

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

13th October 2024 Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 4



Billy. Wild hair, ripped jeans, T-shirt, and shoes all torn. He visits a packed church. No seats available, so he decides to sit on the ground right by the pulpit. The people are nervy, uptight. The priest stops; equally uptight. Then, 85 year-old Burt gets up with walking-stick and shuffles slowly over to Billy. It's arduous and seems to take forever. Everyone knows what's going to happen. But no! They're stunned. Good old Burt drops his stick to the floor, and with great difficulty and bones creaking, he agonisingly lowers himself to sit beside Billy. Now Billy is not alone. Solidarity. The priest says '*what I am about to preach, you will probably not remember; what you have just seen you will never forget*'. Could our lives and what we do be the only sermon someone ever hears and remembers?

We must remind ourselves that it is one thing to know commandments, doctrines and dogmas of our faith – but “living them”? It is one thing to know correct words, ideas and laws of our faith– but to “en-flesh” them, live them out? We are taught that the “word became flesh”. I often wonder why theologians have spent so much time putting flesh back into words, then arguing and falling out over who has the “right” words, ideas, dogmas etc. It seems to defeat the whole mind-blowing truth of the “word becoming flesh”. The priest above was about to use words, good old Burt simply en-fleshed the truth. No words, ideas, data, information or commandments necessary.

Jesus keeps saying “follow me”. Do we? What about those distractions? For the rich young man, his wealth distracted him. Yes, he knew all the commandments, the correct laws and ideas, he apparently worshipped God, but did he really? Or did he really worship his money and Jesus found him out? Little wonder he went away sad. And what about *following*...ouch! A distracted young man, distracted by attachment to his wealth. Maybe his wealth really was his God? Is it our God in reality? And where does Jesus say ‘to worship him is enough’, or ‘you must have the right words’? All the “right” words, all the “right” kinds of worship, but what are we **really** worshipping? Money? Power? Status? All so dangerous. Wealth of itself is not the problem, but it brings responsibilities.

Faith is not just about knowing facts and data, nor worshipping the messenger, but double-checking we are en-fleshing the message, living it out. Following Our Lord. If something distracts us, identify it, so we can clear it out the way. Then we can follow more clearly. It's the way to peace. Living the faith, en-fleshing it, or in-carnating it, like old Burt above, may be the only sermon someone ever hears, or bible someone-else ever reads.

1st Reading: Wisdom 7: 7-11

Psalm: 89: 12-17

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4: 12-13

Gospel: Mark 10: 17-30



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 12th October

5.30pm Mass June Danino RIP – Maria Amey

Sunday 13th October 28th Sunday of the Year (Prisons Week)

8.00am Mass Mina Fox RIP – Colin and Marie Griffin
10.00am Mass Parish Community

Monday 14th October

7.30am Mass Fr. Christopher Hogan RIP

Tuesday 15th October St. Theresa of Jesus

9.30am Mass Diana Mason RIP – Mary Butterworth

Wednesday 16th October

10.00am Mass Roy Flower RIP (Anniv) – Damian and Susan Lucibello

Thursday 17th October St. Ignatius of Antioch

9.30am Mass All connected with the Prison System (Ints)

Friday 18th October St. Luke

9.30am Mass Gerald Miller (Ints)

Saturday 19th October

5.30pm Mass Mina Fox RIP – the Weldon Family

Sunday 20th October 29th Sunday of the Year (World Missions Sunday)

8.00am Mass Parish Community
10.00am Mass Tim Gleadall RIP (Anniv) – Maureen Gleadall

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

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Public Mass times:
Saturdays 5.30pm
Sundays 8am & 10.00am
Mondays & Tuesdays 9.30am
Wednesdays 10.00am
Thursdays & Fridays 9.30am

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.....Betty Popplewell, Eileen Rochford, Sharon Hillman, Margaret La Pierre and Molly Denny.

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.

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.*

Church Car Park: anyone who wishes to leave their car in the church car park overnight, or especially over several nights, must check with the Parish Office first. This is for reasons such as funeral guests having priority parking during funerals, other celebrations occurring requiring car park use, and possible ground and work maintenance being ongoing, as evidenced recently. Please respect this request. 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. **We will meet again this Monday 14th October 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

Coffee Morning will take place on Wednesday **16th October 2024 after 10am Mass.**

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!



Sunday Coffee morning after 10am Mass THIS Sunday 13th October in aid of HARP's Bradbury Daycentre in Southend.

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.

October is the month of the Holy Rosary: *All people are encouraged to pray the Rosary throughout the month of October. We must ever more urgently pray for world peace – especially in these dangerous times we live in. When we pray the Rosary calmly and meditatively, we can find remedies for any evils that may be lurking deep down within, and find the source of all blessing.*

World Mission Sunday - 20th October, 2024

World Mission Sunday is a day that unites Catholics in every parish and every country. From the remote villages of Malawi to the rugged landscapes of Mongolia, faith communities like ours are getting to celebrate, pray and share whatever they can with our brothers and sisters in need. We stand united with them in prayer, solidarity and action.

On this Mission Sunday, Pope Francis reminds us of Christ's call to each one of us to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet'. And when he says 'everyone', he means everyone. Our mission is to be instruments of God's love, to share the Gospel; and our mission is not just local - it's global.

Missio is the Pope's charity for world mission, and he has entrusted the global Missio network with coordinating the World Mission Sunday celebration. Mission ensures that today's offerings- and those collected in parishes worldwide - reach communities in the greatest need. These are places where poverty, conflict, or the challenges of being a young Church create profound needs. Your generosity will help faith communities build their own

chapels, fund hospitals, schools and support vocations where the Church is just beginning to take root or is struggling to survive.

To share a glimpse of your support's impact: In Lebanon, where families live under the constant threat of rockets and gunfire, the Sisters of the Forsaken Jesus are a beacon of hope. Sister Jovanna lives alongside struggling communities in Lebanon. She tells us, 'Our aim is to share love and care with families in real need. As long as we have food, we will share it and do everything we can to support them, preserving their dignity and hope'.

In Mongolia, home to the youngest Catholic Church in the world, the harsh winters can decimate the crops and herds the nomadic people rely on for survival. Missionaries there offer shelter, food and hope to those who have lost everything, whilst quietly sharing their faith. With your help, Missio has also played a key role in training lay catechists and the first Mongolian Priest, who alongside missionaries from around the world, provide education, healthcare and spiritual formation. They are inviting everyone to know God's love.

World Mission Sunday is a lifeline for thousands of missionaries like those in Lebanon and Mongolia, who bring Christ's love to some of the most challenging places in our world.

These missionaries are often the first to respond in times of crisis and the last to leave the communities they serve. Today we give thanks for their tireless efforts as we share in their God-given mission to build a world of justice, peace and solidarity.

The essence of mission is to go out and invite others to share in the joy we receive through Christ's Resurrection. This joy isn't just for us; it is meant to be shared with the whole world. As Pope Francis reminds us the heart of our mission is to spread the Good News of God's love, which has the power to transform lives and heal our world.

As we gather around the Eucharistic table this World Mission weekend, let us remember that the poorest and most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters are the special guests at God's banquet. Together, let's respond to Christ's call to 'Go and invite everyone to the banquet'. Let's be the light and hope our world desperately needs, bearing witness to the love of Christ in all that we do.

Please pray for our sisters and brothers and for the work of missionaries throughout the world. And if you can, please donate on this World Mission Sunday weekend using Missio envelopes or online at Missio.org.uk

On behalf of Missio, THANK YOU for your generosity, your prayers and your commitment to God's global family

Missio Red Boxes

We are about three months away from the Missio Year End report submission for OLOR.

If you have a Red Box and it needs emptying and the contents banked into the Missio account, please speak with your local Missio Promoter **or** bring your Red Box to church and hand it to one of the Ushers who will leave it in the Presbytery for safe keeping.

It will be dealt with in good time and returned back to you.

Thank you.

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: Confirmed date: Monday 12th May – Friday 16th May 2025. The cost quoted is £635pp based on 20 people going. This does not include flights. If interested please contact Fr. Paul or Nicky (07710 126563) or nicky.prideaux@outlook.com. 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

THANK YOU. A big thank you to all who have put donations of toiletries in the box in the church entrance all which go to help people who are underprivileged. More are needed, if you are able to donate, this would be so very much appreciated.

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 :

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.

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)

The Knights of St. Columba will be holding 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.

The SVP Conference ,Rayleigh

The Month of September is the Awareness Month for the SVP. The Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul was on Friday 27th September which was celebrated with Holy Mass.

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.

If you would like to learn more about the SVP work please speak to an SVP member. Also 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.

URGENT Furniture Appeal

The SVP Conference ,Rayleigh

We are appealing to you following a lady losing everything she owns in a House fire which happened some weeks ago. She is being housed in temporary accommodation in a Travelodge and is as you can imagine , desperate for support.

She has lost all her personal belongings, Clothing, family photos etc.

So I would ask, if you have any Furniture, no matter how old, which you may be thinking of renewing or discarding, kitchen utensils, towels, etc or anything that would help her set up home again, please contact myself or an SVP Member.

We can collect items which are available.

Thank you all once again.

Pat Rickard. President. SVP Conference Rayleigh

Tel: 01702 206842 Mobile: 07831 558242

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.

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, the chance to try archery or climbing, socialise with friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. Travel, meals, accommodation and activities are all included in the price.

Applications are now open and you can apply and find all information at www.bcys.net/events/yg24/

Youth Mass, First Thursday of the Month, Brentwood Cathedral, from 6pm

Join the BCYS to celebrate Youth Mass each month with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese.

There will be pizza in the Parish Hall from 6pm, with a different input each month - speakers, workshops, prayer and worship, Reconciliation or more!

Catechist Training and Resources Day, Brentwood Ursuline Convent School, Saturday 9th November, 10am-3pm

With guest speakers, new workshops, exciting resources and fresh ideas.

*Open to anyone working with young people in the Diocese of Brentwood, including First Holy Communion / Confirmation Catechists, Parish Partnership Youth Coordinators and Youth Leaders as well as those who look after the children's liturgy, especially any young people (16+) who already are or may be interested in working as young leaders and catechists in the parish, and wish to develop their faith further post-confirmation. Please visit www.bcys.net/events for more information on how to reserve your **FREE** place.*

Catholic and aged between 18 - 30?

Join a group for faithful young adults for faith based discussions. Presentations on relevant theological or ethical issues, evening prayer, exposition and benediction. If you are interested then contact Max on 07783506474 for more information or to confirm your place. Food and drink will be provide. The first session: Monday 28th October at 18:30pm in Sacred Heart Church Hall (SS1 2QB) featuring a presentation by Fr. Graham Smith titled: Gender Ideology: A Catholic Perspective.

From the Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre

Senior carer position for a Community of 9 religious sisters in their home in Colchester. For further details please see our website: <https://canonesses.co.uk/senior-carer-position-howe-close/> OR call Care Manager on 07394-980188

Retreat Manager at Walsingham House: Walsingham House is an integral part of the youth ministry in our diocese. They are seeking to appoint a Retreat Manager who can oversee the smooth running and delivery of retreats to our schools and parishes. It is essential that applicants have experience in youth ministry. This is an exciting role and a chance to help shape the future of retreats within our diocese. For more information please see their website <https://bcys.net/news/vacancies/> The closing date is midday on Tuesday 15th October.

St. Margaret Clitherow Pilgrimage 26th and 27th October 2024

On 26th and 27th October 2024, there will be a St. Margaret Clitherow themed pilgrimage, we will visit the Shrine of St. Margaret Clitherow, visit her relics at the Bar Convent and visit the place of her execution. There will also be other social and devotional activities/talks.

The event is organised by Young Catholic Adults and the Traditional English Association of Catholic History. All ages are welcome. Please come to as much or as little of the pilgrimage as you want. To book onto this FREE pilgrimage please go to:- <https://bookwhen.com/youngcatholicadults-yorkpilgrimage2024>

The next Maranatha at The Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, CM15 9BX, is on Thursday 17th October. The evening begins with Mass at 7pm followed by Prayer and Praise and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and our Celebrant is Fr. Paschal Uche. Everyone is very welcome to come and join us and we would encourage you to bring a friend if you wish.

Recruitment - Cook (Job share)

Two cooks required to work via a job share in a unique position within a small Religious Community based in Colchester – The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre.

Shift pattern: 1200hrs to 1900hrs

Two days per week and alternate weekends

If this is of interest to you, please submit a CV and any enquiries to:
caremanager@canonesses.co.uk or 07932657038

Application closing date: 15/10/2024

St. Thomas More High School - Open Days,

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October 2024 by appointment.

Telephone 01702 344933 or office@st-thomasmore.southend.sch.uk –

for parents who have a son due to transfer to secondary school in

September 2025 - come and see the school during a normal school day, meet the staff and pupils.

Parents of boys who wish to apply to St. Thomas More School for a

place in September 2025 should complete the Local Education Authority

single application form (SAF) and fill in the supplementary information form

(SIF) that can be collected from the school or downloaded from the website:-

www.st-thomasmore.southend.sch.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 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.



DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in desperate need of the following items:

Toiletries

Deodorant (Men's & Women's)

Shower gel

Shampoo/Conditioner

Sanitary Pads (All sizes)

Toothpaste

Toothbrushes



Clothing

Sleeping bags

Tracksuit bottoms (All sizes)

Jumpers (All sizes)

Underwear and socks (All sizes)

Trainers (All sizes)

Warm Coats (All sizes)



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