

remember? And Jesus' triple 'do you love me' undoes Peter's triple denial, doubt and shame. He is forgiven and given a task - not scolded, not reprimanded. Just forgiven. Wow! So we see in the first reading, a later-on, much different Peter – strong, bold, confident, self-assured. His shame has been removed, he knows his task and is prepared to die for it. Is any shame localised only in our bodies? Or are we honest about the things Jesus referred to much more? Do we allow his Holy Spirit to enter, forgive and remove, so we can go forward boldly, with faith, confidence, strength and self-assurance?

God Bless you, Fr. Paul

**VV PLEASE
REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS...**

Mrs Pat Marshall who died on 14th April.

Her Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 14th May at 1pm followed by burial at Hall Road Cemetery.

May she rest in peace. **VV**

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CATHOLIC HERALD -
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MASS TEXT

FIRST READING:

Acts 5: 27-32. 40-41

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 29

RESPONSE: *I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.*

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)
3. The Lord listened and had pity.
The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 5:11-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, explain the scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John: 21: 1-19

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 13: 14. 43-52

Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

John 10: 27-30

OUR LADY OF RANSOM PARISH NEWSLETTER



Sex. The body. Weight issues. Good-looks? Cosmetics and medication – to make our bodies look and act wonderful – it's big business today? It seems that today, much is focussed on the body. Watch the adverts.

Many are obsessed with the body. Maybe it is no surprise that obesity and anorexia can be such major issues. And what about the sexual? The easiest way to feel shame, or to shame someone else, is - in the body. The sins of the 'physical' make for much greater scandal, gossip and readership than other sins. Even in our churches. And yet, strangely, Jesus rarely refers to the sins of the body. But he does refer time and again to the spiritual sins of the ego or the mind. Pride, arrogance, oppression, superiority games, pretence, illusion, ambition, denial, materialism, and more – many of which are largely ignored by most people – even people who profess to be Christian. To commit a 'hot sin' of the body leaves us feeling far more guilty than those above that Jesus continually condemns. Should it not be the other way round? But it isn't, is it? How do we so miss Jesus' point?

Poor St. Peter. Why would someone who is almost naked put on a cloak to jump in the water? As Peter sees Our Lord, he is reminded of his own denials and doubts, and the only way to cope is to cover the body, the place of shame. Light always exposes darkness. The brighter the sunshine, the more the car-windscreen dirt is visible. Also, like Peter, during a crisis, we go back to old securities and work faster and more intensely at them. For Peter, it's fishing. So Peter covers all this shame *in his body* – Adam and Eve did too,

P.T.O.

THIRD SUNDAY
OF EASTER

4th / 5th May 2019
Year C

Divine Office Week 3

PARISH PRIEST

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(Confessions)
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 4th May	The English Martyrs 6pm Pat Marshall RIP (SVP)
SUNDAY 5th	
8am	Michael Ganley Ints (Caroline & Steve Bunker)
10am	For All Parishioners
MONDAY 6th	
9.30am	Alice Allso RIP
TUESDAY 7th	
9.30am	Julia Galvin Ints (Julia, Norah & family)
WEDNESDAY 8th	
9.30am	John Sheehan RIP (Hilary Barry & family)
THURSDAY 9th	
9.30am	Marie McGovern RIP
FRIDAY 10th	
9.30am	Laurence McCullagh RIP (Anniv) (S Jarrard)
SATURDAY 11th	
11am	First Holy Communion Mass
6pm	For All Parishioners
SUNDAY 12th May	
8am	Colin & Marie Griffin Ints (McCamleys)
10am	Alex Mclean Ints (Maria O'Donnell)

FAMILY ROSARY

It is often said that those who pray together stay together. You have the opportunity to take the statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home for a week to pray the rosary for a different intention each day. At the end of the week you return the statue and another family takes it. The statue will be on Our Lady's altar with the box nearby. Just return it to the same place by 5pm on Saturday or call the Presbytery to make alternative arrangements.

A list of suggested intentions and a rosary leaflet will be with the statue. There is a new chart at the back of the Church to write your name. Dates are from the beginning of May, the month of Our Lady, to the beginning of July. Anyone can participate, not only families with children. You might like to choose a week in which you particularly need prayers or which is special to you. This initiative is being organised by the Legion of Mary in our parish. If you need any help or further information you are welcome to contact Isobel Kennedy 01702 230578.



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.

VOCATIONS GROUP

The next "Enquirers' Evening" for those considering or interested in a vocation to the priesthood is on Tuesday 7th May at St Edmund of Canterbury Church in Loughton. Deacon Gary Dench, who is soon to be ordained to the priesthood will join us and give us some input. Please contact Fr Mark Swires - vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org for more information.

The Diocesan Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service Team are organising A DAY OF RENEWAL THEMED 'THE LOVE OF JESUS'

10am - 4pm, Saturday 18th May '19 at Blessed Sacrament Parish, 116 Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford. Our speaker will be Charles Whitehead and the day will finish with Mass at 3pm. Coffee and tea will be provided but please bring a packed lunch.

Brentwood Catholic Children's Society has several CHARITY PLACES FOR THE VITALITY LONDON 10K RUN on Monday 27th May 2019. This May bank holiday event has a lovely atmosphere and takes in many of London's iconic landmarks, finishing in front of Buckingham Palace with event facilities, food and entertainment close by in Green Park. For each place, we ask for a pledge to raise a minimum sponsorship of £100 before Gift Aid. For further information, please contact Julie at jabbott@bccs.org.uk or 07912 277413.



STUDY DAY ON THE APOCALYPSE (BOOK OF REVELATION)

A study day on this theme will be held at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, Romford RM2 6DH on Saturday 1ST June. Dr Sean Ryan, formerly of Heythrop College and now lecturer at Roehampton University, will lead an exploration of key passages from this fascinating and difficult book of the New Testament. The day begins with coffee at 10.30am and ends at 3pm. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Please bring your own lunch. Please make your booking by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com See Poster in Porch

KNIGHTS OF ST. COLUMBA YOUNG PEOPLES SEMINAR '19.
16th - 19th July, Hinsley Leeds.
An invitation to young Catholic People aged 16-23.
Theme: "Being a Young Catholic Today".

Hinsley Hall is the Pastoral and Conference Centre for the Diocese of Leeds just two miles from the City Centre. This is a FREE event. For those interested please contact Bro Martin Doyle, Action and Youth Officer Council 456 KSC. 01268-458264.

A Date for your diaries
Quiet Day
at St Nicholas Church
Rawreth
on Saturday 31st August.
Details to follow.

**OLOR SCHOOL -
CLASS TEACHER
VACANCY**

*MPR/UPR ~ Full
time ~ Required
September 2019*

*Full details and an application form
available from www.olorcps.net
Closing date: Thursday 9th May
2019 (4pm)*

**VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR
YOUNG WOMEN**

Theme: Discernment and Vocation,
24-26 May 2019
Location: Liverpool

The weekend is organised by the
sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus
(FCJ).

If you are wondering if God is calling
you to religious life and would like to
find out more why not come along?
You are welcome to stay for the
weekend or just come along on
Saturday for the day. There will be
opportunity for prayer, reflection and
input, chance to ask questions and
to meet others who are also
wondering where God is calling them.
For more information contact Sr Lynne
fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit
our website www.fcjsisters.org

**ST BERNARD'S HIGH
SCHOOL - VACANCIES**

*LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT,
Part-time, Fixed Term (22.5 hours
per week), Hourly Rate - £9.36
MIDDAY SUPERVISOR, Part-time,
12:30-13:40, Mon - Fri, £9/hr.
Further details and application via
www.stbernardswestcliff.org.uk
Closing Date: Monday 13 May 2019*



Brentwood Catholic
Children's Society has
several charity places
remaining for the
**LONDON TO
BRIGHTON BIKE**

RIDE on 15th September 2019.
Riders are asked to pay a registration
fee of £55 and make a commitment
to raise £150 for 'bccs'. For more
information, please visit our website
www.bccs.org.uk/GetInvolved/Events
or call Julie Abbott on 01268
784544/07912 277413

**ADULT RETREATS AT
ABBOTSWICK**

"Be still in the presence of the Lord"
A long weekend of peace, stillness,
prayer and reflection in the beautiful
setting of Walsingham House at
Abbotswick.

From Friday to Monday 9th – 12th
or 23rd – 26th August.

A simple programme of morning and
evening prayer, Mass, Adoration and
Reconciliation; all optional, use your
time as you wish. Maximum of 18
people. All rooms en-suite. £200
single room, £250 twin room, for
three nights' accommodation and all
meals.

For bookings & enquiries call Joe,
01277 373959 or email:
josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org

**DIOCESAN VISION DOCUMENT:
SHAPING OUR FUTURE.**

Follow the journey by reading
the latest e-bulletin

[www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/
departments/development/stewards-
of-the-gospel/current-e-bulletin/](http://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/departments/development/stewards-of-the-gospel/current-e-bulletin/)

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

Kindly pray for Mrs Freda Lawman,
Michael O'Flanagan, Sr. Kathleen
Stock, Edward Kirby, Doreen Cowdrey
from our Parish who died within the
last 10 years & all others whose
anniversaries occur about this time.

WORK AND PRAY - join Sion
Community for a few days from
6th - 10th May volunteering your
time and talents helping us with
some essential upkeep of our large
house and gardens. Each day will
include community prayer and Mass
at the cathedral. You can stay with
us and experience a little of
community life or come along on a
daily basis. Meals provided (you can
even take a turn in the kitchen if you
would like to!).

If you are interested in joining us,
please contact Mary:
admin@sioncommunity.org.uk or
01277 215011

**PILGRIMAGE TO GREECE: IN
THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL
- FINAL REMINDER**

Fr Eduard-William Fartan from Holy
Family in Benfleet is organising a
Pilgrimage to Greece to follow in the
footsteps of St Paul. Taking place from
the 7th-13th October, the cost will be
£730 per person with a £150 deposit
to secure your place by 1st of May.
Walking should be light, breakfast and
dinner included. Any queries or to
register your interest please email
priest@holyfamily-church.org or call
01268 799082/ 01268 792082

See Poster in Porch

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE
to LOURDES**

Monday 20th to
Friday 24th May 2019.

LOURDES INTENTIONS

*If you would like your special
intentions placed at Our
Lady's Grotto during our
Parish Pilgrimage, please
place them in an envelope
marked 'Our Lady's Intentions'
and put through the
Presbytery door by Sunday
19th May.*

*A Parish Candle will
be lit for all
Parishioners during
our Pilgrimage.*



**WELLSPRING
TEAROOM**

St Teresa's Church,
Rochford warmly
welcomes you to

enjoy afternoon tea or a delicious
lunch at their wonderful 5 star
rated Wellspring Tearoom.

We are open every afternoon 2 - 4pm
and all day Friday. We offer a
wonderful selection of cakes
throughout the week and offer a
choice of sandwiches, jacket
potatoes, toasted sandwiches,
ploughman's or soup every Friday. Our
tearoom is run on a pay what you can
afford basis and a warm welcome
awaits all who come through our
doors.

+The church is open every day for
quiet prayer.

SATURDAY 4th MAY /
SUNDAY 5th MAY

COFFEE MORNING



after 10am Mass is organised by Jo Crowhurst and Sue Hancock for Lubasi Home in Livingstone, Zambia, which provides residential care for orphans and vulnerable children from ages 3 - 18.

The Catholic Church manages the home through the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit. There are currently 56 children at Lubasi and it's associated home of Lushomo which specifically caters for girls who have been abused. The home relies entirely on donations and will be especially challenged this year as there has been little rain and therefore the cost of staple produce is rising fast.

For more information please contact Sue Hancock on 07704097909 or hancos@hotmail.com

All are invited.

Look forward to seeing you.

Next weekend: The Ushers for their charities projects.

FREE! Please help yourself to any of the Easter prayer trust booklets from the Porch.

MONDAY 6th MAY

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP meets Monday evenings at 6pm in the Bethany Room.

All Welcome!

For further information please contact Chris Hurley 01702 207722 or chri8hurley@gmail.com, or just turn up!



TUESDAY 7th MAY

THE CHILDRENS ART CLUB

in the Bethany Room every Tuesday 5.15pm. All children welcome from age 3 to 16yrs. Cost £1.50 per child.



Lots of creativity and fun for everyone. Activities include pottery, paper mache, model making, painting, sketching lessons and fashion/textile designing and making.

For further details contact Cristina Li Vigni 07952250013 / cristinal@hotmail.co.uk

THE LEGION OF MARY

meets every Tuesday in the Presbytery at 7pm and would welcome new members.



"Lord, teach us to step outside ourselves. Teach us to go out into the streets and manifest your love."

Pope Francis.

WEDNESDAY 8th MAY

TEA / COFFEE GET-TOGETHER



Wednesday, in the Bethany Room after 9.30am Mass. Everyone Welcome.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

We meet every WEDNESDAY morning, during term time, at 9am in the Convent Chapel to pray together for our children.

This is followed by Tea/Coffee.

All are welcome!

Please come and join us.

THURSDAY 9th MAY

LADIES GUILD
VISIT TO CLARE PRIORY

COACH DEPARTS OUR LADY'S AT 8.30AM.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSAL in the CHURCH Thursday 9th May at 6.30pm

NEXT WEEKEND...

SATURDAY 11th MAY /
SUNDAY 12th MAY

Next Sunday is Good Shepherd Sunday when we pray in a particular way for Vocations.

THERE WILL BE A RETIRING COLLECTION FOR THE WORK OF PROMOTING VOCATIONS.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Saturday 11th May - 11am

MARCH FOR LIFE UK is happening in London on Saturday 11th May.

Join thousands of other pro-lifers in creating awareness of the hurt and damage abortion causes and helping to promote a culture of life.

Inside festival (LifeFest19) 9.30am - 1.30pm, booking required.

March starts 2pm (no booking required).

For more details and local coach information see www.MarchforLife.co.uk / see poster in porch.

Eastwood Chorale presents WEST END MUSICALS

11th May 2019, 7.45pm

at Westcliff High School for Boys. Tickets £10 - available online at <https://wegottickets.com/event/464871> or from Christine Bates on 01268 758 984.

CLARE PRIORY PILGRIMAGE

in honour of Our Lady of Good Counsel at Clare Priory, Suffolk.

Sunday 12th May starting at 11.30am.

For further information Tel: 01787 277326 / See poster in porch.