

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM

10<sup>th</sup> August 2025

19<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year

Psalter Week 3



*I believe in the sun when it does not shine.*

*I believe in love when it is not shown.*

*I believe in God when he remains silent.*

Words found on a wall by the Allied Forces after the Second World War, where people were hiding. Pure faith.

The total opposite to faith is not unbelief, but fear, anxiety, worry. How much do we worry? This is why 365 times we read the words 'do not worry, do not be afraid'. Have faith. We worry about the vanities we heard about last week, things that are not eternal. Without such faith we are going to be overly concerned with management, materialistic and security questions. Without a faith that knows God is for us, we will be totally self-preoccupied. In fact, it would be silly not to be. Self-preoccupation. We become self-centred, the centre of our own universe.

Maybe this is part of our problem today. So many do not have a God they can have faith in, so naturally there will be a sense of over self-preoccupation. This of course leads to huge individualism and selfishness. For these people, there is no God to hold it all together. Such worries so many people carry on their own shoulders easily lead to violent thoughts and possibly violent actions. With people's such lack of faith today, is it surprising we live in such an unsettled world?

But our God has taken these worries from us. That's our loving God. So, we do not need to worry. Nor grovel, nor try to earn God's approval, we have it already. God loves us unconditionally. Our own love and goodness flow freely and enduringly from this realisation.

Now we understand why Jesus says the things he does today. Basically, ask yourself the question: *where do I spend my time and money?* That is where my treasure is. The focus of our time and money will say something about what our God is and what is important to us. Maybe our flexible friends and diaries reveal what our real beliefs are.

So, we are not to worry. God is not out to catch us out. But like last week's message, we are called to live life now. That is God's joy. That is what we were created for. No to miss out. Live, enjoy, choose each moment. In other words, as the great prophet said, do not be afraid of dying, be more afraid of not having lived. Or as Jack said several times in the film 'Titanic', *make it count*. There are no threats about the future, but an invitation to live *now*. Maybe re-read this Gospel (Luke 12: 35-48) and see if you appreciate it in an entirely new way.

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Wisdom 18: 6-9**

**Psalms: 33: 1, 12. 18-19. 20, 22**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: Hebrews 11: 1-2, 8-12**

**Gospel: Luke 12: 32-48**



MASS INTENTIONS	
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein)</b>
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Parish Community
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year</b>
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Dermot Hill RIP
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Hilary Barry RIP
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>St. Clare</b>
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Chris Graham RIP (Anniversary) – Melanie Graham
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Mike Healy RIP (Anniversary) – Rae Healy
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Mike and Greta Grace RIP
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>St. Maximillian Kolbe</b>
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Paddy Corr RIP – Martin and Sean Corr
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>The Assumption of Our Lady</b>
<b>7.30am Mass</b>	Parish Community
<b>9.30am Mass</b>	Sheila Scully RIP (Anniversary) The Scully Family
<b>8.00pm Mass</b>	Ita Hill RIP
<b>Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	
<b>5.30pm Mass</b>	Deceased members of the Knights of St. Columba RIP
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	<b>Nineteenth Sunday of the Year</b>
<b>8.00am Mass</b>	Parish Community
<b>10.00am Mass</b>	Gabrielle Korolo and Cecilia Mukoro (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: <a href="mailto:rayleigh@brcdt.org">rayleigh@brcdt.org</a></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 23409



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

Especially .... Gabriella Prideaux, Ellen Lydon, Peter Cullen, Mike Healy,

Paddy Corr and Sheila Scully.

**May they rest in Peace.**

† Please keep Mrs. Maria Woolcott in your prayers. Maria's requiem mass will take place on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September at 11am. Maria will rest in the church from 4.30pm the day before (Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September). May Maria rest in Peace.

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**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:** Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August is the Feast of The Assumption of Our Lady, a holy day of obligation. Masses are at the times advertised.

**RCIA.** Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult. A programme where all are welcome to come along and learn more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian. We start on Monday 22nd September 2025 at 8pm in the Bethany Room.

Perhaps you are completely new to Christianity, or maybe you left the Church as a younger person 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 2026.

### Our Lady Help of Christians and St Helen

Our parish will be making our annual pilgrimage to Lourdes Wednesday 15 October 2025 - Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> after the 10.00am Mass. This is 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 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](mailto:olorgiftaid@hotmail.com)

**St. Vincent's Centre Southend...** is holding an Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. Tickets are £37.50 and booking is essential. Please email [NesperM@svp.org.uk](mailto:NesperM@svp.org.uk) to reserve your place. Various events are also held 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.

### **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*

*Also, a four-wheeled electric Mobility Scooter is looking for a good home. Please contact the Parish Office. Thank you.*

**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**

## 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](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) / 07912277413 and we look forward to welcoming you to Ingatestone Hall for a day of history, hospitality, and stunning architecture.

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

### **Learning Mentor – from September 2025**

Five days per week, Term Time Only 8.00am-4.00pm

Scale 7-12 (£25,584-£27,711) / **pro rata actual salary £21,933 - £23,757**

**An opportunity has arisen for a Learning Mentor to join our Pastoral Team. We are looking for a positive, enthusiastic and approachable professional to work alongside our Learning Mentor Team supporting identified students.**

You will be joining a successful, friendly and supportive department within a high-performing school, supporting students from Years 7 – Y13. You will need to be able to work flexibly and provide support, motivation and guidance to help students overcome barriers to their learning.

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.

All new staff are supported with the positive ethos of this happy and high performing school, and to this end all staff complete an applicable induction training programme. The community at St Bernard's welcome applications from all faiths or none.

**Closing Date: 1 September 2025, 12:00**

**Interviews: date tbc**

*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 non-teaching 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)

**MARRIAGE HELP** - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 17th-19th Oct. [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk) Tel: 0788 7296983

### ***Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Youth Gather, 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> October***

Youth Gather is a weekend of faith, fun and friendship – with speakers, workshops, prayer and outdoor activities, meeting friends old and new, and all while sharing in and celebrating our Catholic faith. There will be coaches offering transport from around the Diocese included in the cost, as well as all meals, cabin accommodation and activities. This event is for year 9 and above. Apply now at [www.bcys.net/events](http://www.bcys.net/events)

## **What Good News Study Day Vatican II and its Popes**

### **Celebrating sixty years of the Council**

The vast majority of Catholics are unaware of the story of Vatican II and its importance. This study day considers the contribution of a series of Popes to the work of the Council. A further study day will be given by Dr Peter de Mey on 11<sup>th</sup> October addressing the topic 'From Vatican II to a Synodal Church'.

**Fr Adrian Graffy** is parish priest in East London, and a Member of the Pontifical Biblical Commission.

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025 11 am – 2 pm (10.00-13.00 GMT)**

Those interested are invited to attend in person. Tea and coffee will be available in the hall from 10.30.

Please bring a packed lunch. Easy access on the Elizabeth Line, five-minute walk to church. Please note that the event will not be live streamed, but will be available after the day free of charge at

[www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org)

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