

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

27th July 2025

17th Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 1



If God were to pray to us, how might He pray:

My Child who art on earth, worried, lonely, tempted; I know your name perfectly, and I pronounce it to make it holy, because I love you. No, you are not alone, but lived in by me, and together we are building the kingdom which you are going to inherit. I like you to do my will, because my will is that you should be happy, for my glory is you fully alive. Always count on me and you will have bread for today; do not worry, I only ask that you should get used to sharing it with your sisters and brothers. You know that I forgive your trespasses even before you commit them; that is why I ask that you should do the same to those who trespass against you. So that you should never fall into temptation, take my hand tightly and I will deliver you from evil, for you are my child and I love you more than you could ever imagine. Amen. (Source unknown).

This can be known as the 'Lord's Prayer in Reverse'. For authentic prayer is allowing God's spirit to pray through us (as St. Paul says). This Lord's Prayer in reverse is saying just that. It's what God wants. This needs a calming of the mind and heart so we can genuinely listen, as I mentioned last week. Clearing our own agendas, thoughts, ideas, whatever is cluttering our minds, all out of the way. Many techniques exist for calming ourselves. When this happens, we are developing some form of union with God's will, now we realize we are already receiving what we are asking for, doors are already opening where we have been knocking. If on the other hand, our prayer is only about telling God what I think I need, this becomes the stuff of judgements, resistance, criticisms and control, now prayer is not real - but says more about a person's self-centeredness and greed. No-one can manipulate or maneuver God, He knows what is best, He sees the bigger picture.

Allow God's spirit to flow through. After all, he already lives in us. Let our prayer be much more of a dialogue rather than us only "reading" prayers or making announcements. Just calmly sit and listen. Far more beneficial. This is the ancient form of prayer, it is clearly the "Jesus" way of prayer. Try and see. Make it a practice and enjoy the extraordinary benefits – doors open everywhere, and we receive so much.

1st Reading Genesis 18: 20-32

Psalms: 138: 1-2a, 2b-3,4-5. 7c-8

2nd Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14

Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 26th July	St. Joachim and St. Anne (Parents of Our Lady)
5.30pm Mass	Susan Brady RIP – Ann Coady
Sunday 27th July	Seventeenth Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Maria Woolcott RIP – SVP Rayleigh
Monday 28th July	
9.30am Mass	Maura Sands RIP
Tuesday 29th July	SS. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
9.30am Mass	Fr. Pat Cavanagh RIP
Wednesday 30th July	
10.00am Mass	Maria Woolcott RIP – Isobel and Tom Kennedy
Thursday 31st July	St. Ignatius of Loyola
9.30am Mass	Fr. Andrew Hurley RIP
Friday 1st August	St. Alphonsus Mary di Liguori
9.30am Mass	Stella Ray RIP
Saturday 2nd August	
5.30pm Mass	Margaret Barton RIP – Sinead Fenton
Sunday 3rd August	Eighteenth Sunday of the Year
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	Fr. Patrick Okoye 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 23409



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

EspeciallyIvy Yeates, Mary Picton, Valerie O'Malley, James Coss,

Katleen Thomas and Gerardo Schiavi.

May they rest in Peace.

† Please keep Mrs. Maria Woolcott in your prayers. Maria died last week. Please also keep all her family and friends in prayer too. Maria's funeral is to be advised. May Maria 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.

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

The next Coffee Morning will take place on **September 3rd** after the 10.00am Mass. This is in order to give our volunteers a well-earned rest over August. If you wish to help about once each month, we very much need you, so please come along and make yourself known. We'd love to see you.

If you are interested in running a coffee morning after Sunday : 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.

.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. 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.

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 be found at www.prolifepilgerimage.org

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

Christian Aid

Christian Aid thanks the Parish for their prayers and generous support. £256.30 was raised to help families around the world transform their own lives.



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
07795 821705

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, and with the Trustees of the Assisi Catholic Trust, the Trust is proposing to formally take ownership of the former convent building. If you are interested in reading this proposal, please follow this link.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1YZycIDuOEGLDANCWktEpl028rbHv9H1/view?fbclid=IwQ0xDSwLcaddLeHRuA2FlbQlxMQABHm79dzNlnLsmsFX651-y_U6W9bHvim05s0FVEWEfz95oxJXTk1v2PJowL2YQ_aem_2KluGTqkSQZH_hk8DCO3Wg

Ingatestone Hall Tea & Tour

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is excited to invite you to a special day exploring the beautiful Ingatestone Hall! Join us for a private guided tour led by Lord Petre or his son, giving you a rare glimpse into this stunning 16th-century Grade I listed manor house. The tour lasts about 1½ hours, and afterwards, you'll be treated to tea and cake in the parlour — a lovely way to relax and chat!

Date: Thursday, 11th September

Times: 10.30 am and 12.30 pm (two tour options)

Tickets: £25 per person — you can reserve yours here: <https://eu.jotform.com/form/251772844632361>

Note: Please be aware that access is limited due to the historic nature of the building, which may not be suitable for individuals with mobility challenges

If you'd like more info, please get in touch with Julie: Email: jabbott@bccs.org.uk / 07912277413 and we look forward to welcoming you to Ingatestone Hall for a day of history, hospitality, and stunning architecture.

Parish Administrator- Our Lady of Good Counsel- Wickford

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Administrator, to provide administrative support services to the Parish Office by implementing and maintaining office systems, processes and procedures and delivering a welcoming, appropriate service to those attending the parish office. Carrying out financial duties is also required as part of the role.

All applicants should have good administrative and finance skills, although some training will be given.

The post will be part-time working 12 hours per week – (4 Days per week, 3 hours per day).

The salary is £12.60 per hour

The closing date for applications is 6th August 2025 and suitable applicants will be invited to attend interviews week commencing 18th August 2025.

If you have any queries or if you would like to apply please complete a [Recruitment Application Form](#) and send this to the HR department by email at hr@brcdt.org.

Catholic Women's League Westcliff are hosting a cream tea on Saturday 2nd August from 14.30 to 16.30 at 18 Fairmead Avenue, Westcliff SS09RX.

You will be able to take a cream tea (scone, cream, jam, butter and cup of tea for £3.00 per person) We will also have a raffle, homemade cakes and Bring and Buy so please support Breast Cancer Now by coming, BRING A FRIEND or you can make a donation direct to our account Sort Code 30-98-90 Account No. 18096960

NAME OF ACCOUNT. Catholic Women's League CIO Westcliff Section please put the reference Breast Cancer Now. Contactless payment is available on the day.

We look forward to seeing you!