

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM

9<sup>th</sup> November 2025    Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
(Remembrance Sunday) Psalter Week 3



The vicar stood in front of his congregation and said that next week's sermon would be on the sin of "lying". He encouraged the people to read Mark chapter 17. The following week, he asked for a show of hands as to who had read Mark 17. Most hands were raised. He then said "Mark's Gospel has only 16 chapters...now for the sermon..."

All lies need exposing. It can hurt, but then truth hurts. Jesus' truth got him crucified. But we know that truth frees us. We are called to think how we live truthfully, a call to think about how we are living – right here, right now. Jesus always calls us to live in the now. When we can live in the present, rather than worry about the future, or keep re-playing the past.... 'if only.., if only..', then our lives are far more peaceful and calmer, and all around us reap the benefits.

So, the call is to ask ourselves what we might do differently here and now. How it is now is how it will be. So, if we need to make changes, we need to make them now. What might we need to change?

Who is our real master? Does our "master" need to change? What, or who do we really follow? The usual suspects - money? status? power? Does that need changing? Letting go of slavery to these lies, and others is painful, but worth it, as it sets us free. Can we? Are we prepared to?

Celebrating the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome is a reminder that we are all church. We are God's people, living in community. Church is community. Us, as community. It appears that God's people are not so much scandalized by "naughty goings-on", but much more by the lies and deceit surrounding them. How can God's people really thrive as community if people attempt to live by lies, bravados, pretenses and so on. Lies and deceit split community up and set people against each other. Truth sets us free, so God's freedom can be enjoyed, a freedom and joy that overflows on to others too. So, the community comes alive.

Lies lead to violence and wars. Violent thoughts and words can lead to violent actions (even though we don't want to believe it). What are our attitudes and thoughts towards others in our community, especially those we don't like? Can we find healing and forgiveness, so community can flourish? Unchecked and incorrect attitudes can split community leading to violence, which at a larger level, we call war.

Today we rightly salute the outstanding heroisms of those who died in past and ongoing wars, despite war's inherent lie, deceit and depravity. War is such a despicable lie. We must be inspired by and learn from so many martyrdoms. But do we? Must wars keep ravaging our one globe? But we must also acknowledge the psychological and emotional battles, the terrors, fears and grief agonized by survivors. Traumas lingering over decades, maybe generations, long into marriages, families, friendships, all causing chaos, causing hell. And it all starts with the inability to expose the lie - the deceit - from the personnel to the national.

It is said, if you are going to worry, *don't worry about death. Worry more about not having lived, worry about not being free.* Do we live fully? Are we free? What needs to change in the *now* so life can be as fulfilling as possible?

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Ezekiel 4: 1-2, 8-9, 12

Psalm: 46: 2-3. 5-6. 8-9

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 1Corinthians 3: 9c-11, 11-16

Gospel: John 2: 13-2



| MASS INTENTIONS                           |                                                                |
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| <b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>   |                                                                |
| <b>5.30pm Mass</b>                        | Parish Community                                               |
| <b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>     | <b>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Remembrance Sunday)</b> |
| <b>8.00am Mass</b>                        | Deceased from All Wars RIP                                     |
| <b>10.00am Mass</b>                       | Walenty Krolikowski RIP (Anniversary) – The Krolikowski Family |
| <b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>    | <b>St. Leo the Great</b>                                       |
| <b>9.30am</b>                             | Eucharistic Service                                            |
| <b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>   | <b>St. Martin of Tours</b>                                     |
| <b>9.30am</b>                             | Eucharistic Service                                            |
| <b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b> | <b>St. Josaphat</b>                                            |
| <b>10.00am</b>                            | Eucharistic Service                                            |
| <b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>  |                                                                |
| <b>9.30am Mass</b>                        | Alison Healy Costello RIP – Rae Healy                          |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November</b>    |                                                                |
| <b>9.30am Mass</b>                        | Deceased Members of the Legion of Mary RIP                     |
| <b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>  |                                                                |
| <b>5.30pm Mass</b>                        | Parish Community                                               |
| <b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>    | <b>Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year (World Day of the Poor)</b> |
| <b>8.00am Mass</b>                        | Holy Souls RIP                                                 |
| <b>10.00am Mass</b>                       | Confirmation Candidates (Ints)                                 |

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<https://stream.seccomgroup.com/channel/olor>  
Masses can be watched “live” or later as a recording

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| <p><b>PARISH PRIEST</b><br/> Father Paul Fox<br/> 50 London Hill, Rayleigh<br/> Essex SS6 7HP<br/> <b>01268 38.24.99</b><br/> <b>www.olorchurch.org</b><br/> email: <b>rayleigh@brcdt.org</b></p> | <p><b><u>Public Mass times:</u></b><br/> <b>Saturdays 5.30pm</b><br/> <b>Sundays 8am &amp; 10.00am</b><br/> <b>Mondays &amp; Tuesdays 9.30am</b><br/> <b>Wednesdays 10.00am</b><br/> <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 23



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

Especially.....Kathleen Kirkland, Peter Whitehead, Walenty Krolikowski, Joan

Walmsley and James Hughes. **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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**Our Lady of Ransom Parish Pilgrimage to Knock & Co. Mayo Ireland  
Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

A five-day parish pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, Ireland with three days visiting Knock and the remaining two days visiting the Fr. Peyton Centre (with light lunch provided), Ballintubber Abbey,

Kylemore Abbey and Croagh Patrick. Our hotel will be in Westport, a 40-45 min drive from Knock. The Castlecourt Hotel, Westport will provide a four-course dinner each night, a bar and evening entertainment. Flights are from Stanstead Airport with an early morning outbound flight and early evening return. Price £899 per person based on two people sharing. Package includes flight with 10kg check in hold luggage; four nights dinner, bed & breakfast; all entertainment, excursions and guided tours. A single room supplement of £200 – maximum 5 single rooms available. For further information and to register your interest in the pilgrimage, please contact: Shirley Hegewald email: [shirley.hegewald16@gmail.com](mailto:shirley.hegewald16@gmail.com) mobile: 07900 396256.

**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 16<sup>th</sup>**, so as they can be collected by the 17<sup>th</sup>. (Any that arrive at the Presbytery after the 16<sup>th</sup> 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>

**Sunday November 16<sup>th</sup>** 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November following the Mass of the Sacrament of Confirmation.



## 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!

*23<sup>rd</sup> November is **World Youth Sunday**, celebrating the young people of our Church. There will be a **second collection** to support the work of the **Brentwood Catholic Youth Service**, helping young people grow in faith through retreats, pilgrimages, and leadership opportunities.*

**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.

### **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](mailto:warren_katherine@hotmail.com)

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

***The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society (BCCS) Christmas Craft and Gift Fair will be held at The Mill Hall Arts & Events Centre, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh SS6 7ED on Sunday 16th November from 10.30am - 4pm. There is free parking at the venue and admission is only £1.50 for adults and free for children under 14. There will be 45 stalls selling many unique crafts, gifts and handmade fare so come along and pick up some early Christmas presents. BCCS will have its own stall selling donated gifts and crafts and there will be a fundraising raffle during the event and refreshments available too.***

**"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 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2025. Entrance is free. The talks will be livestreamed on [www.whatgoodnews.org](http://www.whatgoodnews.org) and a recording of the talks will be made available subsequently on the same website.



**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

**VACANCY** – St Peter's Catholic Primary School, Billericay are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and motivated Higher Level Teaching 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=114585>

Closing date is Midday on 24th 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](mailto:admin@st-peters-pri.essex.sch.uk)

#### **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

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**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  
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**Join Us To Lift Families Up  
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- **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 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**Unit 9, Victoria Business Park, Short Street, SS2 5BY  
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**MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2025**

**1:30PM**

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To Book Contact Phone: 07549128877

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