

Hence our 'Holy Communion' at Mass. Our Holy Communion becomes a lie if we are all about 'in groups' and 'out groups', who's up or who's down and so on. For then there is no real communion acted out in our lives for which Holy Communion is the beautiful and ultimate sacramental sign.

At social gatherings, can we let go of being concerned about the whos and wheres? Would we dare invite the outsider, and those who cannot repay us in kind? Demanding, but it really is the stuff of living heaven here on earth.

God Bless you. Fr. Paul



PLEASE PRAY for all the sick members of our Parish & all our sick relatives and friends.

Kindly pray for Mrs Nora Gilbert, Kathleen Brown and Margaret Walsh from our Parish who died within the last 10 years & all others whose anniversaries occur about this time.

MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER - 8PM - BETHANY ROOM

Are you thinking about the Catholic Faith, or maybe you know someone who has stopped coming to Church, and is wondering about returning?

You might just want to informally ask questions, deepen your understanding and faith.

Whatever your circumstances, you are welcome to come along to our Parish RCIA programme beginning on 16th September and learn more about what it means to be a Catholic Christian.

The sessions will run until just after Easter.

If you decide during the programme you would like to commit to the Catholic Faith, you be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil in April 2020.

If you are interested in joining the programme, please contact Fr. Paul for more details.



MASS RESPONSES

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 67
In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!
If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.
Alleluia!*

MANY CONGRATULATIONS...



To Mick Hodgins
&
Diane O'Brien
who were recently
married in Our
Lady's.

WE WISH THEM EVERY
HAPPINESS AND BLESSING.

OUR LADY OF RANSOM PARISH NEWSLETTER

It's the wedding reception. Food, drink, speeches. We scrutinize the guest list and table plan. Who am I sitting with? Dear God, I hope I am not sitting with....! Is the table near the top table? Who else have they invited? Oh God, not them! Oh those people are okay. So it goes on. Oh, the questions.....

Jesus uses these kind of celebrations, dinners together as wonderful visual aids and sermons to make his points. Does it matter who we sit next to? Must we feel important? For Jesus, the table is a place of fellowship and communion. There is no fellowship when we worry about these questions. Last week I mentioned 'subversive wisdom' as opposed to conventional wisdom. Now we see Jesus subverting the usual conventions and social customs to the annoyance of those in charge, those who are apparently important, the politically correct. Jesus is redefining social order by doing things differently, subverting the usual customs.

Whom do you invite to share your meal with you? Who can be part of our faith community? Is there, or must there be an 'in' group, and an 'out' group? Can you invite the 'outsiders' (the apparent 'out' group) – I think we have a pretty good idea who may be outsiders in our communities today? In other words, if you really are part of God's family, the bigger picture, you will forget the world's status symbols and need for social importance. Such status symbols and human hierarchies start to mean nothing as they mean nothing to God. Does it matter where your table is in relation to the top table? Or who you're sitting next to? What matters is our desire to be in communion, our simple common humanity.

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

31st August/
1st September 2019
Year C,
Divine Office Week 2

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Sacrament of
Reconciliation
(Confessions)
Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm
or by confidential
appointments

Baptisms
by Appointment

Sunday Mass
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8am and 10am

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 31st Aug.	
6pm	For All Parishioners
SUNDAY 1st Sept. TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
8am	Greta Lagoon RIP (Jackie Pidgeon)
10am	Kath Thomas RIP (Spooner Family)
MONDAY 2nd	
9.30am	Michael & John Healy RIP (Rae & Mike)
TUESDAY 3rd	
12.15pm	Requiem Mass - Kath Thomas RIP
WEDNESDAY 4th	
9.30am	Edmond & Charlotte Hemming and Family RIP
THURSDAY 5th	
9.30am	Maura Fallon Ints (Kate Howe)
FRIDAY 6th	
9.30am	Ron Gravestock RIP (Peter & Pat Taffurelli)
SATURDAY 7th	
6pm	Kath Thomas RIP (Legion of Mary)
SUNDAY 8th Sept. TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
8am	For All Parishioners
10am	Prayer Board Petitions

ST VINCENT DE PAUL AWARENESS MONTH



With Christian values at our core, SVP members operate on the ground in a variety of ways, including visiting and befriending the lonely and helping those in need. We also support vital work overseas.

Over the next month, you may hear about us in your lectern addresses, and see our posters around church. If you would like to know more about the work that takes place locally please get in touch with Colin Griffin (contact details are on the notice board in the porch).

THE LEGION OF MARY SEPTEMBER FUNCTION

will be held

in the Bethany Room from 2-4pm on Sunday 15th September.

This social event provides an opportunity for the Active and Auxiliary members of the Legion to get together, also any Parishioners who would like to join us for the occasion. The afternoon includes Prayer, entertainment, refreshments and chat. We look forward to seeing as many as possible there.

Please note the date, you will be most welcome!

PARISH SECRETARY: CHRISTINA: TUES-THURS 9am-3pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Items for this newsletter need to be in the Presbytery by **11am ON WEDNESDAYS.**

Our parish is part of The Brentwood Diocesan Trust, Registered Charity Number 234092.

SUNDAY 1st SEPTEMBER

COFFEE MORNING

after 10am Mass is organised by

The Ushers for the Parish.



Next weekend: Maria Newby for Cancer Research.

TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

Requiem Mass - 12.15pm

Kath Thomas RIP

(No 9.30am Mass / Eucharistic Service)

THE LEGION OF MARY
meets every Tuesday in the Presbytery at 7pm and would welcome new members.



"Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, Faith."

St. Francis of Assisi.

WEDNESDAY 4th SEPTEMBER

TEA / COFFEE GET-TOGETHER

in the Bethany Room after 9.30am Mass.

Everyone Welcome.



NEXT WEEKEND...

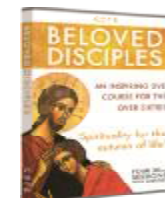
There will be a Retiring Collection for the work of the Catholic Education Services after all Masses.

Julia Hart is walking 7km at Hylands Park on 6th October to raise money for the Alzheimers Association.



If anybody would like to donate to this valuable cause, please donate on her JustGiving page - search for Julia Hart, Julia's Memory Walk 2019 / See the sponsor form in the Church Porch.

"BELOVED DISCIPLES" – AN INSPIRATIONAL COURSE FOR THE OVER-60'S



Those aged 60 and over, or approaching 60, are invited to join a video course involving 4 weekly half-hour sessions to be held in The Bethany Room at 10am on Tuesday, 10th September 2019 and at the same time each Tuesday until 1st October 2019. The content is presented by David Wells and David Payne in a modern way focussing on spirituality but with moments of humour tailored for those in "the autumn of life". Refreshments will be provided.

VV PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS...

Ron Gravestock who died on 14th August. We remember his wife Jackie and family at this time.

Also Kath Thomas who died on 3rd August. Her body will be received into the church on Monday 2nd Sept at 4.30pm. The family invite you to the Requiem Mass at 12.15pm (please note change of time) on Tuesday 3rd September then at Basildon crematorium 2pm followed by refreshments at Cromwell Manor, Pitsea Hall lane SS16 4UH where memories will be shared.

In celebrating Kath's life the family are asking everyone to wear something colourful and remember her lovely smile, her laugh and her kind heart.

Also Eileen Cousins who died on 18th August. Her Funeral Service will be held on Thursday 5th September at 11.30am followed by cremation at Southend Crematorium.

May they rest in peace.

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