

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



15th September 2024

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 4

Les's son Stefan was brutally murdered. His son's friends became increasingly angry and revengeful. This disturbed Les. He could have let his grief overwhelm him. Instead, he found the strength (which only comes from God, not humanly possible) to gather his son's agonising friends, and help them build a better future. He promised to help these friends reach their potential his own son was deprived of. Five years on, they all secured good jobs, never getting into trouble. They formed an enterprise, continuing to meet together, in Stefan's name, all to find ways of giving other young people what Les had taught them. They would go into schools giving young people strategies for coping with knives, guns and gangs. Les lost a son, but was a father to many. (from D. Tomlinson's *How to be a 'bad' Christian*).

An amazing man. Les could have quite understandably become hateful, judgemental, highly critical, revengeful and shrivelled in his own grief. He could have wanted to make other people suffer - projecting his grief. And in a worldly sense, he may have been quite justified. But he didn't. He held it, and allowed the searing pain and grief to transform him into a very special holy man.

Les renounced his own judgements, needs for revenge, criticisms, all those thoughts we think make us who we are, so became transformed into someone special. This is Jesus' 'renouncing ourselves', a renouncing of our egos. We can only really do this when we admit that just as everyone else sins, so do we. We are no different. Nothing and no-one is perfect. Once we are truthful about all this, a natural compassion and sense of unity break through. To do this authentically is the most courageous kind of carrying of the cross. The most courageous kind of forgiveness. A forgiving that means we choose the goodness of another over their faults, allowing a feeling God's goodness to flow through us. Now, like Les, we have little or no time for bitterness and hatred of others. We experience an awesome merging of power, human and divine. Les must have definitely felt that.

This is a real following of Jesus. Not just admiring him, not just worshipping him neither which Jesus ever requests. But an authentic following, a doing as he did. Hard, yes, but only then, as with Les, and more people like Les, will the world become a better place.

1st Reading: Isaiah 50: 5-9

Psalm: 114:1-6, 8-9

2nd Reading: James 2: 14-18

Gospel: Mark 8: 27-35



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 14th September	The Exaltation of the Cross
5.30pm Mass	Fr. Michael Butler RIP
Sunday 15th September	24th Sunday of the Year (Evangelii Gaudium Sunday)
8.00am Mass	Prayer Board Intentions
10.00am Mass	Mary and Trevor Rickards (Ints) – Mary and Pat Rickard
Monday 16th September	SS. Cornelius and Cyprian
9.30am Mass	Frances Galvin RIP – Frances Wiley
Tuesday 17th September	
9.30 Mass	Con Parker RIP – Norah Parker
Wednesday 18th September	
10.00am Mass	Hannah Riordan RIP – Esther Thomas
Thursday 19th September	
11am Mass	Requiem Mass : Freda Miller RIP
Friday 20th September	SS. Andrew Kim Tae-Gon, Paul Ha-sang & Companions
<u>8.30am Mass</u>	Private Intention
Saturday 21st September	St Matthew
5.30pm Mass	John Morrill (Ints) – Jane Cook
Sunday 22nd September	25th Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Mina Fox RIP (Fr. Paul's mum) – 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..... Doreen Derrick, Daniel Scott and Monica Stokes. **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

† Please pray for Mrs. Freda Miller who died recently. Please also keep Gerald and the family in your prayer too. The Requiem Mass will be September 19th at 11am. The body will be received into the church the day before (18th) at 4pm. May Freda rest in peace.†

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 just want 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

Wednesday coffee mornings will recommence this week on **18th September**. If anyone is willing and able to volunteer to help once each month, please come along and make yourself known. We'd love to see you.



Good Morning!



ALSO... Coffee morning on September 29th after the 10am Sunday Mass in aid of the SVP.

If you are interested in running a coffee morning after the Sunday 10am Mass, for a Charity of your choice, please inform the staff in the presbytery office. Thank you.

CELEBRATING THE JUBILEE

2025 will be a Holy Year for the whole church. Pope Francis has invited us to promote the rights of refugees in the Jubilee Year and beyond. On Saturday 12th October from 11 am (coffee available from 10.30) Victoria Firth and Liam Allmark of the Jesuit Refugee Service UK will discuss how we can take up Pope Francis' invitation. The event will take place at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest in Gidea Park (RM2 6DH). Live participation is encouraged, but the day can also be followed live or accessed later on www.whatgoodnews.org For those attending, the church is a short walk from Gidea Park station (Elizabeth Line). Easy access from A12 Gallows Corner, and from M25. There is ample car parking space at the church. Refreshments available. Please bring a packed lunch.

APPEAL TO ASPIRING YOUNGER PARISHIONERS FROM THE JMG TRUST

Do you feel you would like to make a personal contribution towards the alleviation of poverty both locally and overseas? The “Trustees” are aiming to recruit like minded individuals to take on the work of this locally based charity with assets of £1M. We are looking in particular for younger members preferably with some Financial or IT experience, (but not necessarily qualified) to fill some administrative roles connected mainly with the distribution of grants to the “poor and needy”. If you feel that this vocational work may suit your Christian ethos, please apply to Christopher Johnson on 07783326732. We meet only twice a year to discuss Trust business matters.



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.

Do you have the need of a Wheelchair/ Mobility Aid?

Over a period of time, a collection of Wheelchairs, Strollers, Walkers and other mobility aids have gathered in the Presbytery garage.

If you or a family member have the need for any of the above items, please contact Fr. Paul for more information.

Tel: 01268 382499

These can be very expensive items and there is no cost involved whatsoever. They will be fully sanitised and delivered to wherever they are required in the area. Thank you.

Homeless Shelter

We have been asked if we would be able to put a team of volunteers together to run a homeless shelter this coming winter. The shelter is likely to run from December through to the end of March 2025. The shelter will be central and not at the Sacred Heart Church. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Parish office by email in the first instance to record your interest.

southend@brcdt.org

As more information becomes available, we will of course share. Thank you.

Thank you for your help. God bless, Liam Rand

Catholic Parish of The Sacred Heart, Southend-on-Sea and St John Fisher, Prittlewell The Presbytery, 418 Southchurch Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS1 2QB Telephone (44) 01702 465720

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 . No coaches included but car share / travel companions can be arranged . £5 pp initial payment . All tickets can be paid in instalments.

The trips arranged are as follows :

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

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.

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/>

PARISH CHOIR

Do you like to sing? You would be most welcome to join us in the Parish Choir. Just come up to the choir loft after 10am Mass on a Sunday when we are singing. We only sing twice a month, so the commitment is not great. We hold a choir practice on most Thursdays too at 7.30pm for an hour or so. For more details contact Isobel Kennedy (07795 821705)

Youth Gather, Essex Outdoors, East Mersea, 26th – 27th October

For anyone in year 9 and above, join us for a weekend of speakers, workshops, prayer and more, alongside the opportunity to try high ropes, archery or climbing at the amazing Essex Outdoors in East Mersea. **Applications are now open** and you can apply and find all information at www.bcys.net/events/youth-gather-2024/

The Brentwood Ursuline Convent High School will be holding an Open Evening for prospective Year 7 students with their parents who wish to consider entry to the school in September 2025. For prospective Year 7 students the Open Evening will be on Thursday 26 September 2024 from 6.30pm - 9.00pm. The Headteacher will give a talk at 6.30pm and 7.30pm.

Please note that there are no on-site parking facilities available.

Art Exhibition: The Most Holy Redeemer, Laindon Road, Billericay, CM12 9LL, will be holding an exhibition of art work by a parishioner, Terry Ludden, on Saturday 5th October, 2.30pm-5pm in the Canon Roche Hall (behind the Church). The paintings will be for sale, all proceeds will go to the Parkinsons Society and the local Foodbank. There will be light refreshments and live music. Feel free to pop along.

ST. THOMAS MORE HIGH SCHOOL SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING - THURSDAY 3rd October
6.00-8.00 P.M.

For families who have students – boys and girls - in year 11 of secondary school who are intending to begin sixth form studies in September 2025. Come and visit the school and meet the staff and current sixth form students. There will be tours of the sixth form building and the rest of the school.

The Knights of St. Columba will be holding two social events; a Quiz Night on the 28th Sept. and a Bingo Night on the 26th Oct. to raise funds for the work of Sr. Joachim and her Mission of Hope. A “flier” will be handed out after weekend Masses with information on the excellent work carried out by Sr. Joachim whose mother resides in our parish. Please support these events. There will be an opportunity for those who cannot attend to donate – do take an envelope from a member of the Knights.

ADoRE spiritual mini-retreat 21st September “YOU SHALL PROPHECY” – developing the gift of prophecy. Including Mass, Adoration, Praise, Prayer for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and inspiring guest speaker Geoff Poulter. Live meeting 10.00-3.30 at St. Dunstan’s Church, Woking GU22 7DT including personal prayer ministry in the afternoon. Please bring picnic lunch. If unable to attend, view Mass, praise and Talk on livestream 10.00-1.00 at [//bit.ly/ADORESEP2024](https://bit.ly/ADORESEP2024) (Registration not necessary.) More information at [//www.altonrenewal.com/this_month](http://www.altonrenewal.com/this_month)

The SVP Conference ,Rayleigh

The Month of September is the Awareness Month for the SVP. The Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul is on Friday 27th September which we will celebrate with a Mass at 9.30.

The SVP will be hosting a Coffee Morning after the 10 o’clock Mass on Sunday 29th September.

Could I please draw your attention to the Food Bank donations Box in the Church entrance. The Food Bank is at present receiving a reduction in donations of surplus foods from Supermarkets and individuals mainly due to the economic climate. So if you can contribute in any way, no matter how small, this will help those families who are struggling to make ends meet.

You have always given the SVP great support and I am sure you will continue to do so.

The members of the SVP Rayleigh will be wearing lanyards during the Month of September to make Parishioners aware of them and if you would like to learn more about the SVP work. Speak to them about any problems or concerns in strictest confidence.

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

Class Teacher - Upper Key Stage 2

MPR/UPR ~ Full time ~ Required January 2025

This could be a fixed (two term) or permanent position

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School is looking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly-motivated class teacher to join our friendly and dedicated team.
(The successful applicant will teach one of our Year 5 classes, until the end of this academic year)

Our Lady of Ransom was judged to be an an **OUTSTANDING** Catholic school (S48 Inspection, May 2022) and a **GOOD** school by Ofsted in January 2023

Our school provides a happy, calm atmosphere with delightful children, a wonderful learning environment and supportive colleagues, governors and parents.

The successful candidate will need to be a strong practitioner committed to achieving high standards of pupils' learning and capable of teaching imaginatively. They will be willing to be involved in all aspects of school life.

The post would suit an experienced teacher who is either a practising Catholic or willing to support the strong Catholic ethos of our school.

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The appointment is subject to satisfactory references, medical and enhanced DBS checks.

Visits to the school are welcomed and encouraged.
For more details please contact Mr. Parascandolo (Head Teacher)
via the school office (01268 785741)

For an application form please visit the school website www.olorcps.net
Closing date: Thursday 17th October 2024 (4pm)
Interview date: w/c 21st October 2024

We reserve the right to call for interview and appoint prior to the closing date.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) has a number of Gold Bond Charity places for runners in the LONDON MARATHON taking place on Sunday 27th April 2025. If you are an experienced runner or someone who would value the opportunity to participate in this renowned event, please contact Damian Dillon for further details on 07912 308000 / ddillon@bccs.org.uk. The closing date for completed applications is Friday 26th September and please note that there is a minimum sponsorship requirement of £1800 (excluding Gift Aid). If you have been lucky enough to secure your own running place through the ballot, BCCS would invite you to join them and run to support children's mental health. The London Marathon is a unique opportunity to raise much needed funds for the Diocesan Children's Society and perhaps achieve a lifetime ambition at the same time.

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 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 4JH)
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 (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.