



Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

14th July 2024 Fifteenth Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 3

Robert was deaf and dumb. The doctors said had the mind of a 2 year-old. We got on well, (I know, I'm just a two-year old at heart!!). Makaton sign language helped. Visiting him after a 6-month absence, I found out he had an illness which paralysed his legs. He needed a wheel-chair. *Why!* I quietly screamed at God. Then, horror of horrors, moments later I found out he had gone blind. Too much! *God, where are you,* again I agonisingly wondered. Something had to give. Desperately trying to get him to recognise me, I took his hands, moved them over my face – nothing. Frustrating. Then I remembered. I took his hands and gave him the “double-fives” we used to before I went away. YES! It worked. He screamed with joy, (so did I), he pulled me down to his wheelchair, hugging me tightly shouting his garbled *hello, hello*. Wow! Powerful .Moving. Where was God? God was in that moment. God was Robert, in all his vulnerability, dependency, weakness. The vulnerable Christ. No question.

I would periodically take Robert out in his wheelchair. Feeling the grass under his chair he'd attempt to articulate “grass”. Also with “tree” and a few other words. Fantastic. Sadly the disease that ravaged his body took his life about a year later. He certainly left an indelible mark on my soul. Who really taught who? I offer this as truth, not as some kind of twee, sugary romanticism. I think of him often, and what he taught me about God, vulnerability, dependence, and joy, all despite having nothing.

I am certain Robert had a “pre-conscious” knowledge and experience of the divine. No formal teaching, but he knew. Maybe as a result of his vulnerability, his powerlessness. What else had he? (You can read Henri Nouwen's similar story with his friend Adam).

Nature made Robert that way. Why? Who knows? Yet in all that, from nothingness he gave much.

Most “mainstream” people have to harshly re-learn something through vulnerability or pure helplessness, to really experience the Lord's power. We tend to live lives of ingrained, routine- habits. I mentioned this last week. Jesus offers this voluntary vulnerability to his disciples today, pre-empting inflated egos and big-heads - and it works. They must be free and empty enough to allow God to work through them, hence the forbidding of taking much with them.

So God's power, can work through them, not their own agenda – so no inflated egos. Now, what about us? Where is, or was God in our own helplessness and/or vulnerability? That is finally where His power lies. How far are we prepared to empty ourselves to find His power? So it's not about us, but Him.



1st Reading: Amos 7: 12-15

Psalms 84: 9-14

2nd Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Gospel: Mark 6: 7- 13

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 13th July	
5.30pm Mass	Michael Lydon RIP (Anniv) – Kathy Hoare
Sunday 14th July Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time (B) (Sea Sunday)	
8.00am Mass	Margaret O' Connor RIP – Barry and Mary Mason
10.00am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 15th July St Bonaventure	
9.30am Mass	John Marshall Hemsall -Clare and Simon Mason
Tuesday 16th July	
9.30am Mass	Barbara Williams RIP (Anniv)-Frances Williams
Wednesday 17th July	
10.00am Mass	Andrew Rayner and Wayne Crowcroft (Ints) - Collin and Marie Griffin
Thursday 18th July	
9.30am Mass	Fr. Brian McGilloway RIP
Friday 19th July	
<u>8.00am Mass</u>	Doris Warrington RIP
Saturday 20th July	
5.30pm Mass	Jo Packer RIP- Clare and Simon Mason
Sunday 21st July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Prayer Board Intentions

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 Barbara Williams, Ivy Keegan and Susan Barrows.

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.

Please note: Mass on Friday this week is at 8.00am.

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 17th 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.

NB. There is no Wednesday Coffee Morning during August.



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.*

SVP Strawberry Tea Party

Invitations are being distributed for the 2024 SVP Strawberry Tea Party in Pope John Paul II Hall on Saturday, 27th July.

Attendance numbers are limited and no offence is intended should you not be invited. Priority will be given to current SVP beneficiaries.

Closer to the date, donations for Raffle prizes would be appreciated that can be handed to an SVP Member.

Volunteer drivers to transport guests to and from the Hall will also be welcome.

Many thanks

Pat Rickard, President , SVP Conference, Rayleigh, Tel: 01702 206842 Mobile: 07831 558242

The Daughters of Divine Love is an International Congregation founded in Nigeria in 1969 and a member of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. They educate, care for, and add value to the lives of the less privileged in

society. Their charity home in Nigeria and school for indigent children in Kenya provide care and education for orphans, motherless, abandoned children, street children/teenagers, and children with special needs/HIV. Their aim is always to serve the less privileged and the marginalized in society. In everything that they do, the love of Christ impels them to respond to the cry of the poor and the vulnerable with concrete actions.

Following the guidelines of the Bishops of England and Wales, the appeal includes a short reflection on the liturgy of the day. This is followed by a reference to the work of the Missionary Sisters and also to the vocation of being a missionary that belongs to us all by virtue of our Baptism and the implications of that.

An appeal will be held in our Parish this weekend the 13th /14th July.

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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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.

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

St Bernard's High School Minibus Fundraiser

We are in desperate need of a second minibus in order to support our students to train at offsite sporting facilities due to our lack of onsite space. We are fundraising internally at the school and through the great work of our PTFA but we are now reaching out to past students and friends of St Bernard's to ask for kind donations of any amount to support us in this endeavour.

If you are available to support this fundraiser, please click on the QR code:



Many thanks for your help and time.

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>

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.

This appointment is subject to satisfactory references, medical and enhanced DBS checks.

Caretaker – Epping

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Caretaker at The Immaculate Conception, Epping.

The post will be part-time (around four hours per week – with a flexible working agreement to be agreed which includes weekends and being on site on a Tuesday).

This is a one-year fixed-term contract that may be extended or made permanent.

The start date for the role is October and the salary is negotiable depending on skills and experience

Full job description: [Caretaker Epping – 2024](#)

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply please send your CV and cover letter by email to epping@brcdt.org

Walsingham House Retreat Manager: Walsingham House at Abbotswick, the youth retreat centre for the Diocese of Brentwood, are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager. The Retreat Manager will work to ensure the smooth and efficient running of retreats, leading and training the volunteer team, and developing the programmes on offer to schools and parishes. Walsingham House has an excellent reputation for the quality of the retreats offered and after a year to rebuild we are keen to develop this further. This is not necessarily a “live-in” role but accommodation can be provided if required. For more information please see: <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> Closing date is Friday 30th August.

Open House Billericay: Saturday, 12th October 2024 On Saturday, 12th October the Most Holy Redeemer Church, Billericay will be hosting a day focusing on parish renewal with talks and workshops designed to help parishes transition from maintenance to mission. Bishop Alan will also be presiding at the Midday Mass.

Get inspired by priests and parishioners as they share stories of transformation. Hear what they are learning and dream about the change that could be possible in your own parish.

The day will last from 9.30am to 5pm and the cost is £20 per person. In order to attend you need to register in advance by following this link: <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society

Brentwood Catholic Children’s Society is celebrating its 40th year, and they will be selling their anniversary draw tickets with the help of the KSC after each Mass on Saturday 27th July and Sunday 28th July to help support their work with children’s mental health. If you would like to buy tickets then a card reader will also be available too. Thank you.

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- 07356102692
- essexrecoveryfoundation.org



ESSEX RECOVERY FOUNDATION

DISTRICT	DATE/TIME	LOCATION & MEETING POINT
CHELMSFORD	24th April 2024 10:30am	Central Park. Meet at the cafe (CM1 1LQ)
HARLOW	8th May 2024 10:30am	Town Park. Meet outside Spurriers House (CM20 2QQ)
BRAINTREE	22nd May 2024 10:30am	Braintree and Bocking Public Gardens (CM7 9AE)
BASILDON	5th June 2024 10:30am	Wat Tyler Park. Meet at visitors' centre (SS16 4UH)
TENDRING	19th June 2024 10:30am	Furze Hill. Meet at Mistley village hall (CO11 1HS)
MALDON	3rd July 2024 10:30am	Burnham Seafront. Meet at war memorial (CM0 8AG)
UTTLESFORD	17th July 2024 10:30am	Saffron Walden Common. Meet in car park (CB10 1FH)
SOUTHEND	31st July 2024 10:30am	Shoeburyness. Meet at the station (SS5 9AW)
BRENTWOOD	14th August 2024 10:30am	King George Playing Field. Meet at the pavilion (CM14 5AE)
THURROCK	28th August 2024 10:30am	Thameside Nature Park. Meet in car park (SS17 0RN)
CASTLE POINT	11th September 2024 10:30am	Canvey Island. Meet outside The Bay Café (SS8 0AY)
EPPING FOREST	25th September 2024 10:30am	Theydon Bois. Meet at the station. (CM16 7EU)
ROCHFORD	9th October 2024 10:30am	Hockley Woods. Meet in the car park (SS5 4RN)
COLCHESTER	23rd October 2024 10:30am	Castle Park. Meet in Leisureworld car park (CO1 1YH)

IF YOU HAVE ANY ACCESSIBILITY NEEDS TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR WALKS, PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH SALLY ON 07356102692.