



Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

30th June 2024 SS. Peter and Paul (B) Psalter Week 1

“I’m a brilliant footballer” said the little lad to himself. Throwing the ball up he went to kick it. He missed, caught the ball and tried again saying the same thing. Again he miss-kicked, caught the ball, and tried again. Time and again he either mis-kicked or missed the ball altogether and catch it. The last go, the same thing, caught the ball, looked up and said “wow! God, what a brilliant goal-keeper you want me to be!”

Sometimes God calls forth something different than we expect of ourselves. It may take a certain fairly radical event in our lives to help us to realise this truth.

This is so true of our two heroes today. For Peter, it was his confession of the Christ along with God’s mercy; for Paul it was his Damascus experience and knowing the Lord’s power in his life. Both pretty radical. And both men make honest statements on how we come to God. Not by saying many prayers, not by being nice, or right, but, against all the odds, by getting it wrong and experiencing mercy. Except Jesus and Mary, all Bible heroes witness to that truth – and so many of our church saints too. All come to God by getting it wrong. Through God’s mercy and compassion. Where is there a commandment saying “thou shalt be right?”

I wonder if Peter or Paul (and many others) would have been made Saints according to today’s criteria of holiness. Holiness is about God’s faithfulness to us, grace, and his call, not just about our responses to him, since our initial responses, like the child above, may well be wrong or poorly chosen. Like Peter and Paul, true holiness is an appreciation that God loves us because God is good, merciful and patient, not because we are. Once we get that, we stop neurotically trying ourselves. We all mess-up; but instead of relying on God’s goodness and mercy in an effort to do better, we can try to be totally self-reliant. This then so easily leads to denial, pretence and disguise. Very bad for the soul.

God does not love us *if* we are good, God loves us *so we can* be good. Peter and Paul radically get this, knew that all their nonsenses are totally forgiven, live out that truth and become great. Now, what about us?

1st Reading: Acts 12: 1-11

Psalm 33: 2-9

2nd Reading 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-19



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 29th June

5.30pm Mass Parish Community

Sunday 30th June **SS. Peter and St. Paul**

8.00am Mass Stella Ray RIP – Helen Cooper

10.00am Mass Kath and Mike Geeson RIP – The Geeson Family

Monday 1st July

8.30am Mass Valerie Linda Quinn RIP – Tara Quinn

Tuesday 2nd July

8.30am Mass Rosina Stock (Ints - 100th birthday)

Wednesday 3rd July **St Thomas**

10.00am Mass Tony and Elaine Sylvester (Ints) – Nicola Geeson

Thursday 4th July

9.30am Mass Alice Allso RIP

Friday 5th July

9.30am Mass Jim O' Farrell RIP – Kay O' Connor

Saturday 6th July

5.30pm Mass Jane and John Cook – Golden Wedding Anniversary

Sunday 7th July **Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time (B)**

8.00am Mass Parish Community

10.00am Mass Paddy Corr RIP – The Corr 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

PARISH PRIEST

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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 Peter Negus, Hannah Rooke, Maria O'Farrell, Rosemary Hassell, Jim O'Farrell and Niqui Denkmayer.

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.

† Please pray for Mrs. Veronica Barnett who died recently. Please also keep Christina and all the family in prayer. The Requiem will be on Wednesday July 3rd at 2pm. May Veronica rest in peace. †

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.

Please note: Masses on Monday and Tuesday this week are at 8.30am.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Programme (RCIA)

All are welcome to come along to our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme and learn more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian. **Our Programme will be starting on Monday 23rd September 2024 at 8pm in the Bethany Room.**

Perhaps you are completely new to Christianity, or maybe you left the Church as a teenager and now want to return to the Catholic faith. Alternatively, you may be a Parishioner who just wants to informally ask questions to deepen your understanding. Whatever your circumstances, you are welcome to come along and learn more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

Please come along to find out more. You do not have to make any commitments at this point.

However, if you are not part of the Catholic tradition, and you decide during the programme you would like to commit yourself to the Catholic faith, you may be received into the Catholic Church at Easter in April 2025.

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 3rd July 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 inform the staff in the presbytery office. Thank you.



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.

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.*

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Join Bishop Alan on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes (Friday 19 – Friday 26 July). There are five remaining places on the pilgrimage. To book, please go online as soon as possible: [Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tanqney Tours \(tanqney-tours.com\)](http://Brentwood Lourdes - Lourdes - Tanqney Tours (tanqney-tours.com))

A Day with Mary

Further information on A Day With Mary at Westminster Cathedral on Saturday 13 July (9.45am to 5.00pm) is available at www.adaywithmary.org or <http://www.eventcatholic.com/>

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.

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Youth Mass, Thursday 4th 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!

The **St John Bosco Children's Camp** has just a few places remaining! Children age 9 – 12 can enjoy an amazing week, packed with fun activities, including many sports, from 27th July – 3rd August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood. All details are www.boscocamp.co.uk, including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

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

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 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

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/>

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

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)

'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

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.

Youth 2000 Summer Festival 2024

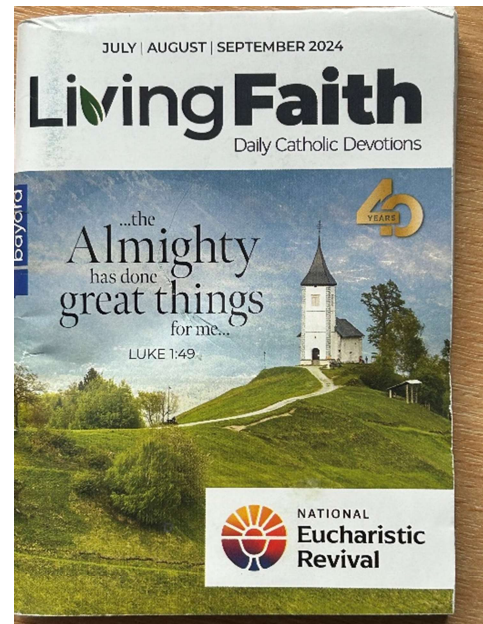
Our annual Youth 2000 Summer Festival will take place from **Friday 23rd August - Monday 26th August 2024** in the beautiful surroundings of **Ampleforth Abbey, North Yorkshire**.

This festival is an opportunity for young people (aged 16-35) from across the UK to grow in their relationship with God, form friendships and be inspired to live out their faith! The programme will include input from incredible speakers, a wonderful variety of workshops, and loads of opportunities to be with Jesus and encounter His love. Tickets (which include food and accommodation) can be purchased from www.youth2000.org/events.

Tickets are also available for priests, religious, families and groups. If you have any questions, please email events@youth2000.org.

We will be sharing information about the programme, speakers and workshops on our website and social media. If you are able to share these updates on your social media, this would be appreciated. A poster for the event can be downloaded from the following link - <https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5dd7a20d0307d66addf8c0d8/t/66719e1d91b7470ef84bbae4/1718722084726/SUMMER+FESTIVAL+2024.pdf>

Available Now



Job Advertisements:

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.

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, 19th July 2024.

DBS checks and references will be required

Cleaner- The Most Holy Redeemer- Billericay

Vacancy: We are recruiting for a Cleaner to clean the Canon Roche Pastoral Centre. The successful candidate will begin work from the 1st of September 2024. This role would suit someone who has previous experience working in a similar environment who can be flexible and sensitive to the needs of a wide range of site users.

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.

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.

Hours- 10 hours per week

Start Date- 1st September 2024

Salary- £12:00 per hour

Closing date for CVs/applications is 19th July 2024.

DBS checks and references will be required

Mobile Youth Work Coordinator

Bar 'n' Bus are seeking to appoint a Mobile Youth Work Coordinator to join our dynamic youth work team, extending and growing our work in Basildon

You will lead a programme of positive activities for young people throughout Basildon supported by a time of part time youth workers and volunteers. Sessions will involve detached work and mobile projects using our mobile youth vehicle, as well as working from community venues.

The Mobile Youth Work Coordinator will support the youth development team in the delivery and expansion of mobile youth work programmes in south Essex. This includes both supporting and leading face-to-face work with young people on programmes and events, driving charity vehicles and taking oversight of their maintenance and resourcing. Alongside face-to-face delivery, Bar 'n' Bus offers the opportunity to complete a Level 3 Qualification in Youth Work Practice to obtain national JNC Youth Support Worker status.

Details:

- Location: Basildon and South Essex
- Contract: Full Time (37.5 hrs/wk), Permanent
- Salary: £24,121.76-£27,411.28 depending on qualifications and experience
- Full details in Recruitment Pack downloadable below

How to Apply:

Download the Application Form below from www.barnbus.org.uk/vacancies

Deadline for applications – Noon, Monday 22nd July 2024

Interviews – Monday 29th July 2024

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING AND THE ELECTION

An edited recording of the talks given recently at Christ the Eternal High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, by Raymond Friel, CEO of Caritas Social Action Network, is now available to view. Simply go to the homepage of www.whatgoodnews.org and click on the link.

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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To Book Contact Phone: 07549128877

Email: 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

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