

## Parish Newsletter

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM



23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024    Twelfth Sunday of the Year (B)    Psalter Week 4

“He’s drowning”, screamed the onlookers to the lifeguard, “rescue him”. But the lifeguard stood and watched. “For goodness sake”, they yelled with panic”, “go and get him”. He stood motionless. Then, when the drowning man had stopped thrashing around and was going down, the lifeguard swam out. Strong muscular strokes, he reached the man and brought him back to shore. A few spits and splutters the man recovered. But the life guard is not hailed a hero, but a moron. “Why did you not rescue him earlier”, they shouted. He explained, “if I had gone out sooner, with his kicking and thrashing, we would have both drowned. While he was trying to save himself I could not save him, it’s when he was forced to rely on me, not thrash around, only then, I could save him”.

I know that I have mentioned the above story before, it also resonates today. Often we need to feel hopelessly lost before we allow, or are forced to allow the Lord in to rescue us. Maybe we need to be at the edges of our own resources. Almost drowning. Or we thrash around attempting to rescue ourselves. Call it pride, arrogance, ego or self-centredness, we like to think we can do it ourselves, that we are in control.

The alternative of course is to know how to voluntarily let go of these ego needs ahead of time, so as to allow the Lord in. Sincere acts of humility, prayer, vulnerability and inclusiveness are some ways of voluntarily letting go.

Any recovering addict will testify to this after hitting rock-bottom. A humble admitting of total powerlessness and reliance on a higher power.

Jesus sleeps on a boat during a storm. We may feel he is asleep during our life’s storms - or is he waiting for us to let Him in? Or waiting for us to hit rock-bottom before we let him in? Must we have to hit rock bottom first?

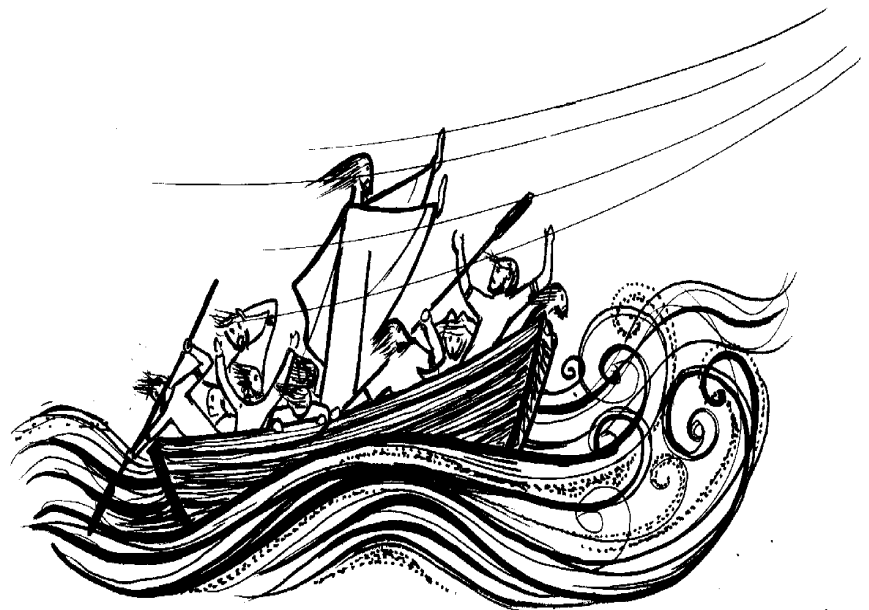
Must a crisis happen forcing us to let go, much like the disciples today, or can we voluntarily let go ahead of time? In that way, we find peace – even during the storms?

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Job 38:1, 8-11**

**Psalms 106: 23-26, 28-32**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 2 Corinthians 5: 14-17**

**Gospel: Mark: 35-41**



<b>MASS INTENTIONS</b>	
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>St. John Fisher and St. Thomas More</b>
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Ann Dempsey RIP – Melanie Graham
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Twelfth Sunday of the Year</b>
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Parish Community
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	David and Veronica Micklewright (Ints) – Lorna Warren
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Birth of St. John the Baptist</b>
<b>9.30am</b>	Eucharistic Service
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>9.30am</b>	Eucharistic Service
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>10.00am</b>	Eucharistic Service
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Fr. Martin Nott RIP
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>St. Irenaeus</b>
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Colette Anderson RIP – Helen Cooper
<b>Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Parish Community
<b>Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>St. Peter and St. Paul</b>
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Stella Ray RIP – Helen Cooper
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Kath and Mike Geeson RIP – The Geeson 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

<p><b>PARISH PRIEST</b>            Father Paul Fox            50 London Hill, Rayleigh            Essex SS6 7HP  <b>01268 38.24.99</b>  <a href="http://www.olorchurch.org">www.olorchurch.org</a>            email: <a href="mailto:rayleigh@brcdt.org">rayleigh@brcdt.org</a></p>	<p><b><u>Public Mass times:</u></b>  <b>Saturdays 5.30pm</b>  <b>Sundays 8am &amp; 10.00am</b>  <b>Mondays &amp; Tuesdays 9.30am</b>  <b>Wednesdays 10.00am</b>  <b>Thursdays &amp; Fridays 9.30am</b></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...Kathleen Scott, Peter Negus and Hannah Rooke.

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 Mrs. Emily Simon who died recently. Please also keep Godwin and the family in your prayers too. May Emily rest in peace. † Funeral details to follow.**

**A copy of the newsletter is 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 26<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Eucharistic Service.**

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 inform the staff in the presbytery office. Thank you.**



Good Morning!



**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.

**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](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 :

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

Please take a look at my most recent theatre trips. No coaches are included but if anyone is travelling alone / unable to drive and would like to be part of a car share I am sure it can be arranged .

### **Jesus Christ Superstar**

Tues 10th July 8pm, Cliffs Pavillion - £43

### **Hairspray The Musical**

Sat 14th Sept 2:30pm - £49.50

### **Only Fools And Horses The Musical**

Thurs 3rd Oct 2:30pm - Cliffs Pavilion £49.50

### **Come From Away**

Sat 10th Oct 2:30pm . New Wimbledon Theatre London - £44.50 ( travel by train )

7000 Stranded Passengers. One Small Town. A Remarkable True Story.

Winner of four Olivier Awards (including Best New Musical in London)

**Please contact Clare Mason 07757138345** for more details and for information on other shows later in the year and next year . All shows can be paid for in instalments .

## **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)

## **HUMAN LIBRARY – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Hannah.kelly@essex.police.uk).

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

**The General Election.** Recently the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales have launched a set of informative resources to help us think about our election choices. It covers pro-Life issues as well as the criminal justice system, education, poverty, the environment, refugees and migrants. The Bishops remind us: *"We are not merely the passive recipients of politics but active citizens. An election is the best time for us as Christians to speak out, to get involved, and to lead."* The resources include suggested questions for candidates, links if you want to go deeper, and actions we can take to make a difference. You will find everything at: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/>

### **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*

**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).

The **St John Bosco Children's Camp** is now open for bookings! Children age 9 – 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from 27<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood and this year there is space for just 100 children – book early! All details are [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk), including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

**Youth Mass, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Brentwood Cathedral**

Bishop Alan will celebrate Mass and commission all those travelling to Lourdes this Summer.

Meet in the Parish Hall from 6pm for pizza, refreshments and a time to reconnect and relax with friends before the Summer. Mass in the Cathedral at 7:30pm.

If you wish to sing, play an instrument, read or serve then please bring along your alb or instrument, and let us know as you arrive. Absolutely everyone is very welcome!

**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:-*

'Behaviour for learning is outstanding, fostered through extremely positive teacher-student relationships'. (Diocesan Inspection, 2024)

www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk Milton Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 7JS

Tel: 01702 343583

**[WWW.ST-THOMASMORE.SOUTHEND.SCH.UK](http://WWW.ST-THOMASMORE.SOUTHEND.SCH.UK)**

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London, is holding a Divine Mercy Lenten Retreat on Saturday 13 July 2024 from 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm at St Mary Mother of God, 213**

Hornchurch Road,

Hornchurch, Essex RM12 4TF

**The Retreat will include teachings on the Message of Mercy, Stations of the Cross, Holy Mass, 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.**

**HARP24** We have our **HARP24** event in July at Cherry Orchard Park and we are in desperate need of volunteers to help with this event. Can you help?

If interested please do make contact.

**Charlotte Stein**

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**St. Bernard's High School A Catholic Academy for Arts and Science**

**Open Evening for Year 5 Students**

**(Starting Year 7 in September 2025)**

**Thursday 11 July 2024**

**5.30pm to 8.30pm**

We would be delighted to welcome Year 5 girls and their parents/carers to our Open Evening. This is an evening for girls wishing to join Year 7 in September 2025.

We are also offering an opportunity for parents/carers to visit the school during a normal teaching day, between 9.30am and 11.00am on set days in October, dates will be published on our website. Appointments for these guided tours will be available in September.

St Bernard's High School offers selective places based on success in the CSSE

selective tests and non-selective places according to faith-based admissions criteria. (Please see school website for full details.)

'St Bernard's High School is a welcoming, inclusive school'. Ofsted 2023

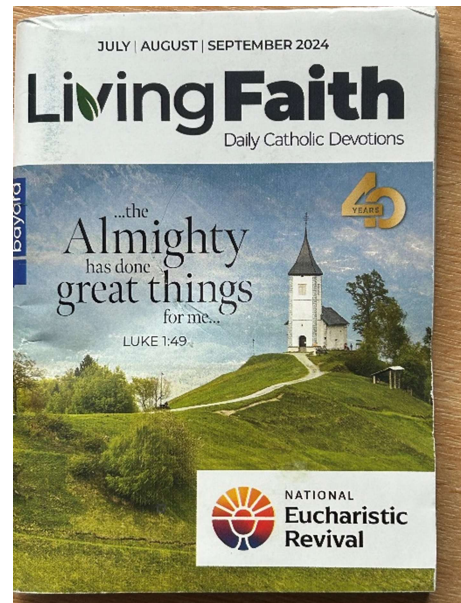
'Leaders have high expectations of pupils in terms of learning and behaviour. Pupils live up to these expectations.' Ofsted 2023

'The behaviour of students is exemplary both in lessons and throughout the school as they strive to live out the mission statement, 'Love one another as I have loved you'. (Diocesan Inspection, 2024)





**Available Now**



### **Job Advertisement for Parish Hall Caretaker:**

#### **Parish Hall Caretaker at Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Billericay**

**Vacancy:** The Most Holy Redeemer Parish, Billericay is looking to employ a caretaker for the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre for 10 hours per week at £13 an hour. The role requires flexibility, working daytime, evening and weekends.

If you – or any of your family or friends – are interested in this role, please first contact Most Holy Redeemer Parish Office on 01277 624891 for a copy of the job description and person specification or email [office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk](mailto:office@mostholyredeemer.org.uk).

You should then send in your CV, with a covering letter demonstrating how your experience and skills match the essential requirements and attributes of the role as per the job description and person specification. Closing date for CVs/applications is Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

DBS checks and references will be required

# 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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- [Khutchinson@cafod.org.uk](mailto:Khutchinson@cafod.org.uk)



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INVITES YOU TO

*Afternoon Tea*

AT  
THE ROSLIN BEACH HOTEL

MONDAY 8TH JULY 2024

12:30PM

£30.00 PER PERSON

(ADVISE DIETARY REQUIREMENTS WHEN  
BOOKING)

To Book Contact Phone: 07549128877

Email: [nesperm@svp.org.uk](mailto:nesperm@svp.org.uk)

Charity No: 1053992

St Vincent's Centre, Southend



# *Dinner & Auction*

Saturday 16th November 2024

Roslin Beach Hotel - Southend on Sea

6pm Welcome Drinks

6.30pm Dinner

Ticket Prices

£95 - Welcome Drink, 3 Course Dinner

Live Music and Charity Auction

Come enjoy the live band and take part  
in the fun!

RSVP - [NesperM@svp.org.uk](mailto:NesperM@svp.org.uk)

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