

his people. That's vocation, that's the voice of the Good Shepherd calling us all.

If you have children, or are a very busy person, how about getting up ten minutes earlier and being silent and alone before the Lord? Or go to bed ten minutes later? We crave these moments of silence and solitude, regular practice is so crucial for good mental and spiritual health. The Good Shepherd calls all of us, do we give him that precious time to listen? Or does fear of what we might find in ourselves put us off? Give him that time, we will reap the benefits if we do. No question.

God Bless you, Fr. Paul

READERS NOTICE

Please note that the new Reader's list is available in the Sacristy.

AVAILABLE IN THE PORCH

MY DAY BY DAY -

The readings for each day for June & July - £1

BIBLE ALIVE - for June... articles & meditations on the readings at Mass. - £2.50

CATHOLIC PAPERS

*CATHOLIC HERALD -
£2.50*



CATHOLIC TIMES - £1.50

THE UNIVERSE - £1.50

MASS TEXT

FIRST READING:

Acts 13: 14. 43-52

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 99

RESPONSE: *We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.
(R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.
(R.)

SECOND READING

Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 10: 27-30

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 14: 21-27

Apocalypse 21: 1-5

John 13: 31-35

OUR LADY OF RANSOM PARISH NEWSLETTER

"For God's sake give me a radio, or a TV – anything to stop this awful silence"... Such was the cry of many men plunged into the sudden silence and solitude of a prison cell. Understandable. You would think the discipline of silence and solitude should be the easiest – yet it is one of the hardest, as so many do not like their own company, they are in the company of someone they do not love – themselves. To be with our own thoughts and feelings can be a most courageous act.

With all our over-stimulations – from our social media to our computers, silence and solitude are a rare commodity today. So many houses are full of TVs and music blaring – all to distract away from silence. Other people do many things, keep busy, again, to distract themselves from the person they really are, not being content with this deeper reality. And their busy-ness looks noble... but...

Moments of real silence and solitude allow us to find our true selves that we can learn to love even if at the beginning it all seems too frightening. Once we learn to love ourselves, we learn to love others, become more compassionate, forgiving, understanding and connected. Silence and solitude are surely the best places God communicates with us. Silence and solitude - can we be under-stimulated? So many other voices are wanting for our attention. Must we give in to them? Maybe if the voices are calling us out of obligation, coercion, fear, guilt, social success and achievement – then they are not of the Lord. The Lord's voice is always found in freedom, setting us on fire with a passion to do his work – building up

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

11th / 12th May 2019
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Divine Office Week 4

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Sacrament of
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Saturday 6pm
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MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 11th May	
6pm	For All Parishioners
SUNDAY 12th	
8am	Colin & Marie Griffin Ints (McCamleys)
10am	Alex Mclean Ints (Maria O'Donnell)
MONDAY 13th	
9.30am	Emma Louise Lucibello RIP (Susan & Damian)
TUESDAY 14th	
9.30am	Sr Stanislaus Shine RIP (Fr Paul)
WEDNESDAY 15th	
9.30am	Pat Marshall RIP (Bernie Dawson)
THURSDAY 16th	
9.30am	Ann, Chris & Sean Gray Ints (S&R McCamley)
FRIDAY 17th	
8am	Fr Gerard Burke RIP
SATURDAY 18th	
6pm	For All Parishioners
SUNDAY 19th May	
8am	Deceased members of Duncan, Collins & McGettigan families RIP (Maria & Andrew McGettigan)
10am	First Communion Children & Families Ints

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 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



FAITH EVENING ON THE LITURGICAL YEAR

On Wednesday 12th June at 7 pm at the Catholic Church of

Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH Fr David Manson will lead an evening on the Liturgical Year, exploring the main seasons of the Church's year and explaining how the feasts of the Church are celebrated. Admission is free but please book your place by email to GPstudydays@gmail.com Refreshments will be provided.

CALAIS/ REFUGEES

On 21 - 23 June, Calais Light, the car-sharing convoy which takes a bunch of like-minded, friendly volunteers to Calais to work with refugee charities - sets off again. Trip 11!

We're returning to Care4Calais, to sort aid in their amazingly well-run warehouse. Every afternoon all volunteers go out with Care4Calais's team to meet refugees living rough. We chat with them, listen to their stories, offer them solidarity, normality, kindness & essential services. Our March weekend was a huge success - moving, unexpectedly joyful, crucial. So come with us! Sign up for a convoy at www.calaislight.com or donate by emailing: calaislight@yahoo.com

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

A Date for your diaries Quiet Day

at St Nicholas Church Rawreth
on Saturday 31st August.
Details to follow.

**'THE PRIESTS'
ANNIVERSARY
CONCERT**

*Celebrating 35
years of the BCCS*

**Saturday 15th June 2019
Brentwood Cathedral, 7.30pm.**
*We are delighted to announce that
the Northern Irish classical singing
trio 'The Priests' have agreed to
hold an Anniversary Concert for us.
Tickets (£20 plus fee) can be
purchased directly through
Eventbrite – www.eventbrite.co.uk -
look for The Priests under Event, or
click the link on our website
www.bccs.org.uk under Our 35th
Anniversary/ Anniversary Events.
We expect this to be a sell-out event
and would urge you to book early in
order to avoid disappointment.*



**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.



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

Kindly pray for Brian

Golledge, Ray Venneear, Kathleen (Liz)
Richards, Elena Hutchings, Ken Heard,
Mary Cross and Sheila Robertson from
our Parish who died within the last 10
years & all others whose anniversaries
occur about this time.

**ST HELEN'S PARISH,
WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA**

*is celebrating its
150TH ANNIVERSARY IN MAY*

with the following events:

*Theme: "We remember, we celebrate,
we believe"*

*On Friday 24th May there will be
a Holy Mass at 5:30pm followed
by a special dinner with Bishop Alan
Williams at 7pm in celebration of all
the couples who were married at St.
Helen's Church over the years –
everyone welcome!*

*Please contact the office on 01702
342324 for tickets.*

*On Saturday 25th May from
6-8:15pm there will be a concert
featuring beautiful songs,
instrumentals and dance by talented
young people from Brentwood
Diocesan schools and churches. No
tickets required but there will be an
opportunity to make a donation.
Coffee and cake will be available in
the hall during the interval.*

*On Sunday 26th May there will
be an International Food Festival
starting at 12:30pm with a
cultural show at 3pm. Adult £8/
Children £3 (please contact the office
on 01702 342324).*

QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 8th June 2019
at Pope John Paul II Hall
7.30pm for 8pm start.**

Rayleigh Council 456 of The Knights
of St Columba are hosting a Quiz
Night to raise funds for HARP,
Southend's Homeless Charity and for
Parish Charities.

Tables of four or six @ £5 per person
- please bring your own food and
drinks.

Tickets will be on sale after Masses
next weekend 18th and 19th May.

Please support this event
if you can.

For details or tickets please call
Sean Corr on 01702 230788 or
Tom Kennedy 01702 230578.

**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 'Lourdes Intentions'
and put through the
Presbytery door by
Sunday 19th May.*

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



**CHRISTIAN
AID WEEK
12th - 18th
MAY**



*Envelopes are available this
weekend and can be
returned next weekend.
Envelopes may be placed in
the offertory collection
bags, the Christian Aid Bag
in the porch or posted
through the letterbox at the
Presbytery. Thank You.*

COME AND SING

COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT

A candlelit service of music and
prayers on the Feast of St. Luke based
on the liturgy used for centuries by
monastic communities. A serene and
contemplative end to the bustle of the
day in psalmody and hymnody at
Corpus Christi, Collier Row, RM5 2AP
on 18th October, 2019 Come and sing
with us (Rehearsal time 7.30pm) or
join us for the service (9pm). Musical
director James Davy. Retiring Collection.
For further information or to book if
singing please contact Shirley Timmins
shirleytimmins@btinternet.com or leave
a message on the answerphone 01277
233302.

**A PILGRIMAGE TO SAN
GIOVANNI, ASSISI AND CASCIA**

*- 6 nights/7 days from 14th – 20th
September 2019 with Our Lady of Carvey
Parish following in the Footsteps of St
Padre Pio, St Francis, St Clare and St Rita.
Cost £899. For any queries or for more
information please call Cathy on 01268
691323 or 07885577342.*

**SATURDAY 11th MAY /
SUNDAY 12th MAY**

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday when we pray in a particular way for Vocations. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses for the work of promoting vocations.

COFFEE MORNING

after 10am Mass is organised by The Ushers for their charities projects.



All are invited.

Look forward to seeing you.

Next weekend: Mary Butterworth for Christian Aid.

MONDAY 13th 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!

K.S.C. MEETING

Monday 13th May, at 8pm in the Bethany Room



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TUESDAY 14th MAY

REQUIEM MASS - 1pm
Pat Marshall RIP

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 15th MAY

LADIES GUILD MEETING
in the Bethany Room after 9.30am Mass.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

There will be no Mothers' Prayers meetings in May.

The next meeting will be on 5th June.



THURSDAY 16th MAY

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019 CHILDREN'S MEETING
Thursday 16th May from 5 - 7pm
in the Bethany Room.

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

FRIDAY 17th MAY

Please note:
Morning Mass is at 8am today.

ANNUAL MAY PROCESSION
17th May, 9.30am
at
Our Lady of Ransom School
in honour of Our Lady
ALL WELCOME.

NEXT WEEKEND...

SATURDAY 18th MAY /

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.

SUNDAY 19th MAY



GOING FORTH MASS AT 10am

ALL Our First Holy Communion Children will join the whole Parish Family as together we ask God to guide them on their journey of faith.