



Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

9th June 2024 Tenth Sunday of the Year (B) Psalter Week 2

“Bless me Father for I have sinned”, sound familiar? “...it’s been 3 months since my last confession, these are my sins...well actually I haven’t committed any sins.” “Goodness”! I reply – “please help me understand what you are doing here if you haven’t committed any sins”. “I’m not sure...” .comes the answer. Such are the true confessions I have heard, no doubt my brother priests have heard similar.

What is going on here? Without being paranoid or self-defeating, are we really that sinless, for three months? We are fallible beings, aren’t we?

I’m afraid the person is, probably unknowingly, committing a sin against the Holy Spirit that Jesus says can never be forgiven. And in the Confessional! The only unforgiveable sin is to believe we never sin, that we are that pure and perfect and don’t really need mercy. If we don’t think we need mercy, it won’t be there. What is brought out into the light is forgiven.

Remember, our sins are not to evoke judgement and criticism, but simply naming a reality, naming it as it is. And it’s true for all humanity.

Those things that fester in the murky deep darkness of our hearts will not be forgiven if they are not brought into the light. For Jesus, not bringing these things into the light is the work of the unclean spirit, cajoling us not to say anything for fear of embarrassment, loss of reputation or whatever. Keeping them well hidden. So they stay in the darkness, festering away.

What is revealed is redeemed. So we are called to own aspects of our own darkness. Acknowledge, admit, and name them. Then forgiveness happens. Isn’t that what the Sacrament of Reconciliation is really about? Of course, we are also called to own our goodness there too. That can be much easier.

So the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the sin of believing we have never sinned. That we don’t need forgiveness and mercy. Therefore it won’t happen. It can’t happen.

Does our faith allow us to be strong enough to acknowledge what’s really going on in our hearts – for good and for bad?

1st Reading: Genesis 3:9-15

Psalm 129

2nd Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

Gospel: Mark 3: 20-35



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 8th June	The Immaculate Heart of Mary
5.30pm Mass	Costello Family (Ints) – Rae Healy
Sunday 9th June	Tenth Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	Prayer Board Intentions
10.00am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 10th June	
9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Tuesday 11th June	St Barnabas
9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 12th June	
10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 13th June	St Anthony of Padua
9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 14th June	
9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Saturday 15th June	
5.30pm Mass	Brigid Ball (Ints) – Frances Wiley
Sunday 16th June	Eleventh Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Emma Louise Lucibello RIP (Anniv.) - Susan and Damian

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 Gwendoline Hill, Mary Agnes Manton and Stephen Persue.

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.

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 12th 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.



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.

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 :

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>

The General Election. This week 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/>

“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

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.

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 27th July – 3rd 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, including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

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.*

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

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

Fundraising and Communications Team

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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!

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

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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**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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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)

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