

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

2nd November 2025 All Saints Psalter Week 2



He can drive the patience of a Saint!! Words we sometimes use. What do we really mean by “Saints”.

Our Catholic Church canonizes Saints, declaring them to be in heaven. As our models, we are called to imitate them, to follow their example. That’s why they are given to us. Not to leave them on pedestals, thinking they are something totally different from me, but simply to do as they did. We ask them to intercede through our efforts in following their examples; to follow the paths they have traced for us.

We are talking about women and men just like ourselves. Just like you and me, they were not perfect, but through profound faith and trust in Our Lord, they are totally honest and open about their dark sides as well as their bright sides – ie. sins, weaknesses, stupidities, as well as their patience, love, justice and so on. This allows for healing to happen. A tough call but liberating. Free from the numerous emotional burdens we carry around, so crushing. And often, for so long. Stuff we are often too embarrassed to be open and honest about. So, it all gets pushed down, and we feel so un-free. What a burden to carry! And for so long! Honesty and openness lead to huge grace, to true wholeness, true holiness – freedom. Relief! Put another way - Lord, by your Cross and Resurrection....

...You have set us free. We know that prayer, we say it, yet we can remain so un-free. Why are we not letting Our Lord’s Cross and Resurrection do what it’s meant to do for us? Free us. How wrong and self-defeating can we get – not allowing what Our Lord’s Cross and Resurrection has done for us, to set us free. Why can’t we, like saints, be free? If you read some of the writings of the Saints, you will see how honest and open they are about themselves, the good and the not-so-good. They understood. They were free. They knew who Our Lord was for them. That’s why we are called to follow them. So, we can be helped to become free too. “Happy are you, when you are free enough to follow God’s will and not give in to the numerous temptations of the world”, might be a reasonable paraphrasing of today’s Beatitudes, today’s Gospel. The temptations of the world can leave us so un-free. The Saints were free enough to do exactly this, follow God’s will, even at a cost, a big cost. What is more important for us, the cost, or true freedom.

Ghandi called these Beatitudes Jesus’ ‘piece de resistance’. He seemed to get it. It is Jesus’ manifesto for exactly what he was going to do, and he did it, in his own body. It really is the key to true happiness, to true freedom. Ghandi, a Hindu, understood. Do we?

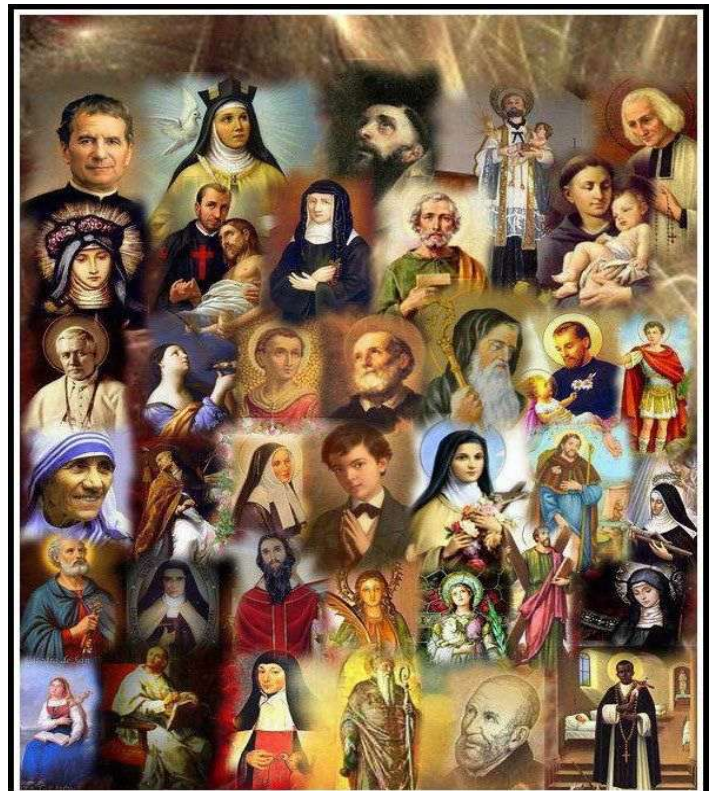
What about us? Do we care? Is all this just some pie-in-the-sky fluffy ancient poetry and we leave it there? Do we have faith that Jesus said this, and said it for a reason? Do we want to be free? Like all Saints, what are we prepared to do about it?

1st Reading: Revelation 7: 2-4, 9-14

Psalm: 24: 1-2. 3-4b. 5-6.

2nd Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12



MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday 1st November	
5.30pm Mass	Prayer Board Intentions
Sunday 2nd November	All Saints
8.00am Mass	Parish Community
10.00am Mass	James Rickards RIP – Eileen McSweeney
Monday 3rd November	All Souls
9.30am Mass	Holy Souls RIP
Tuesday 4th November	St. Charles Borromeo
9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Wednesday 5th November	
10.00am	Eucharistic Service
Thursday 6th November	
9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Friday 7th November	
9.30am	Eucharistic Service
Saturday 8th November	
5.30pm Mass	Parish Community
Sunday 9th November	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Remembrance Sunday)
8.00am Mass	Deceased from All Wars RIP
10.00am Mass	Walenty Krolikowski RIP (Anniversary) – The Krolikowski Family

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

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 234



ANNIVERSARIES Kindly pray for all those whose anniversaries are at this time.
May they rest in Peace.

† Please keep Robert Kauders in your prayers. Robert (Bob), formerly of our parish died recently. His funeral will be on November 19th at 12.30pm. The funeral will be conducted by Fr. Joseph Whisstock, (Parish Priest of Frinton). This will not be a Mass. Please also keep Margaret and the family in prayer too. May Robert 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

Copies of the newsletter are placed on the noticeboard inside the church porch, and parts of the newsletter inside the noticeboard outside the church. Please leave these as they are so as others may see them for quick reference. 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.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Appeal: If you would like to take part to help a struggling child have a decent Christmas, please leave your packed shoeboxes outside the Presbytery **THE LATEST NOVEMBER 16th**, so as they can be collected by the 17th. (Any that arrive at the Presbytery after the 16th will

be disposed of). Leaflets available in the church porch as a simple guide in how and what to do. Thank you.

Alternatively....

you can make your donations through Catholic Women's League, Westcliff! Donate by 10th November! CWL Westcliff are willing to fill the shoeboxes online from donations. The cost per box is £25 so if that is too much in these difficult times you can make a donation of any amount and we will fill the shoeboxes for you up to the amount raised. You can donate, however small or big the amount and make the payment direct to our section account. If you would like to make a donation, please pay to Catholic Women's League CIO Westcliff section; Sort code 30-98-90; account number 18096960; Reference Shoebox. Thank you for your support and remember what a difference this makes to the children receiving these boxes all over the world. Here is the link if you would like to donate directly <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/shoebox-online>

RCIA. Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. A programme where all are welcome to come along and learn more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian. We started on Monday 22nd September in the Bethany Room – only a short time left if you wish to join. We meet normally on a Monday evening at 8pm.

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.

Sunday November 16th at the 10am Mass, 22 of our young friends will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Alan. .Please keep them in your prayers. Thank you. There will be a Coffee Morning after the Mass.

Remembrance Book – will be in the Church Porch from November 3rd, during all of November. Those whose names are written in the book will be prayed for at various Masses during November._

Pope John Paul 11 Hall Bookings -

Please contact Paul Roseman on 07470 691902 for any Hall Booking requests, thank you.

Wheelchairs and Strollers: Do you have any unwanted or no longer needed? Or any walking aids? Until recently we had a supply for people to take and use as needed. They are now all taken. If you have any that you are happy to donate, please let us know by calling the Parish Office. Thank you.

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

Wednesday Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be on Wednesday, November 5th after the 10.00am Eucharistic Service

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

Sunday Coffee Morning -

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



There will be a coffee morning THIS Sunday 2nd November hosted by the Knights of St Columba. Also a coffee morning on the 16th November following the Confirmation Mass.



Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy at 10am mass, for children aged 3 years old to school year 6)

There are 2 groups - preschool to school year 2, and school years 3-6).

Parents are welcome to settle the youngest children coming for the first few times, aiming towards them coming independently.

Children do not need to bring anything to the session- any materials needed will be provided. (If your child has special needs, please make leaders aware beforehand - we welcome everyone!)

Repository. Christmas is on the way. Advent Calendars are on sale. Boxes of 18 cards- £4.25. Packs of 12 and 10 cards respectively, plus single cards are available. All very reasonable prices. Also, cards and gift items for Confirmation.

Christmas Eve Family Mass-we are looking for adult volunteers to assist with organising costumes and practice. If you enjoy participating in the Christmas Eve family mass, please consider volunteering (ahead) to join a small group and help share a little of the preparation! Everyone is busy at that time of year, so the more it can be shared the better for everybody! Please message 07801 888787 if you can help a little or have any questions! 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 an Afternoon Tea at the Roslin Beach Hotel on Monday 8th December at 1.30pm. Tickets are £37.50 and booking is essential. Please email 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 **07549128877** or **01702 592980**. Thank you.

Missio Red Boxes

If you have a Missio Red Box at home, it is now time for collection. If your box is normally collected by one of our promoters, they will be in touch with you soon, but if your box hasn't been collected for some time, please let me know - we have fewer promoters than previously, but I will make sure to arrange collection.

You can also bring your boxes to hand to me (usually 5.30 pm Mass) or leave in the Sacristy or back of the church for my attention. Any queries, please contact me - Katherine Abel 0790 6844 284 email warren_katherine@hotmail.com

Thank you for your ongoing and generous support to the important work of Missio. God Bless.

Brentwood Catholic Youth Service – Catechist Training & Resources Day 2025, Saturday 8th November 2025

Open to all confirmation and first holy communion catechists, youth leaders, and children's liturgy coordinators in the Diocese of Brentwood.

The day offers formation, practical workshops, inspiring speakers, and networking to support First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes.

Open to adults and young leaders (16+); full details and booking at www.bcys.net/events/catechists2025

"Celebrated biblical scholar and translator Fr Nicholas King SJ will be considering how the document on the Bible of the Second Vatican Council - entitled *Dei Verbum* - continues to help us to read, study and pray the Scriptures. The talks, arranged by the Catholic Biblical Association, will take place at Christ the High Priest Catholic Church, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH, from 11 am on Saturday 22nd November 2025. Entrance is free. The talks will be livestreamed on www.whatgoodnews.org and a recording of the talks will be made available subsequently on the same website.

VACANCY – St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and motivated Learning Support Assistant to join our team.

For more information about the position and to apply, please visit:-

<https://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=114330>

Closing date is Midday on 10th November 2025

Visits to the school are welcomed and can be arranged by contacting the school office by phone 01277 653770 or email on admin@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk

Our Lady Immaculate School, Chelmsford. Required from 1st April 2026. L15-L21 (starting salary based on experience). NOR: 218.

Governors are seeking to appoint a dedicated and inspirational Head Teacher who is a committed, practicing Catholic. We are looking for someone who shares our vision and passion and has the leadership and ambition to build on the successes of our school. Our new Head Teacher will be well-supported by all stakeholders and will have the benefit of a close network of colleagues in the CMAT who really enjoy working together.

Deadline for applications: **12:00 noon on Thursday 20th November 2025.** We warmly welcome and encourage applicants to visit our school. Please speak with the **Admin & Finance Officer, Lindsey Murgatroyd** for more information. For an Application Pack please email:

lindsey.murgatroyd@ourladyimmaculate.essex.sch.uk

Headteacher vacancy at Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Benfleet, Essex, required for April 2026 – Due to the current headteacher taking the decision to retire from the post, an exciting opportunity has arisen for an inspirational, ambitious and innovative Headteacher to join the team at Holy Family Catholic Primary School. Further information and application documents can be found on the following websites – [HFCPS Website - Job Vacancies](#) and [Vacancies – Assisi Catholic Trust](#).

Midday Play Assistant Vacancy

The Local Governing Committee of Our Lady of Ransom Catholic Primary School is looking to appoint a Midday Play Assistant to oversee the children eating lunch and to encourage play activities with them so that their lunchtime is an enjoyable, sociable, learning experience.

You will be required to work for 8.75 hours per week (11.30am-1.15pm each lunchtime) to be paid on Point 2 (approx £12.26 per hour) during term time.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This appointment is subject to satisfactory references, medical and enhanced DBS checks.

Volunteer Request from OLOR Primary School

As we develop our sensory garden there are a few jobs that we need specialist skills for. Would anyone be willing to give up a few hours to help lay some paving slabs underneath our pergola. We have the slabs already and can purchase any sand or cement etc that is required. If you can assist us, please contact the school office on 01268 785741. Thank you.



ST BERNARD'S SIXTH FORM

OPEN EVENING
THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025

FROM 6.30PM TO 8.30PM
Headteacher's Talk @ 6:45PM

View our facilities and speak with teachers and staff
about our courses and the opportunities we offer.

We offer a large range of subjects achieving excellent
results including GEOGRAPHY, HISTORY, MATHS, MEDIA
STUDIES, PSYCHOLOGY, SOCIOLOGY, BIOLOGY,
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE, CHEMISTRY, AND PHYSICS



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UHT Milk

Pasta sauces

Tinned Meat

Mayo

Butter

Nappies

Wet wipes

Crisps/ biscuits

Tuna Crackers

Pot Noodles

Instant Noodles

Tea, Sugar &

Coffee

Jams & Spreads

Tins of veggie

food (macaroni

cheese/ veggie

ravioli etc)

Tinned Tomato

Cereal

Pasta

Toiletries

St Vincent's Centre, Victoria Business Park, Short
Street, SS2 5BY, Phone: 01702592980

Email: nesperm@svp.org.uk

Charity No: 1053992



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We rehearse most Thursdays at 7:30 pm for about an hour,
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ST VINCENT'S CENTRE, SOUTHEND
**Christmas Hamper
Appeal 2025**

**Join Us To Lift Families Up
This Christmas**

This Christmas we will be supporting many families with hampers. These are the items we need to create a hamper for a family in need.

- **Pasta**
- **Chocolate spread or jar of jam**
- **Packet of cream crackers**
- **Packet of sweets/biscuits**
- **UHT milk**
- **Jar of instant coffee**
- **Bottle of ketchup**
- **Cereal**
- **Mince pies**
- **Christmas crackers**
- **Tins of custard**
- **Jar/packet instant hot chocolate**
- **Jar of pasta sauce**
- **Gravy granules**
- **£10 voucher – Tesco, Sainsburys or Lidl**

Last donations 15th December 2025

**Unit 9, Victoria Business Park, Short Street, SS2 5BY
Charity No: 1053992**

ST VINCENT'S CENTRE
INVITES YOU TO
Afternoon Tea

AT
THE ROSLIN BEACH HOTEL
MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025

1:30PM

£37.50 PER PERSON

(ADVISE DIETARY REQUIREMENTS WHEN BOOKING)



To Book Contact Phone: 07549128877

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