

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



10th November 2024 32nd Sunday of the Year (Remembrance Sunday) Psalter Week 4

“Please sir, my friend hasn’t come back from the battlefield. Permission to go and look for him....?”
“Permission denied”, said the officer, “I don’t want you to risk your life for a man who is probably dead”. The young soldier went anyway, and staggered back an hour later, himself struggling from mortal wounding, agonisingly carrying his friend’s body. “I told you he may be dead. Now I’ve quite possibly lost both of you. Tell me, was it worth going to bring back a dead body?” “Oh yes, more than worth it, sir. When I got there he was still alive, and he said to me, ‘lan, I knew you’d come”.

No explanation needed. Today we honour, salute, thank, and pay tribute to those who have fallen in all wars. We remember and are inspired by their extraordinary bravery, heroism and martyrdoms. And as people of the Resurrection, our faith must be that they are in a very real way, alive, at peace, and with us. With us to inspire and give us fresh hope. With us to urge us, to scream at us, *stop, enough is enough*. Their deaths remind us of the evils of war. Lives heroically sacrificed so we back here should learn a valuable lesson about these evils, angers, griefs and terrors that war promotes. Its venom of bitterness biting into our very souls, creating chaos, agony and turmoil. And from their risen lives, they call us to stop, continually urging peace. Do we listen?

Yes, a war may end; but for survivors, the war rages on in their hearts, into their marriages, children and into future generations.

All this because greedy people want more and more land and power; or maybe because some are threatened by people who seem different. So they try to forcefully control, or annihilate; all to dispose of this ‘threatening’ group. Such greedy power games can start small, then mushroom, as history so clearly shows us. If only people were more like the poor widow in today’s Gospel, humble and true. True to themselves. Things may well be very different. But do we learn?

We are one race, the human race. No-one need feel stigmatised. Creed, colour, finance, we are all one. Hypocrites we see today are trying to divide what is already one. Dividing, and more dividing. It goes on... Why can’t people be more like the poor widow? A poor widow, yet rich in love. In God’s eyes, we are all rich. We are all one.

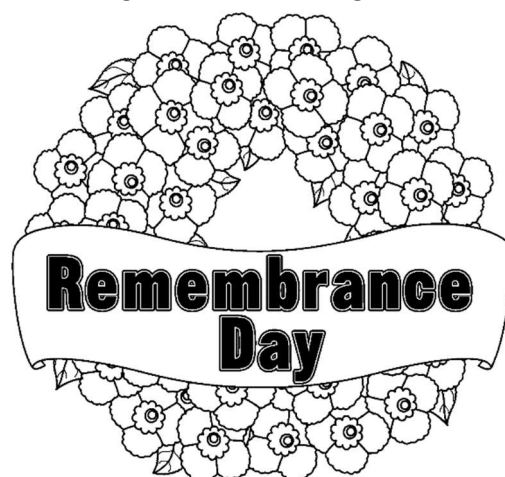
We remember. We salute and are inspired by those who fell. From their risen life we hear them scream, *enough is enough*. *Why must more die so agonisingly? Aren’t our deaths enough for all to learn? So stop it! Peace is the only way*. And we realise just how right Jesus is all the way along. What will it take for everyone to finally learn?

1st Reading: 1 Kings 17: 10-16

Psalm 145: 7-10

2nd Reading: Hebrews 9: 24-28

Gospel: Mark 12: 38-44



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 9th November	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
5.30pm Mass	Nick Mead (Ints) – Jane and John Cook
Sunday 10th November	32nd Sunday of the Year (Remembrance Sunday)
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Holy Souls and the Fallen of all Wars RIP
Monday 11th November	St. Martin of Tours
9.30am Mass	Dennis Byrne RIP – Dorothy Dimmock
Tuesday 12th November	St. Josaphat
9.30am Mass	George Adams (Ints) – Jean Williams
Wednesday 13^h November	
10.00am Mass	Holy Souls RIP
Thursday 14th November	
9.30am Mass	Richard Tobin RIP – Mary Rickards
Friday 15th November	
9.30am Mass	Dennis Byrne RIP – Lorna Warren
Saturday 16th November	St. Edmund of Abindgon
5.30pm Mass	Walenty Krolikowski RIP (Anniv) - The Krolikowski Family
Sunday 17th November	33rd Sunday of the Year (World Day of the Poor)
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Deceased members of the Flower and Lucibello Families RIP

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.....Kathleen Kirkland, Peter Whitehead, Walenty Krolikowski, George Valentine, Joan Walmsley, James Hughes and Daniel Abel.

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.

† **Book of Remembrance** is in the church porch. Names written in the book will be remembered at Masses throughout November. May all those whose names are written in the book rest in peace. †

Holy Communion, when receiving, please 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.

Parish Garden: if anyone has any good and constructive ideas for our garden, do please let us know. A few have already been expressed. Thank you.

Brown Envelopes regarding the Missionary Work of Sr. Joachim in Ethiopia – please hand them back by THIS weekend, 10th November at the latest with donations. Thank you for your kind generosity.

Printed Parish Newsletters – Reminder: printed newsletters are left outside the Presbytery for those who have NO ACCESS to electronic newsletters. In good conscience, please honour 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 11th November 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 **13th November 2024 after the 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!



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.

Repository: A very good selection of Christmas cards are now available. Prices range from packs of 5 for £1 sold in aid of the SVP, to boxes of 18 for £4.25.

Also Nativity Advent Calendars for £1.99. Other Christmas items are also available. Please visit us after the weekend Masses. Thank you.

Junior Legion of Mary.

The Junior Legion of Mary for our parish is moving from OLOR primary school to the Bethany Room at the church. This gives us the opportunity to open the Junior Legion to young people of all ages from aged 8 to 18.

The Junior Legion of Mary aims to help young people to grow in their faith. In following Our Lady and learning to see her as our mother, we never need to feel alone or feel afraid. As a result, young people grow in confidence and have the courage to do what is right. They also learn to see and serve Jesus in everyone they meet.

We are looking particularly to invite secondary school children to attend, especially those who used to come to Junior Legion when they attended OLOR Primary school. However, all children and teenagers aged 8 to 18 are welcome, regardless of which school they attend.

We will be meeting in the Bethany Room weekly on **Fridays at 5pm** for one hour. For further information please pick up a leaflet at the back of the Church or contact Isobel Kennedy Tel/Text: 07795 821705 or email: isobel@kennedykin.co.uk

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.

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.

Assisted Suicide Bill. Kim Leadbeater MP is introducing a bill to introduce assisted suicide, which will be voted on by MPs on the 29 November. We know that assisted

suicide laws in other jurisdictions have had devastating consequences for the poor, disabled and marginalised. This is the biggest threat to the vulnerable in a decade, and we need a huge effort to lobby MPs. Please contact your MP by visiting www.livesworthliving.org.uk

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

Learning Support Assistant - Early Years/Key Stage 1 Our Lady of Ransom School

31.25hrs per week term time only 8:30am - 3:15pm with an unpaid 30 min lunch break
Scale 3 Point 5 £23,500 f.t.e. - Actual salary £16,749

We are looking for a dedicated, talented and experienced practitioner to work as a Learning Support Assistant in our school and with our fabulous team.

Are you motivated to bring out the best in every child?

Is building strong and nurturing relationships central to your practice?

Are you motivated to bring out the best in every child?

Can you work within our distinctly Catholic ethos?

You must be flexible, with an ability to think on your feet and use your initiative. You must have patience, empathy and a positive, can-do attitude. Holistic development is embraced across the school, therefore we are looking for an individual who is able to promote the physical, spiritual, emotional, intellectual and social development of every child.

The successful candidate will have wide experience of working within Early Years and/or Key Stage 1 and be able to apply their knowledge and expertise to support the class teacher in creating an engaging environment which stimulates pupils' curiosity and interests, progress and development. Early Years qualifications, NVQs and/LSA qualifications or HLTA status is desirable. A good standard of English and maths is essential. Also desirable is a First Aid qualification.

We are building a Trauma Perceptive Practice approach and place the highest value on inclusion and celebrating diversity.

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.

Following safer recruitment procedures an appointment will be subject to satisfactory references, medical checks and enhanced DBS clearance.

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: 4pm on Monday 11th November 2024
Interviews: w/c 18th November 2024

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

VACANCY AT ST BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Part-time, three days a week, term time only, 8.30am – 4.30pm

Salary Scale 9 to 19 - £25,119 - £29,777 (actual salary £13,095 - £15,523)

Are you a practising Catholic with a passion for working with children?

We are looking to appoint a School Chaplain to support the Catholic Life and Collective Worship of our school community. You will need to be proactive and be able to work independently, with excellent time management and organisational skills, arranging events such as whole school masses, form masses, charity fundraisers, retreats. Experience in education or youth ministry would be an advantage.

The Chaplain must be a practising Roman Catholic and should have relevant experience or qualification (e.g. Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies). You will be someone who is skilled in dealing with a wide range of people, and be compassionate, personable and discreet.

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!

Cook (Full-time) – Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 12.00- 19.00hrs

Required to work in a unique position within a small religious community, based in Colchester – The Canonesses of the Holy Sepulchre.

If this is of interest to you, please submit a CV and any enquiries to: caremanager@canonesses.co.uk or call on 07394980188.

Application closing date: 13/11/2024

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Good Counsel Network. On Saturday 16th November, please pray and fast for the end of abortion and euthanasia. Your prayer and fasting is urgently needed. "And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least...God saw their efforts to renounce their evil ways. And God relented about the disaster which He had threatened to bring on them, and He did not bring it." (Jonah 3:5,10)
Please Invite others to join the day on

Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/events/911998444365954/>

St Bernard's High School
Sixth Form Open Evening
Thursday 28 November 2024

6.30pm to 8.30pm

We would be delighted to welcome to our Sixth Form Open Evening prospective students who are interested in joining St Bernard's High School's Sixth Form in September 2025.

www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk

We welcome applications to our mixed Sixth Form from students of all faiths and none, who meet our entrance requirements and are seeking a school with a Christian ethos.

'St Bernard's High School is a welcoming, inclusive school'. Ofsted 2023

'Leaders have high expectations of pupils in terms of learning and behaviour. Pupils live up to these expectations.' Ofsted 2023

'The behaviour of students is exemplary both in lessons and throughout the school as they strive to live out the mission statement, 'Love one another as I have loved you'. (Diocesan Inspection, 2024)

'Behaviour for learning is outstanding, fostered through extremely positive teacher-student relationships'. (Diocesan Inspection, 2024)

www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk, Milton Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 7JS

Enquirers Evening

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 12 November at Brentwood Cathedral. The speaker will be Mgr Gordon Read.

For further information please contact Fr Mark Swires: vocprom@brcdt.org

Christmas Eve Family Mass-

Adult volunteers needed to assist with helping the Christmas Eve Family Mass preparation . Please consider helping others to organise this lovely celebration, which has been an important part of Christmas to so many of our families over the years. Please consider sharing some of the responsibility, perhaps with your friends. If you may be able to help, please message Nicola 07801 888787. Thank you.



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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❄️ WINTER VOLUNTEER SHOUT-OUT ❄️

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How You Can Help: Other Roles:

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Event Support

And More.

For more details, contact: lilyd@svp.org.uk

St Vincent's Centre

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Short Street, SS2 5BY

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Aaliyah* sits on the remains of a damaged building with her daughter in their neighbourhood in southern Gaza, in October 2024.

*Name changed to protect identity

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