

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



4th August 2024 Eighteenth Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 2

My wife died 25 years ago, when she died, I died, and I remain dead... Jim, a lovely elderly gentleman was reminiscing about his wife to me. I initially thought that this was all quite powerful, but then, I wondered. What may be really going on here?

Was Jim co-dependent upon his wife for his own happiness? Did he feel that if he was happy 25 years after her death, he would be betraying their love and her memory? Was he not allowed to be happy without his wife? And possibly be happy much later after her death?

We all need to have a sense of who we are *aside from* the relationships we have with others, marriage or otherwise. Or we can create a kind of co-dependence, a lust, an infatuation; a clinging, a grasping. Never healthy and never authentic.

If we do not have a sense of who we really are, how can we give ourselves away to anyone else, especially in marriage? We have no idea of who or what, if anything, we are giving away! How can we expect a marriage (or a friendship) to authentically work if we don't know who we are in the first place? Are we sharing our illusions and pretences about ourselves thinking it is "really me"? Scary!

We need to find this fundamental union with God. Until we do, we cannot expect to get from one another what isn't there. To do so otherwise is to create a sham, pretences, illusory desires or (St. Paul's words), a complete falseness.

Solitude and silence are often the best ways and times to get in touch. Finding an interior life. We have many distractions like TV to help avoid looking too deeply into ourselves. Will we like what we find when we look into ourselves? Many do not like silence for this reason. If we do not like our own company, why should others like our company? And what kind of company am I sharing?

We see why St. Paul talks about minds being renewed in God, new selves, a new creation, giving up old ways that are illusory. He mentions this in different ways in his various letters, as does Jesus, in different ways in the Gospels. All to enable healthy authentic relationships...with others, with God and within ourselves.

Maybe Jim largely drew his identity from his wife by clinging to her rather than drawing life from within, ie. an interior life of union with God. Maybe then, he would not still be "dead" 25 years on? What about us? Where do we draw our identities from?

1st Reading: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15

Psalm : 77: 3-4, 23-25, 54

2nd Reading: Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24

Gospel: John 6: 24-35



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 3rd August	Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
5.30pm Mass	Mervyn and Theresa Ryder RIP (Anniv) – Marian Pond
Sunday 4th August	
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Sarah Aduke Adesanye RIP – Kemi Tomide Johnson
Monday 5th August	
9.30am Mass	Betty Curran and the Williams Family RIP
Tuesday 6th August	The Transfiguration of Our Lord
9.30am Mass	Anne Parkinson - Helen Culf
Wednesday 7th August	
10.00am Mass	Sr. Stanislaus Shine RIP
Thursday 8th August	St. Dominic
9.30am Mass	Fr. Philip Rosato RIP
Friday 9th August	St. Theresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)
9.30am Mass	Fr. Maurice Roche RIP
Saturday 10th August	St. Lawrence
5.30pm Mass	Gabriella Prideaux RIP (Anniv) – Nicky Prideaux
Sunday 11th August	Nineteenth Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	The Macaulay and Ladapo Families RIP - Cecilia Macaulay

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. EspeciallyKath Thomas, Gerardo Schiavi, Connie McCann, Sharon Blake, Maureen Howell, Stella Everitt, Richard King, Gabriella Prideaux, Ellen Lydon and Noel Cullen.

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

If anyone would like to join the small team of volunteers for Wednesday coffee mornings **after August** that would be very much appreciated.

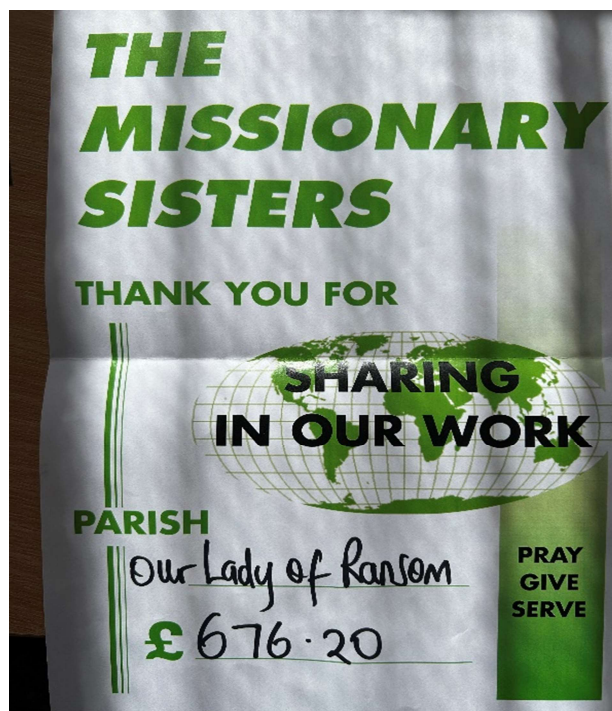
NB. There is no Wednesday Coffee Morning during August.



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.*

The SVP Conference ,Rayleigh

The Members of the SVP would like to thank everyone who supported and attended the Summer Strawberry Tea Party, last weekend and helped to make it such a success.

For the generous Raffle prizes which were donated, for all the wonderful Cakes, Sponges and Trifles that were made

Thanks also, to the volunteer drivers who drove our guests to and from the Hall.

To the Ladies who worked tirelessly in the Kitchen, keeping the Tea & Coffee flowing and the Bar which kept the drinks flowing.

The Music, also went down very well and it was so good to see the Dancing and the singalong, where Guests could really enjoy the afternoon.

The surplus food was taken down to the St Vincent's Centre Soup kitchen in Southend on Saturday evening and was gratefully received.

I would ask you to keep the SVP in your Prayers so we can continue to carry on our work of supporting those in need.

Thank you all once again

Pat Rickard, President, SVP Conference Rayleigh

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.

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))

Called and Gifted Teaching Day at the Most Holy Redeemer, Billericay: Saturday, 14th September

On Saturday, 14th September from 9am to 4.15pm at the Most Holy Redeemer Church in Billericay we will be running a "Called and Gifted" teaching day.

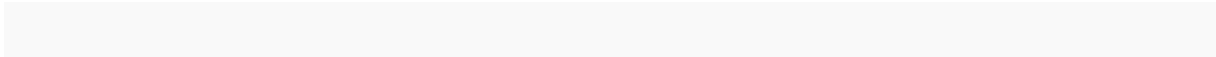
"Called and Gifted" is a discernment process developed by the Catherine of Siena Institute which enables everyone to understand the gifts and the charisms that God has given to them so that they are able to share these gifts with others. Those who have taken part in the Called and Gifted process have found that their faith has deepened and that they have been able to discover new ways of serving God in their parish and the wider community.

As well as the teaching day, participants are invited to complete an online "Gifts Inventory" prior to the day, as well as having a 1-1 Zoom session with a member of the Called and Gifted team.

The total cost of the process including the Teaching Day is £120 which includes online access to the Gifts Inventory as well as a Resource book which will be given out during the Teaching Day.

In order to secure your booking please register your interest before Friday, 23rd August by emailing the Billericay Parish Office at billericay@brcdt.org.

If you would like more information about Called & Gifted please visit their website: <https://www.calledandgifted.org.uk/>



WALK AND TALK

Meet other people in recovery local to you



TURN ME OVER TO FIND A WALK NEAR YOU

Are you in recovery and want to meet others local to you? Do you work for a drug and alcohol service and want to help build a bigger recovery community?

Join one of Essex Recovery Foundation's walks which happen every two weeks across Essex. Walks will be around an hour long and will finish with a coffee.

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 2QC)
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 Seafrott. 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	Carvey 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.



ST VINCENT'S CENTRE
INVITES YOU TO

Afternoon Tea

AT

THE ROSLIN BEACH HOTEL

MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER 2024

12:30PM

£35.00 PER PERSON

(ADVISE DIETARY REQUIREMENTS WHEN BOOKING)

To Book Contact Phone: 07549128877

Email: nesperm@svp.org.uk

Charity No: 1053992

St Vincent's Centre, Southend

Black-Tie & Auction

Saturday 16th November 2024



Roslin Beach Hotel

Thorpe Esplanade, Thorpe Bay,
Southend-On-Sea SS1 3BG

Welcome Drinks - 5pm

Dinner - 5.30pm

Ticket Prices

£95 - Welcome Drink, 3 Course Dinner

Live Music and Charity Auction



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