watching them dance together, so beautifully, rhythmical and graceful. Where movements are wonderfully reciprocal, exactly to time, it is inherently and aesthetically very pleasing. In the very old days, this is how the Fathers described God. God is **dance**. Not a dancer, but the dance itself. In God as three persons, there is perfect reciprocal movement between the three persons, Father, Son and Spirit, outwards and inwards, giving and receiving. This is about as best as we can do to try and grasp the ungraspable concept of the Trinity – as a perfect, graceful, exact complementary movement - or dance - between three persons. A perfect relationship between three. I wonder if people were ever taught this very ancient teaching?

Yes, it's all about relationship. Scientists today, looking through telescopes and microscopes, at atoms and planets, are finding that the power and energy of things is not in the atoms or the planets or stars themselves – but in the very orbits they make with each other. The power and energy comes from the relationship - the '*in-between*'. So we have an entirely relational universe. And our Holy Trinity was saying that all along! Everything is based on relationship. We intuit so well, but explain so poorly. This is old Trinitarian language, maybe with a new, fresh and vital re-appreciation. God is relationship so God must be love, since love is the basis of all healthy and right relationship.

So if God is love and where all healthy and right relationship is, surely God is two (if you love, there must be another to love)? Yet **God is three**. Why?

When two people really love each other so much, they know their relationship is, and has something bigger than the two of them put together. And this "something bigger" holds them together. That something bigger is the Holy Spirit, the 3rd person, a 3rd entity. In God-language, the Holy Spirit is the shared, mutual, explosive, overflowing love between Father and Son. So God must be three.

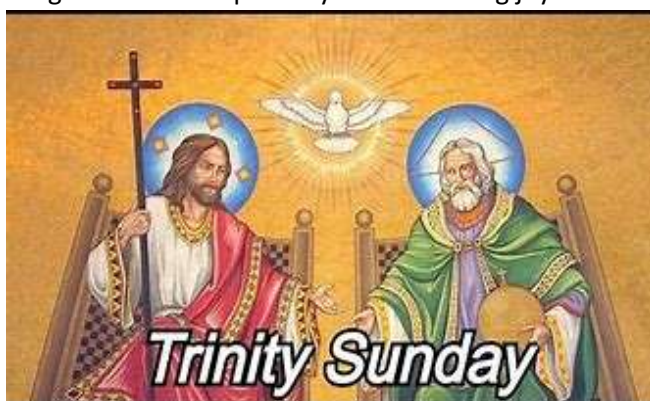
Overflowing love bringing supreme joy, it invites us in. Just like when there is pure love and goodness going on around us, we feel we want to be part of it. We feel drawn to it. In the same way with the Trinity. A perfect relationship of three consisting of pure love, goodness, truth and joy. And Jesus' mission as the 2nd person of the Trinity is to bring us into this supremely overwhelming joy of the Trinity, into the ecstatic dance. So let's be sure to consciously join the dance, and let the dance go on...

1st Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Psalms: 32:4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

2nd Reading: Romans: 8:14-17

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 25th May	St Bede the Venerable
5.30pm Mass	Sheila Linton RIP - Esther Thomas
Sunday 26th May	The Most Holy Trinity
8.00am Mass	John McMorrow RIP - The Bunker Family
10.00am Mass	Parish Community and First Holy Communion Children (Ints)
Monday 27th May	St Augustine of Canterbury
9.30am Mass	Bernadette McCaul (Ints)- Frances Wiley
Tuesday 28th May	
<u>8.30am Mass</u>	Alice Drew RIP
Wednesday 29th May	
10.00am Mass	Ethen Adams RIP
Thursday 30th May	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
9.30am Mass	Imelda Butler (Ints) - Frances Wiley
Friday 31st May	Dedication of Brentwood Cathedral
9.30am Mass	Alison Dex RIP - Karen McKenzie
Saturday 1st June	St Justin
5.30pm Mass	Parish Community
Sunday 2nd June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ(Corpus Christi)
8.00am Mass	Peter Feather RIP
10.00am Mass	Gloria Jean Ray RIP - Ken Ray

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. Especially Matthew Barnetson, Rita Bond, Colm Conneely, Joan Daubney, Pat Murray and Rita Reale. **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.

Congratulations: Aedan, Erin, Gabriel, Katie, Laose, Rhys, Donal and Kaylea on receiving your Confirmation last week. And Edie for 2 weeks-ago. Wishing you all, every joy, success and blessing, as you access the Holy Spirit over the years to come.

Sunday 26th May - First Holy Communion. Two further groups of our children will be making their First Holy Communion at the 10am Mass today. 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.*

Please note: Mass on Tuesday morning is at 8.30am

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 29th 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.



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 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.

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 and 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 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 - 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 or message 07757 138345

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING IN AN ELECTION YEAR

On Saturday 15th 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 If you intend to be present please email 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

HUMAN LIBRARY – Thursday 4th July, 16.00-19.00

Essex Police, with Essex Faith Covenant, Essex Mind and Spirit and Healthwatch Essex, invite you to their Human Library event at St John Payne Catholic School, Chelmsford, CM1 4BS. Pop in any time between 16.00-19.00 to hear people's real-life stories including topics of, "Why I became a Catholic Priest", "Spirituality at the End of Life", "Women in Islam", Addiction, struggles with ADHD and much more. See link to register interest and receive more information or contact Hannah Kelly on Hannah.kelly@essex.police.uk.

<https://forms.office.com/e/9FtyzbhVfH>

"Revive. Discover. Empower." Retreat for Young Adults, 22nd – 23rd 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

Walsingham House Anniversary Mass, 31st 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

Available



Now

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/ If you have any questions about the event, please email Julie jabbott@bccs.org.uk.

This week is the celebration of Laudato Si' Week. We are invited to gather in community to contemplate and nurture seeds of hope for our "suffering planet"

(LD 2). Laudate Deum reminds us of the urgency of the Laudato Si message and the need for personal and cultural transformation amidst our ecological and climate crises.

This year's Laudato Si' Week theme is inspired by the Season of Creation 2024 symbol, "first fruits." Let us be seeds of hope in our lives and our world, rooted in faith and love.

<https://laudatosiweek.org/>

Here, you will find access to the Celebration guide, which includes a prayer book and a suggestion for a Laudato Si' inspired Mass. Please share with your environment/Caritas representatives or perhaps a social justice group within the parish.

Prayer for the care of our planet: O Earth, source of life and beauty, we ask your forgiveness for the damage we have caused and we promise to care for you with love and respect. Give us the strength and wisdom to take concrete actions that will protect your fragility and promote harmony among all living beings. May our hands be instruments of healing and restoration, and may our decisions reflect a deep commitment to your well-being and that of generations to come. Amen.

St. Thomas More High School - open evening, Thursday, 11th July 4.00p.m. to 7.00p.m. - for families who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in September 2025 - come and see the school, meet the staff and pupils.

The Headteacher's talk will begin at 6.00pm

Parents of boys who wish to apply to St. Thomas More School for a place in September 2025 should complete the local education authority single application form (saf) and fill in the supplementary information form (sif) that can be collected at the open evening.

If you are unable to come to the open evening, please contact the school in order to get the supplementary information form. The form can also be downloaded from the school web site:-

WWW.ST-THOMASMORE.SOUTHEND.SCH.UK

Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School has a friendly, dedicated team where everyone belongs. Our children are well behaved and enjoy coming to school.

We currently have a vacancy for the following position:

Learning Support Assistant - required September 2024

We are looking for a learning support assistant and we hope to find someone who has experience of working, understanding and supporting children and who knows that teaching and learning is really important.

Please see full information on our website.

Contact the school office via email at finance@ourladyoflourdes.southend.sch.uk or call on 01702 475689 for an application pack.

Closing Date: 10th June 2024

Interview Date: 12th June 2024

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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To Book Contact Phone: 07549120793

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**St Thomas More
Alumni Memorial
Mass - 22nd June**

The annual St Thomas More Alumni Memorial Mass will take place this year in the chapel at St Thomas More High School on Saturday 22nd June at 11.00am to coincide with the SVP Fun Day being held at the school on the same day. ----->

All former pupils and members of staff are welcome, together with their families and current members of the school, to pray for and remember those from the school community who have died.



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 Balloon Modelling 🎨 Arts and Crafts 🍭 Candyfloss, Sweets and Cake 🍷 Various Stalls with Exciting Finds 🍔 BBQ Delights 🚓 Police & Fire Engine Display and More!


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