

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



8th September 2024 Twenty-Third Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 3

Oh Jon, you're such a fool! Tall, lanky, he hardly spoke, except for the odd grunt of a 'yeh' or 'nuh'. He seemed to enjoy his roll-ups. Jon joined our group on a Catholic Students Retreat years ago. First impressions was that he was a fool. And there was Maria, petite, seemingly shy and withdrawn. A group of us were in a shop looking at some souvenirs, when suddenly the post-card stand went flying. Postcards everywhere. And there was Jon apologising profusely. Having picked up the cards, the lady shoed us out the shop. Disgusted with Jon's typical clumsiness, I (and the others) really wanted nothing to do with him. Walking in step with me, he muttered several times - 'I had to do it, I just had to do it'. I asked angrily 'do what Jon, do what?' He replied quietly, 'I pretended that I knocked the stand over and apologise; you see, Maria actually knocked it over, I was sure she would have died with embarrassment if everyone glared at and blamed her. So I took the blame'.

Suddenly I felt sick inside. Prejudices, criticisms, judgements. Such negative energies that can so emotionally and spiritually cripple us from seeing true goodness. Who was the real fool? And who was the enlightened one? I felt so ashamed. I apologised to Jon and he shrugged his shoulders. Just shrugged it off. What a wonderful man.

We all can tend to build walls around the heart to protect us from people who seem different. We make distinctions only on what we think we know, based on erroneous judgements. These in turn fuel our pride and arrogance. Look at St. James' reading again. Jesus' healings are partly to eradicate all distinctions and prejudices in the community. Now fully restored back to the community - all prejudice and condescension is gone.

How do we solve this? Look into our own hearts, honestly, truthfully. What is 'really' going on? Only when we are honest about our own weaknesses (and gifts) will be more in tune with others. Maybe hard, maybe embarrassing and maybe humiliating, but so spiritually strengthening. It's the way of love, the way of total inclusion. They are fools, but then so am I. They are talented and gifted, but then, so am I.

1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 4-7

Psalm: 145: 7-10

2nd Reading: James 2:1-5

Gospel: Mark 7: 31-37



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 7th September	
5.30pm Mass	Our Lady of Ransom School Community (Ints)
Sunday 8th September 23rd Sunday of the Year (B) (Education Sunday)	
8.00am Mass	Fr. Martin Boland (Ints)
10.00am Mass	Parish Community
Monday 9th September	
9.30am Mass	Mary Rose Dullaghan RIP – The Bunker family
Tuesday 10th September	
9.30 Mass	Freda Miller RIP – Alan Coleman
Wednesday 11th September	
10.00am Mass	Mary and Trevor Rickards (Ints) – Marie and Colin Griffin
Thursday 12th September	
9.30am Mass	Private Intention
Friday 13th September St. John Chrysostom	
12.00pm Mass	Requiem Mass : Mina Fox RIP (Fr. Paul's mum)
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

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....., Tony Rickard, Terence Foreman, Dennis Whitewick and Doreen Derrick. **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.

† Your prayers please pray for Mrs. Mina Fox (Fr. Paul's mum) who died last Sunday afternoon. Her Requiem Mass will be this Friday September 13th at 12pm here at Our Lady's. Please also keep my family in prayer at this difficult time. Thank you. All are welcome. May mum rest in peace. †

† 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 on 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.

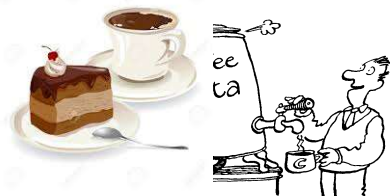
Wednesday Coffee Morning

Wednesday coffee mornings will recommence this week on **11th 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... 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.



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 . Car share / travel companions can be arranged . £5 pp initial payment . All tickets can be paid in instalments.

The trips arranged are as follows :

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.

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/>

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/>

Monday 16 September at Eastwood Parish 8pm

After the 7pm Mass, beginning at 8pm

Fr Jeff Woolnough will be giving a talk on his experiences viewing the 'Mystery Man' exhibition held at Sigüenza Cathedral at the end of August.

The central piece of the exhibition is a life size 3D prototype of the image on the Shroud of Turin, the corpse of a crucified man - as realistic as modern day technology allows! The talk will take place in the Parish Hall and all are most welcome.

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/

Vacancy at St Bernard's High School - Minibus Driver

Part-time (Monday to Friday, term time only)

Hours are 7am to 9am and 3pm to 5pm

Salary £13 Per Hour

Start as Soon as Possible – Fixed Term to 31 August 2025

We are seeking to appoint a part-time minibus driver to collect and drop off new Year 7 students to and from school who live in the local surrounding area. No previous experience necessary but it is essential that you have D1 or D1(101) on your license. You must also be DBS checked but the school will do this on your behalf.

If you are interested, please fill out the support staff application form which can be found on our website www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk under About Us/Vacancies and send it to recruitment@stbernards.southend.sch.uk.

Closing Date: Monday 16 September 2024 @ 9.00am

We do reserve the right to close this advertisement early if we receive a high volume of suitable applications

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



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 (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.