



## Parish Newsletter

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM

21<sup>st</sup> July 2024 Sixteenth Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 4

His portrayal of Hamlet was brilliant. As an actor, he had shed his own self for that of the Danish Prince. Surrendering his face to the genius of the make-up artist, surrendering his language to Shakespeare's. He takes centre stage in front of an audience of hushed admirers, for a name that is not his, clothes that are not his, a face that is not his, and words that are not his. *To be, or not to be...* At the end, applause, recognition, reward. Autographs, kudos, admiration. Then he goes home, *lonely*. No-one recognises him. He sits at home, vacant, desperate to get all the pretence back, words, clothes and a face *all that are not his*. Those adoring fans, his fans. He craves it. His existence has become split - dualistic. All recognition, affection – *for being what he is not*. (taken from Fr. John Powell).

Who is he really? It seems that many people today will go to all extremes to define who they are. So sad. They do not know who they *really* are before their roles, titles, bravados – even gender. Why? Because they do not know the universal one who holds it all together. Jesus the Shepherd, giving ultimate meaning. The absolute. Without Him, everything falls into “relativism”. Now we have to “self-signify” What else can we do? If God is not fairly central, then we are burdened with being our own centre – having to find our own significance and meaning. So we *crave* greatness. Becoming more and more outrageous, bizarre, stretching limits to make sure we stand out among a whole-world population. This leads to people becoming overly competitive and individualistic, with little common interest, no cohesiveness, and a creating smaller gods to which they become worshipers of. So we live in very individualistic, self-centred societies. Any wonder our world society seems to be crumbling around us. Seemingly fragmented, in pieces and split – everywhere.

Our Lord so wants to be our shepherd. To give us absolute meaning. To hold it together if we let Him. That way we are not burdened with trying to do it all ourselves. The soul longs for this meaning, as the body longs for food. Why voluntarily ignore our universal shepherd? It makes no sense. This modern attitude cannot feed the soul. But not just about knowing *the Shepherd*, but **experiencing the shepherd Himself**. That's what holds it together for us, giving meaning, community, solidarity, unity, depth. Everything happily falls into place, once we have genuinely **experienced** Him.

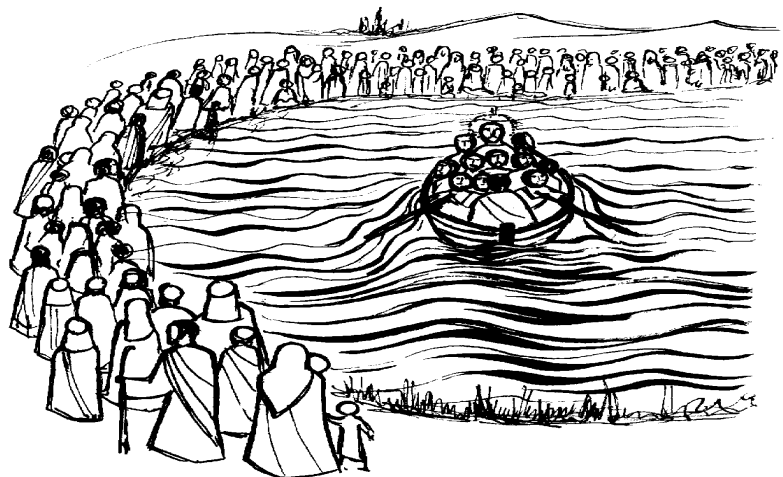
Then, and only then, are we home free.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Psalms 22

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading Ephesians 2: 13-18

Gospel: Mark 6: 30-34



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Jo Packer RIP- Clare and Simon Mason
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	
<b>Sixteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time (B)</b>	
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Parish Community
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Prayer Board Intentions
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	
<b>St. Mary Magdalene</b>	
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Fr. Tim O' Sullivan RIP
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	
<b>St. Bridget of Sweden</b>	
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Jack and Margaret Nelson RIP (Anniv) - Joan Gardiner
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Shane Neary RIP – The Bunker Family
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>St. James the Apostle</b>	
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Margaret O' Connor RIP – Rita Gurney
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>Ss Joachim and Anne</b>	
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	John James Harnetty RIP – Simon and Clare Mason
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	John Murphy RIP – Rita Gurney
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July</b>	
<b>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</b>	
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Ann Westland RIP – Claire Corrigan
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Parish Community

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 Susan Barrows, Paul Usher, Ivy Yeates and Mary Picton.

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.**

### **Lost Property**

Please be aware that we have a box of lost property in the church porch. Some of these items have been there for quite some time, including what looks like to be prescription sun glasses.

Please check to see if any of the items there belong to you.

Lost property items will be kept for about a month and thereafter will be disposed of.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**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.***

### **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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24th 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](http://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](mailto: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, 27<sup>th</sup> July.

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

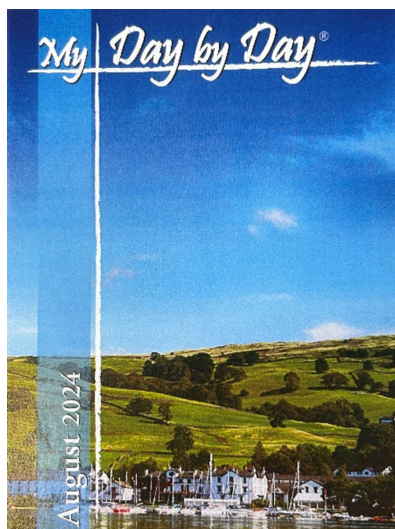
Closer to the date, donations for Raffle prizes would be appreciated that can be handed to an SVP Member.

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

**Available Now.**



### **Legion of Mary Annual Retreat**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2024

Holy Family Church, 661 High Road, South Benfleet SS7 5SF

Arrival 9.30am – 10am

Legion opening Prayers at 10am followed by Mass.

The day will include talks by Fr. Adrian Lowe, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Hour. Confession will be available. Benediction and Legion Concluding Prayers will complete the day which should finish around 3.30pm.

All active and auxiliary members of the Legion of Mary are invited, and any interested parishioners.

For further information, please contact Isobel Kennedy (07795 821705)

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 27<sup>th</sup> July – 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood. All details are [www.boscocamp.co.uk](http://www.boscocamp.co.uk), including booking information and an FAQ section for parents.

### **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*

## **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.

**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.

### **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](http://www.youth2000.org/events).

Tickets are also available for priests, religious, families and groups. If you have any questions, please email [events@youth2000.org](mailto: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>

## **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](http://www.barnbus.org.uk/vacancies)

*Deadline for applications – Noon, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024*

*Interviews – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 30<sup>th</sup> August.

**Open House Billericay: Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2024** On Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 40<sup>th</sup> year, and they will be selling their anniversary draw tickets with the help of the KSC after each Mass on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> July and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July here in the parish 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.

**The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina’s Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 26 August 2024 from 10 am to 4:30 pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria**

Millie Fernandez Retreats and Pilgrimage Manager  
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#### CONTACT US ON:

- 07356102692
- [essexrecoveryfoundation.org](http://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	Fuze 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 (SS3 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.