

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

13th July 2025

15th Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 3



Leicester Square was busy. Some years ago, I was walking along and came across a little stall by the Odeon. Flyers read: “repent, the end is nigh, “Jesus is Lord” ... I glanced briefly. You’ve probably seen similar yourselves. The elderly lady there instantly scolded me “that’s right sonny, you’ll burn in hell like the rest of them - you youth have no idea”. (I was a lot younger then!) I don’t think I’ve ever been condemned to hell! What had I done apart from being young! I replied that I practice my faith as a Catholic. To which the elderly man (her husband, I guess) replied, “that’s even worse”! Woh! How quickly people like to condemn, separate, divide.

Our Catholic Church has never condemned anyone to hell, only “canonized” people for heaven. Have you ever realized that? The ability to condemn through hatred, exclusion and separation is part of the sad history of many religions. Many love to see themselves as the only ones “saved”. Only ‘they’ are pure and have all the ‘correct’ answers and are superior beings. All other people are excluded, inferior. Condemned. People divided. All so very spiritually childish!

In this wonderful story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus is clearly moving us beyond any kind of narrow-minded worldview of who’s in or out. So often it is the outsider (Samaritan) who understands Jesus far more than the insider (priest). Just look at the texts and see for yourselves.

Holiness is never found through separation or exclusion of others, only radical inclusion. To include those we think are dirty, smelly, those who are ‘different’. Any exclusionary system lays the very foundation for violence, either in what we think, say, or do. Just look at the world around us today. The ‘hated’ Samaritan, (the Jews and Samaritans mutually disliked each other), the very one we expect to run away or finish him off, helps the wounded man, and pays for the man’s help. Radical inclusion.

Jesus removes any ability to separate according to peripheral issues such as politics or religion. He leaves us with no basis for ethnic hatred or creating victims whatsoever. In fact, this anticlerical story heavily criticizes any dominant or dominating group in society. Ever true. Compassion, forgiveness and inclusiveness are part of the answer. Are they just nice fluffy sentiments as some people like to think? No. Jesus is clearly commanding us to live them out, ‘go do the same’. Radical stuff. But do we? Would we dare?



1st Reading Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Psalms: 69: 14, 17, 30-31, 33-34. 36ab, 37

2nd Reading: Colossians 1: 15-29

Gospel: Luke 10: 25-37

MASS INTENTIONS

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| Saturday 12th July | |
| 5.30pm Mass | Nellie Walsh RIP |
| Sunday 13th July | Fifteenth Sunday of the Year (Sea Sunday) |
| 8.00am Mass | Parish Community |
| 10.00am Mass | Michael Lydon RIP (Anniversary) – Kathy Hoare |
| Monday 14th July | |
| 9.30am Mass | Pat Wood RIP – SVP Rayleigh |
| Tuesday 15th July | St. Bonaventure |
| 9.30am Mass | Peter Griggs RIP – Frances Wiley |
| Wednesday 16th July | |
| 10.00am Mass | Barbara Williams RIP (Anniversary) – The Williams Family |
| Thursday 17th July | |
| 9.30am Mass | Helen Cooper (Ints) – Marie and Colin Griffin |
| Friday 18th July | |
| <u>7.30am Mass</u> | Mgr. David Donnelly RIP |
| Saturday 19th July | |
| 5.30pm Mass | John Williams (Ints) – Jean Williams and Family |
| Sunday 20th July | Sixteenth Sunday of the Year |
| 8.00am Mass | Fr. John King RIP |
| 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

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| PARISH PRIEST Father Paul Fox 50 London Hill, Rayleigh Essex SS6 7HP 01268 38.24.99 www.olorchurch.org email: rayleigh@brcdt.org | <u>Public Mass times:</u> Saturdays 5.30pm Sundays 8am & 10.00am Mondays & Tuesdays 9.30am Wednesdays 10.00am Thursdays & Fridays 9.30am |
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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 23409



ANNIVERSARIES Kindly pray for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Especially Russell Gonsal, Barbara Williams and Susan Barrows.

May they rest in Peace.

† Please keep Mrs. Pat Wood in your prayers. Pat died last Friday morning. Please keep Gerard, Joseph, Maria and John in prayer too, and all her family and friends. Pat's Requiem Mass will be at 2pm this Wednesday the 16th July here at Our Lady of Ransom. May Pat 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 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 parking. 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.

Please note: Mass on Friday morning (again) is at 7.30am

CELEBRATING NICEA

To celebrate 1700 years since the Council of Nicaea, Deacon Ken Carleton recently gave a study day entitled 'Consubstantial with the Father: Creed, Church and Constantine'. The statement of faith it produced became the basis of the Creed we recite at Mass on Sundays. A fully edited version of the study day is now available free of charge on www.whatgoodnews.org

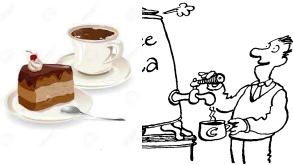
Our Lady help of Christians and St Helen

Our parish will be making our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes Wednesday 15 October 2025 - Saturday 18th October 2025 inclusive staying at the Hotel Grande Moderne, closest to the Sanctuaries. Full board basis. Flying from Stanstead direct to Lourdes (Tarbes). Luxury coach transfers included in France. We have a few spaces available and any of your parishioners would be made very welcome. The price is £650 pp based on two sharing a double room. Excludes travel insurance. Any information please contact me on 07979746707 Sue Baillie

Wednesday Coffee Morning

Coffee Morning will take place on Wednesday July 16th **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.

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.

Mary's Meals – Foreign Currency Initiative

Mary's Meals would like to thank everyone in the parish for their amazing generosity in response to their Foreign Currency initiative. The appeal raised an incredible £770.94 which is enough to feed 40 children one good meal every school day for a whole year. On behalf of the children they serve, they offer huge and heartfelt thanks! Please do continue to pray for the children and for the work of Mary's Meals worldwide. If you would like to find out more about their work, please go to www.marysmeals.org.uk May God bless you all.

.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.

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 Organizer, at olorgiftaid@hotmail.com

St John Bosco Children's Camp 2025. For children aged 9-12 years old (school years 5-7), a week of great fun, activities including climbing wall and zip wire, fishing, football, archery and much more, all in a beautiful setting. The Camp has a Catholic ethos and exists to give children a magnificent holiday. 26th July – 2nd August. For more details, and application information: www.boscocamp.co.uk. The Camp is a special work of Caritas Diocese of Brentwood.

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.

Sea Sunday 12th to 13th July 2025

There will be a second collection this weekend for Sea Sunday.

Stella Maris (formerly known as Apostleship of the sea) supports seafarers and fishers worldwide.

National Pilgrimage of Reparation & Prayer for the Sanctity of Life to Walsingham, Saturday 2nd August to be led by Bishop John Keenan of Paisley diocese, Scotland

Everyone is invited to join in this pilgrimage either in person or via the Shrine livestream at <https://www.walsingham.org.uk/live-stream/>.

Details of the day and travel arrangements can found at www.prolifepilgerimage.org

SVP Strawberry Tea Party

Invitations will be distributed for the 2025 SVP Strawberry Tea Party in Pope John Paul II Hall on Saturday 26th July from 2pm until 4pm

Attendance numbers are limited, and no offence is intended should you not be invited. Priority will be given to current SVP beneficiaries.

Closer to the date, donations for Raffle prizes would be appreciated which can be handed to an SVP Member.

Volunteer drivers are needed to transport guests to and from the Hall and will also be welcome.

Many thanks

Pat Rickard

President, SVP Conference.

Rayleigh

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Do you have the need for an Electric Reclining Chair?

A reclining electric armchair (Fabric material) is available, free of charge, for someone in need of one.

It is in excellent condition and can be delivered (free of charge) to the address concerned.

If you are interested, please contact :-

Pat Rickard SVP Tel: 01702206842 Mob: 07831 558242

The Divine Mercy Apostolate, London is holding a Celebration of St Faustina Birthday at Aylesford Priory, Aylesford, Kent on Bank Holiday Monday 25 August 2025 from 10:30 am to 4pm. The reflection day will include teachings on the Message of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Hour of Mercy with Stations of the Cross, Adoration and Benediction and Veneration of the Image of Merciful Jesus. All welcome. Call Millie on 07957594646 for more information. Coaches from Ealing Broadway and Victoria



Our church choir needs your voice!

COME AND JOIN OUR CHOIR

We hold a choir practice on most Thursdays at 7.30pm for an hour or so.
We sing all the church hits from your Hymn book but also beautiful pieces from Mozart, Bruckner, Bach, Mendelssohn, Esquivel and other beloved composers!
We only sing twice a month, so the commitment is not great and there is a fantastic view from the choir loft.



Just come up to the choir loft after 10am Mass on a Sunday when we are singing

CONTACT: ISOBEL KENNEDY
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PARISH ADMINISTRATOR – St Mary Mother of God– Hornchurch

St Mary Mother of God in Hornchurch are looking for a Parish Administrator to provide complete and comprehensive administration for the church community and also carry out some financial duties.

The successful applicant will need to have excellent communication and administration skills as well as financial experience.

Hours: 20 to 22 hours per week working three or four days per week .

Pay is dependable on skills and experience.

The full job description can be accessed on our diocese website [Vacancies - Brentwood Diocese](#)

Please apply by sending a CV and covering letter (no longer than A4) to hr@brcdt.org . Closing date for applications is Monday 14th July at 12 noon .

Maranatha - Join us for Mass and Prayer and Praise on Thursday 17th July from 7.00 to 9.00pm at the Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood, Essex CM15 9BX All are welcome and there is no need to book, just come along. CCR Team.

Knights of Saint Columba Holy Relic Tour

The Knights of Saint Columba are delighted to announce that between Friday 1st August and Sunday 10th August we will be touring the First-Class Holy Relics of St Columba, St Margaret of Scotland and St Andrew throughout the Diocese of Brentwood. Visiting Clacton, Kelvedon, Chelmsford (Blessed Sacrament), Eastwood, Basildon, Brentwood Cathedral, Hornchurch, West Ham, Elm Park and Chingford. The Holy Relics will be available during periods of each day for private prayer and veneration. Next week we will announce the exact timings and venues as we build up to this remarkable opportunity to be close both physically and spiritually to these remarkable saints. For further information please email Liam Rand prov10.ippgk.liamrand@gmail.com

Convent building

Working closely with the Parish Council, the Governors of Our Lady of Ransom Primary School, with the Trustees of the Assisi Catholic Trust, are proposing the formally take ownership of the former convent building. If you are interested in reading this proposal, please follow this link.

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