

Parish Newsletter

OUR LADY OF RANSOM



27th April 2025 Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) C Psalter Week 2_

Pope Francis. You tirelessly championed peace and upheld the dignity of every human being. May your teachings continue to guide us through the challenges of the world. You always urged and challenged each one of us to take responsibility for the care of the sufferings of the world, of refugees, the sufferings of all people, our environment, the earth. To cry at the untimely deaths at our borders and to have the courage to welcome them. (Jesuit Refugee Service, adapted.)

You carried the wounds of a divided church; you carried the ache of the poor and the forgotten, those living in the slums, in the favelas. The weight of hope for a world more merciful, more human, more like Christ. You made us believe again in a church that walks with the wounded, in a Gospel broad and deep enough for the doubting and for everyone, in a God whose love meets us exactly where we are.

Francis, thank you for your great leadership exercised through service, humility, compassion and humanity. What a phenomenal inspiration and example you have been. Our task now is to follow your great example and continually be inspired.

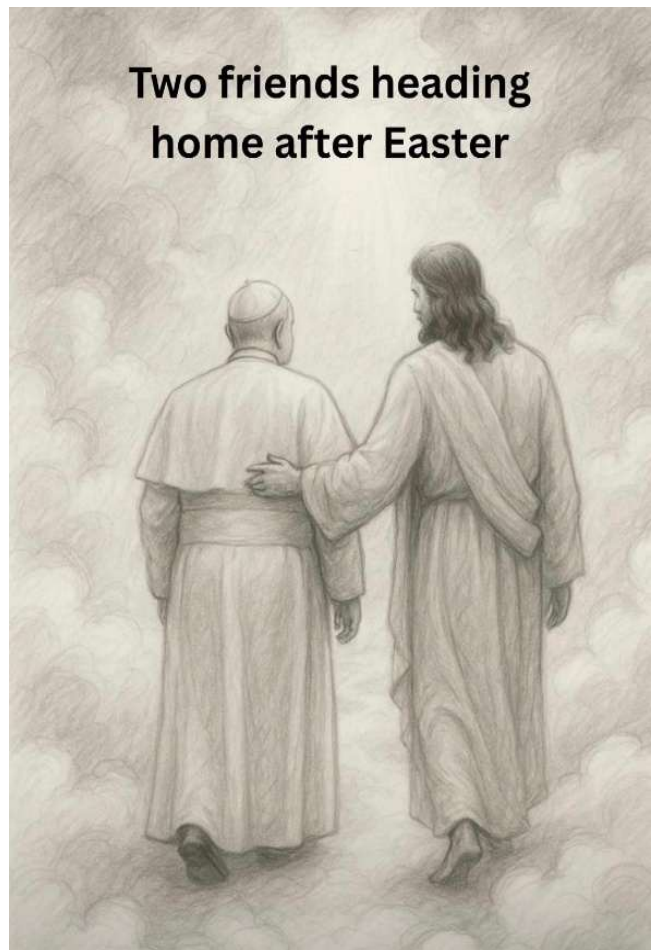
May you now find eternal rest and peace, home with the Father.

1st Reading: Acts 5: 12-16

Psalm: 118: 2-4. 22-24. 25-27

2nd Reading: Revelation 1: 9-11a, 12-13, 17-19

Gospel: John 20: 19-31



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 26th April	Easter Saturday
5.30pm Mass	Pope Francis RIP
Sunday 27th April	2nd Sunday of Easter C (Divine Mercy Sunday)
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Peggy McWilliams RIP
Monday 28th April	St. George
9.30am Mass	Rita Rhodes RIP – SVP Rayleigh
Tuesday 29th April	St. Catherine of Siena
9.30am Mass	Bill Williams RIP – Jean Williams
Wednesday 30th April	
10.00am Mass	Don Mason RIP
Thursday 1st May	
9.30am Mass	Private Intention
Friday 2nd May	St. Athanasius
9.30am Mass	Vera Cooling RIP Anniv – Tony Cooling
Saturday 3rd May	St. Philip and St. James
5.30pm Mass	Fr. Philip Rosato RIP
Sunday 4th May	Third Sunday of Easter C
8.00am Mass	Prayer Board Intentions
10.00am Mass	Parish Community

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..... Margaret O'Connor. **May they rest in Peace. †**

† Please keep Rita Rhodes in prayer. Rita died just before Easter. Please keep her friends and colleagues in prayer as well.

Please pray for Peggy McWilliams who died last week. Also please keep Elaine, Emma and her family in your prayer.

Please also keep Maria Schiavi in prayer. Maria also died recently. We remember Fiorella, Fulvio and all the family in prayer. Maria's Requiem Mass will be on May 7th at 11.00am.

May Maria, Peggy and Rita rest in Peace. †

Congratulations to Harika, Paula, Nathan, John and Brett who were received into Full Communion with the Catholic Church last week at Easter, through Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Please keep them in prayer. Thank you.

THANK YOU - to all who helped make our Triduum and Easter celebrations so beautiful. So many people commented on how reverential and beautiful they were. Thank you again.

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 noticeboard for quick reference. Please leave it attached to the noticeboard for others to see. Thank you.

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. Please respect this request. Thank you.

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.

Wednesday Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning will take place on Wednesday April 30th after the 10.00am 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.



If you are interested in running a coffee morning after Sunday 10am Mass, for a Charity of your choice, 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.

The Sacrament of Confirmation.

We are inviting all young people who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to come along on Monday June 9th to begin a series of sessions leading to the receiving of the Sacrament on Sunday November 16th from Bishop Alan. All sessions will begin at 7pm. The first few will be on a Monday evening, the rest will be on a Wednesday evening. Timetables will be given out on June 9th. You need to be in Year 9 or above (or in year 8 when we begin) in order to receive the Sacrament. Full commitment to these sessions is expected as is regular ongoing Practice of the Faith.

Please, in the first instance, BY THE END OF MAY, write a letter to Fr. Paul clearly stating the reasons why you wish to receive the Sacrament. Be sure to include contact details. Thank you.

Easter Flowers. Donations for Easter Flowers (so far) are in memory of Irena Owczarek, Jim, Noreen and Maria O' Farrell; Rosa and Michael Mendes; John Warren, Christine Sugrue, Johanna Packer, Pat and Tom Herlihy, Pauline Burgess, Paul Gurney, Emma Louise Lucibello, Ellen and Jerry McGill, Kathleen and Tony Sawyer, deceased members of Sandra Kennedy's family, Barbara and Ken Dewar, and Elizabeth and Susan Fallaize. May they all rest in Peace.

Thank you for the kind donations towards the Easter Flowers in memory of loved ones and thank you to those who gave anonymously.

EASTER VIGIL READINGS

The Readings are a high point in the celebration of the Easter Vigil. To assist priests and people in managing these readings, Fr Adrian Graffy has prepared commentaries on each of them. Go to www.whatgoodnews.org Click on Scripture Readings and follow the links.

Myanmar Appeal - Thank you for your kind donations to the Myanmar Appeal. £365.18 was raised and has been sent on to CAFOD.

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.

Mary's Meals – LAST 2 WEEKS - any old or current unwanted Foreign Currency? Or old unwanted British currency? Last 2 weeks....

Please return your envelopes with all your foreign coins/notes* into the box in the church porch. Money must be in envelopes or bank bags for weighing purposes. Mary's Meals currently feeds over 2.4 million children one good meal every school day and want to reach many more - you'll be helping Mary's Meals reach the next hungry child.

Thank you for your support.

NB. * UK coins/notes that aren't legal tender are also allowed. **Please also note: if there are no more "Mary's Meals" envelopes, feel free to use ordinary envelopes with "Mary's Meals" written on them. Thank you.**

Schoolchildren's education is being affected because parents can't afford hygiene products and are too embarrassed to send their children to school. Some children are also experiencing similar embarrassment because they ARE being sent to school but in unwashed uniform.

Please consider donating these items, washing powder/liquid or feminine hygiene items to the Food Bank collection in the porch of our church. Thank you.

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)

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please look at the selection of items and cards available at the repository. There is also a catalogue for you to make your own choices. We'll be happy to place orders for you if given sufficient notice. Thank You.

Walsingham House Team 25/26: applications are now open for the volunteer retreat team at Walsingham House. If you are in Yr13 or finishing university and enjoy working with young people then a year on the retreat team could be the perfect next step. Live and work as part of a young Catholic Christian community, sharing your faith and helping to run retreats for the young people of Brentwood diocese. For more information then please see the website: www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/ or email clairebailey@brcdt.org

HARP We are very short of items that we give to people who use our services.

Here is the list:

Sleeping bags; Hand warmer; Foil blanket, take away cups; Ladies small underwear

Men's boxers small and medium; Leggings; Socks; Deodorants.

If you can help, please do let us know, we are happy to come and collect the items or you can donate to the Bradbury Centre 103-107 York Road, Southend-On-Sea, SS1 2DL.

Thank you for all your support.

Deputy Teacher - St Patrick's Primary School, Walthamstow

Deadline for applications: 15:00, Monday 28th April 2025

Headteacher - St Mary's Primary School, Hornchurch

Deadline for applications: 17:00, Monday 28th April 2025

Knights of St Columba Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory in Jubilee Year

Join us on Sunday 29th June at Aylesford Priory for an open-air Mass – Lunch (bring a pack lunch or use The Friars Restaurant) – in the afternoon join us on the Rosary Walk through The Friars beautiful grounds by the banks of The River Medway and finishing with Benediction. A coach will leave Sacred Heart Church at 8:30am and pick-up opposite Nazareth House at 8:40am, Our Lady of Lourdes at 8:50am and at Tarpots Corner at 9:10am. We depart Aylesford at approximately 4pm. The coach costs £20 per adult and children under 16 go free. Please book your place by contacting Sandy Rand 07470 820994. We look forward to welcoming you aboard:

St. Vincent's Centre Southend is holding various events to raise funds to help those in need. Afternoon teas, dinners, plus other events. Interested?

Please visit: Nesperm@svp.org.uk 07549128877 or 01702 592980. Thank you.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham – 24th May 2025: Join Bishop Alan and other parishes around the Diocese of Brentwood in Walsingham to celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope. We will celebrate Mass at the Basilica before walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey to celebrate Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House.

Missio Red Box Collection

Our parish Missio collectors are kindly encouraged to begin gathering in their Red Boxes and generous donations to Missio for our Springtime collection. Magazines are at the back of church or contact me for more.

If you are a box holder and your box is not collected by the end of April, please do contact me. If you normally bring your donation directly to church, please leave safely in the Sacristy and let me know so that I can arrange collection, or hand to me directly (or via my mum, Lorna Warren if you are a Wednesday coffee morning regular!).

Lastly, I would encourage anyone interested in the work of Missio, who support missionaries to work alongside communities in need globally, whatever their background or belief, to visit missio.org.uk to see God's work, and our parish contributions, in action. Get in touch if you would like to support by keeping a collection box in your home, or give by cheque/Direct Debit.

Thank you, Katherine Abel 0790 6844 284 / warren_katherine@hotmail.com

The Secular Clergy Common Fund

The Secular Clergy Common Fund ('Big M') is looking to appoint a new CEO. It makes grants to our sick and retired priests and looks after two Catholic cemeteries in London.

The role is 0.6FTE and offers flexible working and a salary of £50k-£60k pro rata. For further details contact Angela Rowe secretary@secularclergy.org.uk Closing date 28th April 202

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Monthly Youth Mass

Each month, on the first Thursday, the BCYS invite young people, Youth Groups, Confirmation Groups and School Groups to celebrate Mass together with other young Catholics from all around the Diocese.

The evening begins at 6pm with pizza and refreshments in the Parish Hall, followed by around an hour of input before celebrating Mass together at 7:30pm.

The whole evening finishes around 8:30pm. There is no need to book and no cost for this -

please feel very welcome to come along and simply find out more about the BCYS and what they offer!

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham for young people (18+), Saturday 24th May 2025

A group of representatives from the BCYS (aged 18+), will join Bishop Alan and other parishes on pilgrimage to Walsingham, with opportunities for readers, servers, musicians and singers during the day.

There will be Mass at the Basilica, walking the Holy Mile to the grounds of Walsingham Abbey, Vespers and Benediction on the site of the Holy House.

To apply to join the BCYS group and find more information, please visit www.bcys.net/events

Annual Pilgrimage at the Shrine of Mother of Good Counsel Clare.

The Friars of Clare Priory invite to you their annual pilgrimage taking place on Sunday 10th May at 10am at Clare Priory, Ashen Road, Clare, CO10 8NX.

The day will include tours of the priory grounds, the opportunity for reconciliation, exposition of the blessed sacrament, a procession to the shrine, mass at 2pm and refreshments.

Entrance is free but please bring your own picnic lunch.

Single female parishioner looking to rent a room with ample storage and wifi walking distance from the church and train station.

Domesticated, nonsmoker and quiet, full time steady job in Admin for a charity working in London 4 days a week.

Happy to pay up to £620/month including bills and help with cleaning of the house and light gardening duties.

Would value living in a quiet, catholic home, where she could cook the odd Sunday dinner, and share sometimes Gin and Tonic talking about faith or current affairs.

Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to help.

Holy Mass for the repose of the soul of our Holy Father will be celebrated by Bishop Alan in the Cathedral on Sunday 27th April at 11.30am.