

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



28th July 2024 Seventeenth Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 1

A children's hospital. A nurse spends months trying to help a young boy with a crippling bone disease to walk. With huge patience, love and dedication, she whispers words of gentle encouragement to his worried little heart. She would pray with him, love him and will him on to make the tiniest of movements. Then suddenly, dear God, he does. One small step. And the nurse, momentarily distracted by the noise of sports on the TV, briefly glances up from his flushed excited face, to see Spain glorying in lifting the European cup in front of millions of adoring fans. But for this little lad's major victory, no-one witnesses it, except his nurse. No applause, no cameras, no cups, no fans. Just a small boy who had taken one faltering step and fall into the arms of his nurse. A nurse who would not trade that moment for all the cups and sporting glory in the world...ever.

Today sport is full of the fittest, finest and fastest in the world. We watch the human body at its most powerful, graceful, beautiful and competitive. Athletes having spent years of endless self-sacrifice and commitment, stretching their bodies to the limits of human endurance and possibility, all in the pursuit of glory, maybe triumphant at some point.

Athletes stretching their bodies to the frontiers of human endurance. What about our souls, our hearts? Are they stretched? So many sweat so devotedly to follow God's love, feeding the poor as we see in today's Gospel, helping the sick. People agonising to stay faithful to their vision, with a deep appreciation of truth and beauty – aren't they also giving their all? Those trying to fight their own inner demons, every day, often against all odds, yet still on their pursuit of forgiveness, trust, faith, healing. Pursuing God Himself.

Jesus is the Bread of Life. Eucharist. Real Presence. So we must ask if Eucharist is feeding our very souls for this very reason, partly so we have an all-rounded sense of the beautiful, a deep appreciation of inner beauty, maybe even more so than external, physical beauty?

Must society focus so much on the physically beautiful and powerful? Is that not superficial? Is that really what lasts forever? What about the many millions of our unsung heroes pursuing the internally beautiful?

1st Reading: 2 Kings 4: 42-44

Psalms 144: 10-11, 15-18

2nd Reading Ephesians 4: 1-6

Gospel: John 6 1-15



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 27th July	Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
5.30pm Mass	John Murphy RIP – Rita Gurney
Sunday 28th July	
8.00am Mass	Ann Westland RIP – Claire Corrigan
10.00am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 29th July	SS. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
9.30am Mass	Fr. Cedric Stanley RIP
Tuesday 30th July	
9.30am Mass	John and Madge Murphy RIP – Rita Gurney
Wednesday 31st July	St. Ignatius of Loyola
10.00am Mass	Private Intention
Thursday 1st August	St. Alphonsus Mary de Liguori
9.30am Mass	Alex Thomas RIP (Anniv) – Mathew Thomas
Friday 2nd August	
9.30am Mass	Doreen Gibbons RIP – Mary Butterworth
Saturday 3rd August	
5.30pm Mass	Mervyn and Theresa Ryder RIP (Anniv) – Marian Pond
Sunday 4th August	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Sarah Aduke Adesanye RIP – Kemi Tomide Johnson

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 Mary Picton, Val O'Malley, Kath Thomas, Gerardo Schiavi, Connie McCann, Sharon Blake and Maureen Howell.

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 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 31st 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.



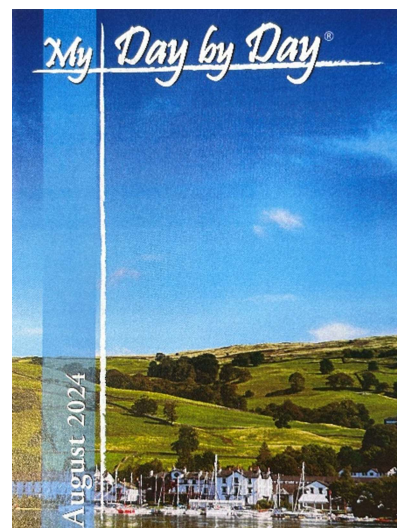
If you are interested in running a coffee morning after the **Sunday 10am Mass**, please inform the staff in the presbytery office. Thank you.



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.*

Available Now.



Legion of Mary Annual Retreat

Saturday 24th 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)

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 :

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.

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>

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.

Headteacher

Our Lady Immaculate Catholic Primary School, Chelmsford

Required from 1st September 2025. Group 2: L8 – L21 (starting salary based on experience). NOR: 218 (one form entry).

Governors are seeking to appoint a dedicated and inspirational Headteacher who is a committed, practising Catholic. Someone who shares our vision and passion and has the leadership and ambition to build on the successes of our school. Our Lady Immaculate Catholic School is a caring, friendly school and community where our Catholic ethos is central to all that we do. Our new Headteacher will work with governors to shape the strategic direction of the school and will be responsible for the day-to-day leadership and management of Our Lady Immaculate School. Our new Headteacher will lead a team that strives together in the best interest of all our children, following the school’s mission statement; *“At Our Lady Immaculate School, we will inspire our children to achieve personal excellence for themselves and for the glory of God.”*

Deadline for applications: **12:00 noon on Monday 30th September 2024**. We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school, please speak with the **Admin & Finance Officer, Lindsey Murgatroyd** for more information. For an Application Pack please email: lindseymurgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

Inspire, nurture and accompany young people on the edge of East London. The parishes in the Romford Parish Partnership are recruiting a **Parish Partnership Youth Coordinator**. Salary £30,000/year, closing date September 10th 2024, start date no later than January 2025. This is a new role, with amazing potential to bring young people into leadership in the Church, and provide a wide range of opportunities for them to live and deepen their faith

within a diverse and vibrant part of London. Full details:

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/diocese/working-for-us/>

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/>

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
Divine Mercy Apostolate, 1 Courtfield Gardens,
Ealing W13 0EY 07957594646

"Adoremus" Festival at Oscott College, Birmingham on Saturday, 14th September

On Saturday, 14th September at Oscott College in Birmingham, the "Adoremus" National Eucharistic Congress and Pilgrimage is taking place with representatives from dioceses across England and Wales.

Our diocese has been allocated a limited number of places for this event. If you would like to attend please contact the Diocesan Co-ordinator, Father Dan Mason at frdanmason@brcdt.org by the 1st August.

There will be a coach leaving for the Congress from St Edward's Church, Romford (RM1 4AT) at 8am on the day. There is no charge for the coach or attending the Congress but you will need to bring a packed lunch.

For more information please visit the Adoremus page on the Catholic Bishops' Conference website: [Adoremus at Oscott - Catholic Bishops' Conference \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Adoremus at Oscott - Catholic Bishops' Conference (cbcew.org.uk))

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CONTACT US ON:

- 07356102692
- essexrecoveryfoundation.org



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.



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Afternoon Tea

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MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2024

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To Book Contact Phone: 07549128877

Email: nesperm@svp.org.uk

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Saturday 16th November 2024



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