

## Parish Newsletter

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM



4<sup>th</sup> May 2025    Third Sunday of Easter C    Psalter Week 3

Sex. The body. Weight issues. Good- looks. Cosmetics and medication – to make our bodies look and act wonderful – it's big business today? It seems that today, much is focused on the body. Watch the adverts.

Of course, our bodies are important. But it appears that many are totally obsessed with the body. Maybe it is no surprise that obesity and anorexia can be such major issues. And what about the sexual? The easiest way to feel shame, or to shame someone else – wait for it – surprise-surprise!! - is in the body. The sins of the 'physical' make for much greater scandal, gossip and readership than other sins. And shocking to say, even in our churches. And yet, strangely, Jesus rarely refers to the sins of the body. But he does refer time and again to the spiritual sins of the ego or the mind. Pride, arrogance, oppression, superiority games, pretense, illusion, ambition, denial, materialism, and more– many of which are largely ignored by most people – even people who profess to be Christian. To commit a sin of the mind, or the ego, one gets off so easily. But to commit a 'hot sin' of the body leaves us feeling far more guilty and ashamed than those above that Jesus continually condemns. Should it not be the other way round? But it isn't, is it? How do people and authorities so unbelievably miss Jesus' point? And most people do and continually do so. Mind blowing really when you think about it.

Poor St. Peter. Why would someone who is almost naked put on a cloak to jump into the water? As Peter sees Our Lord, he is reminded of his own denials and doubts, and the only way to cope is to cover the body, the place of shame. Light always exposes darkness. The brighter the sunshine, the more the car-windscreen dirt is visible, the brighter the light, the darker the shadow. Peter sees the light (Our Lord) so his soul's darkness becomes more visible. Also, like Peter, during a crisis, we can go back to old securities and work faster and more intensely at them. For Peter, it's fishing. Ans being in a state of shame and guilt, Peter covers all this shame *in his body* –Adam and Eve did too, remember? And Jesus' triple 'do you love me' undoes Peter's triple denial and doubts. He is forgiven and given a task - not scolded, not reprimanded. Simply forgiven. Wow! As I said last week, no punishment. So, we see in the first reading, a later-on, much different Peter – strong, bold, confident, self-assured. His shame has been removed, he knows his task and is prepared to die for it.

Is any shame localized in our bodies? Or are we honest about the things Jesus refers to much more? Do we allow his Holy Spirit to enter, forgive and remove any shame, so, like Peter, we can go forward boldly, with faith, confidence, strength and self-assurance?

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Acts 5: 27b-32, 40b-41**

**Psalm: 30: 2, 4, 5-6, 11,12a, 13b**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Revelation 5: 11-14**

**Gospel: John 21: 1-19**



## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>St. Philip and St. James</b>
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Prayer Board Intentions
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter C)</b>
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Parish Community
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Children and Families (Ints)
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Fr. Andrew Dorricott RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Jack Gardiner RIP (Anniversary) - Joan Gardiner
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b><u>11.00 Mass</u></b>	<b>Maria Schiavi RIP - Requiem Mass</b>
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	W.D. Hale RIP – B. and M. Mason
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b><u>8.00am Mass</u></b>	Ellen Lydon RIP – Kathy Hoare
<b>Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b>	
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Parish Community
<b>Sunday 11th May</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter C (Prayer for Vocations)</b>
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Jean Lowry RIP – Michael and Maryann Lowry
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Holy Communion Children & Families (Ints)

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><b>PARISH PRIEST</b> Father Paul Fox 50 London Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP <b>01268 38.24.99</b> <b>www.olorchurch.org</b> email: <b>rayleigh@brcdt.org</b></p>	<p><b><u>Public Mass times:</u></b> <b>Saturdays 5.30pm</b> <b>Sundays 8am &amp; 10.00am</b> <b>Mondays &amp; Tuesdays 9.30am</b> <b>Wednesdays 10.00am</b> <b>Thursdays &amp; Fridays 9.30am</b></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..... Fr. Andrew Dorricott, Freda Lawman, Michael O’Flanagan, Sr. Kathleen Stock, Edward Kirby and Doreen Cowdrey. **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. Funeral details to be announced.**

**Please pray for Peggy McWilliams who died last recently. Her Requiem Mass will be on Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup> at 11.30am. Please also 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 at Easter, through Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion. Please keep them in prayer. Thank you.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion – our children will be receiving Our Lord’s Body and Blood for the first time this Sunday May 4<sup>th</sup> at our 10am Mass and next week, May 11<sup>th</sup> at the 10am Mass. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. Thank you.**

**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.***

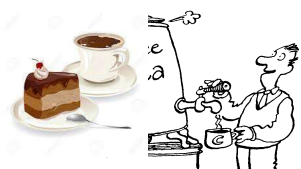
**Church Car Park: anyone who wishes to leave their car in the church car park overnight, or especially over several nights, must check with the Parish Office first. This is for reasons such as funeral guests having priority parking during funerals, other celebrations occurring requiring**

**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 May 14<sup>th</sup> **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](http://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 9<sup>th</sup> to begin a series of sessions leading to the receiving of the Sacrament on Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup>. 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 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](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Click on Scripture Readings and follow the links.

#### **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 FEW DAYS - 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/](http://www.bcys.net/whabbotswick/be-on-team/) or email [clairebailey@brcdt.org](mailto: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.

### **Knights of St Columba Pilgrimage to Aylesford Priory in Jubilee Year**

Join us on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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 24<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Christian Aid Week 11<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Christian Aid's 80th Anniversary. "Our journey together began in 1945 when Christian Aid was founded at the end of the Second World War. For eight decades, we've been united in the fight against poverty and injustice." With your help Christian Aid helps people to improve their lives and to tackle the causes of poverty and injustice. Every gift can change lives. Envelopes are available at the back of the Church and can be returned to the Church/ Presbytery or you can donate online at [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

### **Gift Aid**

It is important that we have the current address for anyone who has joined the parish Gift Aid scheme. If you have moved since you signed up to Gift Aid, please email your new address to Sandra Cowdrey, our Gift Aid Organiser, at [olorgiftaid@hotmail.com](mailto:olorgiftaid@hotmail.com).

### **Thank you.**

Frank Lowry and family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who attended and participated in any way at the funeral of Jean RIP. They appreciate all your kindness and support at this very sad time, thank you.

### **Missio Red Box Appeal**

In 2024 our parish raised £1736.32 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Your support is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more and contact Katherine Abel on [warren\\_katherine@hotmail.com](mailto:warren_katherine@hotmail.com) or 07906844284 if you would like to have a collection box in your home, or if you have any queries.

Thank you to those who have recently brought your donations to church to be collected and banked, and to the local promoters for their invaluable help. Emptied boxes can be found at the back of the church, and please help yourself to a magazine. Thank you, Katherine



## Online Book of Condolence for Pope Frances

The Bishop's Conference has set up an online book of condolence for Pope Francis.

<https://popefrancistributes.com/>

To accompany our reading of the Acts of the Apostles during the Easter period you may find my talks on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) helpful.

### THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Throughout the Easter period we read each day in the Liturgy from the Acts of the Apostles. Talks by Fr Adrian Graffy, parish priest of Gidea Park, are available on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) Please go to 'Faith Talks' and scroll down to 'Acts of the Apostles' and 'Paul in Acts'.

The Good Counsel Network present, The Sisters of Life (NY, USA) speaking on 'Why Pro-Life Vigils Matter'. Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm at The London Jesuit Centre, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 114 Mount Street, London, W1K 3AH. Entry: Free. More details 07795205117

### Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School - Rayleigh Class Teacher

MPR/UPR ~ Full time ~ Required September 2025

Our Lady of Ransom Catholic School is looking to appoint an enthusiastic and highly-motivated class teacher to join our friendly and dedicated team.

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](http://www.olorcps.net)  
Closing date: Thursday 8th May 2025 (4pm)  
Interview date: w/c 12th May 2025

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

**Learning Support Assistant - Early Years**

34.75hrs per week, term time only, 8:15am-4pm (Mon-Thurs)  
and 8:15-3:45pm (Fri) with an unpaid 30 min lunch break  
Scale 3 Point 6 £25,183 f.t.e. - Actual salary £19,959

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.

The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. 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 further details, please visit the vacancies section of our school website:

<https://www.olorcps.net/school-info/vacancies>

Closing date: 4pm on Thursday 8th May 2025  
Interviews: w/c 12th May 2025

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

**Cleaner, Chingford - Our Lady of Grace**

A vacancy has arisen for a part-time Cleaner at Our Lady of Grace, Chingford.

The post will be part-time (9 hours per week – with a flexible working agreement to be agreed)

The hourly rate of pay is £13.85 to start as soon as possible.

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply, please send your CV and cover letter by email to [chingfordolgsta@brcdt.org](mailto:chingfordolgsta@brcdt.org).

**VACANCY AT ST BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL**

**PREMISES MANAGER**

Full-time - 37 hours per week, 52 weeks a year (including additional hours at the weekend when required)  
Scale 21 - 28 (£32,115 - £37,938)

June start

Closing date: Thursday 8 May 2025

Calling all team leaders – we are looking to recruit a Premises Manager to manage our Premises Team and Cleaning staff.

The role will be challenging at times so you will need to be organised and adaptable to issues that might arise. You will manage our Premises Team and Cleaning staff across the school, resolving issues quickly and effectively to maintain a safe, clean, secure and pleasant learning environment for students, staff and visitors.

As part of the Premises team, you will take responsibility for the maintenance and security of the site, ensuring a safe environment, be responsible for site security, Health & Safety maintenance and lettings alongside the Senior Caretaker and Premises Team.

The successful candidate must have a proven track record in a maintenance role ideally working within a school or similar environment.

If you would like to apply, please complete the Support Staff Application Form found on the Vacancies page on our website and email it to [recruitment@stbernards.southend.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@stbernards.southend.sch.uk).

## **VACANCY AT ST BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL**

### **I.T. Technician**

**Full-time, 37 hours per week – 8.00am – 4.00pm**

**Start May/June 2025**

**Salary Scale: 9 – 12 (£26,409 - £27,711)**

**Closing Date: 12 May 2025, 9am**

**Interviews: w/c 12 May 2025**

**Looking for all I.T. enthusiasts! We are seeking an I.T. Technician to join our busy I.T. team to support both staff and students within our school community.**

The successful applicant should have previous experience within the I.T. field and have knowledge of Microsoft operating systems (10 & 11), be familiar with upgrading software, dealing with malware, setting up new users, projecting presentations onscreen for school events, amongst other things. You must be flexible as you will occasionally be asked to support certain extra-curricular events i.e. setting up lighting, sound and music for evening events such as school productions and concerts. Experience within a school setting desirable but not essential.

The applicant should be proactive, have good communication skills, be a team player but also be able to work on their own initiative.

If you would like to apply, please complete the Support Staff Application Form found on the Vacancies page on our website and email it to [recruitment@stbernards.southend.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@stbernards.southend.sch.uk).

## **ST BERNARD'S HIGH SCHOOL**

### **Learning Support Assistant**

Five Days Per Week, Term Time only

8.30am – 4.30pm Scale 4-6 (£24,404 - £25,183) / **pro rata actual salary £20,922 - £21,589**

**Are you an enthusiastic and inspiring LSA with the skills, confidence, creativity and energy to make a positive impact on the lives of our students ?**

You will be joining a successful, friendly and supportive department within a high performing school, supporting students from Y7 – Y13 with a range of special educational needs. Applications are welcomed from both experienced LSAs and those new to support.

St Bernard's High School is a vibrant Catholic girl's school from Years 7-11 with a co-educational mixed Sixth Form. Our school is ranked one of the top schools in Southend, and we are in the top 20% of schools across the country for our progress with students and our outcomes. It is a warm and welcoming school where our Catholic values underpin our day to day life.

*The Governing Body is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share in this commitment.*

If you are interested in becoming part of the team, please fill in a support staff application form found on our website under

<https://www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk/about-us/vacancies/> and email it to [recruitment@stbernards.southend.sch.uk](mailto:recruitment@stbernards.southend.sch.uk)