

and life itself can be divided over such silliness. So much paper, disc space, time and media is wasted. Maybe these petty arguments are an avoidance strategy that happily keep us from discussing the bigger things that really matter because, in all honesty, they can be just too painful or awkward. So we avoid them with our petty-minded arguments

Who says total commitment is easy? The pig got it! What about if we based our thinking on what people with disabilities think? Might that give us a better clue as to what matters, what's central, and what's essential?

God Bless you. Fr. Paul



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

Kindly pray for Sheila Beaumont, Brian Gilbert, Thomas Tobin and Anthony Rickard 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.

MASS RESPONSES
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 89
O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

PARISH PILGRIMAGE - THE HOLY LAND



JUNE 22nd - JULY 1st 2020
A journey of Faith & Discovery through these Biblical Lands in the footsteps of Jesus.
Cost £1,995. More details to follow.
Interested?
Please let Fr Paul know in writing including your full contact details - email, telephone and address.

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.



OUR LADY OF RANSOM PARISH NEWSLETTER



A hen and pig were walking along together chatting. They came to a poster advertising the 'Great British Breakfast' featuring the usual fried eggs, beans, mushrooms, sausages and sizzling fried bacon. "Ah", sighed the hen, "doesn't that 'British Breakfast' make you proud to be British"? 'Hmm', replied the pig, 'you may freely participate and enjoy it, but for me, it is total commitment'.

Taking part can be free. Commitment will cost us. Total commitment can cost us totally. Jesus pulls no punches this week, with expressions like 'hate', 'carrying your cross', and 'renouncing selves', all which can be troublesome. He is looking for total commitment. Who is really up to this?! Jesus is simply stating the truth in all its rawness, it's up to us how we deal with it. He is clearly wanting us to remove any blockages and attachments that prevent us from putting God first in our lives - be they family, friends, our own self-images and ambitions. He further wants us to deal with pain without making anyone else pay the price - ie. carrying our cross. This is all tough stuff. But being an authentic Christian is never easy!

Jesus doesn't qualify such sayings too much as he knows that too much explaining would divest the word of any power. That is up to the listeners, to keep discussing, ask more questions, and then still more questions, and again more questions, in that we keep going deeper. We can never exhaust the word of God.

Jesus seems to want to draw us into conversations that matter, rather than offering quick closure and pithy answers. So many petty arguments today may be seen as middle class luxuries, and yet the whole church, politics,

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

7th/ 8th September 2019
Year C,
Divine Office Week 3

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Saturday 5pm - 5.30pm
or by confidential appointments

Baptisms
by Appointment

Sunday Mass
Saturday 6pm
Sunday 8am and 10am

POPE JOHN PAUL II HALL

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All enquiries to Sharon Hockett 07804 971 878.

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 7th Sept.	
6pm	Kath Thomas RIP (Legion of Mary)
SUNDAY 8th TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
8am	For All Parishioners
10am	Prayer Board Petitions
MONDAY 9th	
9.30am	Bridget & Luke Kavanagh RIP (Shelagh Mesher)
TUESDAY 10th	
9.30am	Kath Thomas RIP (Jim & Joyce Harforth)
WEDNESDAY 11th	
9.30am	Patrick Mellett Ints (Delia Flaherty)
THURSDAY 12th	
9.30am	Private Intention
FRIDAY 13th St John Chrysostom	
9.30am	Kath Thomas RIP (Herlihys)
SATURDAY 14th Exaltation of the Holy Cross	
6pm	For All Parishioners
SUNDAY 15th Sept. TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR	
8am	Kath Thomas RIP (Margaret & Val Hand)
10am	Theresa Barry RIP (Hilary Barry)



ST VINCENT DE PAUL AWARENESS MONTH

You may have seen the posters around church, which highlight the different ways in which SVP members support the people in their local community. Being a member of the St Vincent de Paul Society can be a challenge but it also rewarding work, seeking and finding those in need, giving support with compassion and responding where the need is greatest. 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.

READERS' LISTS - The new readers' list is now in the Sacristy.

SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER

COFFEE MORNING

after 10am Mass is organised by



Maria Newby for Cancer Research.

Next weekend: First Holy Communion Group.

RETIRING COLLECTION

for the work of the Catholic Education Services after all Masses.

MONDAY 9th SEPTEMBER

K.S.C. MEETING

Monday 9th September, at 8pm in the Bethany Room

TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER



"BELOVED DISCIPLES" – AN INSPIRATIONAL COURSE FOR THE OVER-60'S (and/or those approaching.... starts today in The Bethany Room at 10am and at the same time each Tuesday until 1st October 2019. Refreshments will be provided.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020 PARENTS MEETING

Tuesday 10th September

7.15 for 7.30pm

in the Convent Chapel.

If you are unable to attend please leave a message at the Presbytery.

WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

TEA / COFFEE GET-TOGETHER, in the Bethany Room after 9.30am Mass. Everyone Welcome.



THURSDAY 12th SEPTEMBER

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020 CHILDREN'S MEETING

in the Convent Chapel. from 5 - 6.15pm

If your child is unable to attend please leave a message at the Presbytery.

NEXT WEEKEND...

RETIRING COLLECTION



after all Masses for Home Mission Sunday

We welcome our new FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Children and their parents for their CALLING MASS at 10am.

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.

BEGINNING EXPERIENCE

WEEKEND - A healing weekend for men and women who are separated, divorced or widowed will be held from 18th to 20th October 2019 at the Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell, Essex. For more details please contact Freda 01322-838415 or Maura 01322-551503 or email johnbrotherton@hotmail.co.uk