

We become so brainwashed that our own religious images or metaphors are the only true ones, the only correct ones – disunity follows. It must do! Yes, we need images and metaphors to be able to go deep, but there are plenty, different and varied. Understand that and unity can happen. Compassion happens. Cooperation happens.

I suspect that many children haven't yet intellectually arrived at the maturity of metaphor and image – which can divide us when so brainwashed. Such children just see things as they are, humanly, compassionately, and so unity happens, it happens so freely, so easily, as we see in the children's race above.

Jesus calls us to be 'one'. Unity. The children were 'one'. How can we best be 'one' with God, 'one' with each other, as well as 'one' with so many who are different to us?

*God Bless you, Fr. Paul*



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

Kindly pray for Betty Holland, Pamela Denton and Mary Agnes Manton from our Parish who died within the last 10 years & all others whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## MASS TEXT

### FIRST READING:

Acts 7: 55-60

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 96

### RESPONSE:

*The Lord is king, most high above all the earth.*

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, the many coastlands be glad.  
His throne is justice and right. (R.)
2. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory.  
All you spirits, worship him. (R.)
3. For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. (R.)

### SECOND READING:

Apocalypse 22: 12-14, 16-17. 20

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. Alleluia!*

GOSPEL: John 17: 20-26

### NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

#### PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2: 1-11  
Romans 8: 8-17  
John 20: 19-23

# OUR LADY OF RANSOM PARISH NEWSLETTER

Bang! The starting pistol fired. It was Sports Day and the able-bodied children started running their race. Several races were run and the winners were awarded their trophies. Parents duly applauded. Then came the race for children with special needs. Bang! The children started running, all went well, until one child fell. All the other children, in total unity, turned back to help their fallen friend. He was helped up, the children all linked hands, and ran the rest of the race together, crossing the finishing line hand in hand. A standing ovation followed.

Yes, we award winners in life, we encourage competition, but when true unity and compassion are being lived out, we realize we admire this much more. Losers become winners, winning over our hearts and minds. Why does it take children with special needs to so powerfully make the point?

George Bernard Shaw once said "There is only one religion, and thousands of forms of it". Anyone with any depth will know, that once we go beyond or underneath all the superficial stuff, all religions are striving for the same thing. Get that, and we can work together. Unity happens. A unity Jesus is asking for, as we see today. (Remember Jesus always uses images and metaphors eg. calling people 'sheep'), All the underlying messages that different religions and denominations use are so often in strong agreement. But the images and metaphors we use may be different – just like Jesus himself does, but all are being used to communicate experience of union with God - unity.

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## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

1st / 2nd June 2019  
Year C

Divine Office Week 3

### PARISH PRIEST

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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

### POPE JOHN PAUL II HALL

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Birthday parties, weddings,  
meetings, all functions  
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All enquiries to Sharon  
Hockett 07804 971 878.

## MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY 1st June</b>	<b>St Justin</b>
6pm	Patrick Murray RIP (Kathleen Murray)
<b>SUNDAY 2nd</b>	
8am	Peter Feather RIP
10am	For All Parishioners
<b>MONDAY 3rd</b>	<b>St Charles Lwanga &amp; comps.</b>
9.30am	Alice Allso RIP
<b>TUESDAY 4th</b>	
9.30am	Williams Family RIP
<b>WEDNESDAY 5th</b>	<b>St Boniface</b>
9.30am	Pat Marshall RIP (Mike & Tricia Curnock)
<b>THURSDAY 6th</b>	
9.30am	David & Veronica Micklewright (Wedding Anniversary - 55yrs)
<b>FRIDAY 7th</b>	
9.30am	Paul Gurney RIP (Rita Gurney)
<b>SATURDAY 8th</b>	
6pm	Judith Steward RIP (Anniv) (Gemma Copestick)
<b>SUNDAY 9th June</b>	<b>PENTECOST SUNDAY</b>
8am	For All Parishioners
10am	Umberto Lucibello RIP (Susan & Damian)

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2020 PARENTS OPEN MEETING...

**TUESDAY 11th JUNE 2019 - 7.15pm for 7.30pm**  
in The Convent Chapel for all parents whose children are at present in Year 2 or older.

If you would like your son/daughter to make their First Holy Communion next year, it is very important that you attend this meeting to find out more details and to get an application form.

All applications **MUST** be returned by Sunday 23rd June.

If for whatever reason you cannot be there, please let Fr Paul know.

**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.

## SION COMMUNITY FAMILY EVENTS

*D Weekend*  
7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> June:

Are you aged 11-14 years? Would you like to come along for a weekend full of fun, friends and faith! This is a chance to meet other young people just like yourself from all over the country and spend a few days building a friendship with Jesus.

**Mount Sion Family Camp 28<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June:** Bring your tent and have a great weekend of fun, sharing, praying and socialising together. Experience our woodland prayer trail, worship, bookshop, cafeteria and more. All meals included.

Join us at Sion Community, Sawyers Hall Lane, Brentwood CM15 9BX  
For information and to book contact us:

[admin@sioncommunity.org.uk](mailto:admin@sioncommunity.org.uk) /  
01277 215011 or see our website:  
[www.sioncommunity.org.uk](http://www.sioncommunity.org.uk)



Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is hosting its annual **ASCOT LADIES' LUNCHEON** on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June at the

Rayleigh Golf & Country Club. Ladies are encouraged to dust off their best hats and enter into the spirit of a 'Day at the Races'. Tickets cost £25 per person for a delicious two course luncheon with tea & coffee served in our own private dining room, with plenty of time to enjoy some racing from Ascot before the school-run. Contact Libby for more information & to book tickets on 01268 784544/ [lphillips@bccs.org.uk](mailto:lphillips@bccs.org.uk)

## 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 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>  
or 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:josephbeattie@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

## FAITH EVENING ON THE LITURGICAL YEAR

7pm on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June at the Catholic Church of Christ the Eternal High Priest, Gidea Park, RM2 6DH. Fr David Manson will lead the evening, 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](mailto:GPstudydays@gmail.com)  
Refreshments will be provided.

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CATHOLIC  
CHILDREN'S  
SOCIETY IS  
LOOKING FOR



**35 'FEARLESS FUNDRAISERS'**  
to join #TEAM35 and undertake a thrilling 80 metre free-fall abseil from the ArcelorMittal Orbit in the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford. The Abseil will take place on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July between 5pm & 8pm and in order to secure a place, participants will need to pay a £50 non-refundable deposit and agree to raise a minimum of £150 in sponsorship (before Gift Aid) to support the work of bccs. For further information please visit [www.bccs.org.uk](http://www.bccs.org.uk) or contact Julie [jabbott@bccs.org.uk](mailto:jabbott@bccs.org.uk) / 01268 784544 / 07912277413

**AN EVENING OF  
MUSIC**  
with  
**The Gospel Choir**  
(Southend Citadel)

**& Rayleigh Band**

**Saturday 22nd June at 7.30pm**  
**Admission £5.**

**The Salvation Army,**  
**146-148 High Street,**  
**Rayleigh SS6 7BU.**



**For more information**  
**phone 01268 771752.**  
**See Poster in Porch.**

**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 18<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:shirleytimmins@btinternet.com) or leave a message on the answerphone 01277 233302.

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

**Keep up to date by reading the**  
**latest e-bulletin - May 2019**

[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/)

**ORGAN WORKSHOP -**  
**GIVE THE BEST SERVICE YOU CAN**  
**Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June '19**  
**7.30 - 9pm. Ss. Peter & Paul's**  
**Church, The Green, Chingford E4 7EN**  
*An evening designed to help players at all levels brush up their accompaniment and service playing, looking at registration, console management, hymns and worship songs, pedalling, voluntaries - and much more.*

*This is a practical, hands-on event. John Rippin, who has a long association with Chingford Parish Church and who knows the fine 3-manual William Hill and Son and Norman and Beard organ well, will be there to answer your queries, and give good guidance. He will be joined by Jonathan Marten, who is a much experienced International examiner and moderator for the ABRSM and who has examined within the Dioceses of Chelmsford and Brentwood for the RSCM Awards Scheme.*

*There is no charge for this event, but donations will be welcome. For bookings and further information email John at [instrumental@rscm-eel.org.uk](mailto:instrumental@rscm-eel.org.uk) or drop him a line at 10 Mornington Road, Chingford, London, E4 7DS.*

**Rayleigh Combined Churches**  
**Refugee Group**  
**60TH ANNIVERSARY**  
**THANKSGIVING SERVICE**  
followed by tea and cake...  
at Christ Church  
Crown Hill, Rayleigh  
3pm on Saturday 22nd June '19.  
See Poster in Porch.

**OLOR SCHOOL VACANCY -**  
**WELFARE AND**  
**ADMINISTRATION OFFICER**

Band 3 Point 4-5 (approximately £9.50/hour) - 22.5 hours per week  
A vacancy has arisen for a Welfare and Administration Officer in the School Office to work 3.5 days per week (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 8.30am-3.30pm, and half-day Friday 8.30am-1pm) term time only.

The Job Description, Person Specification and CES Application Form are available on the school website ([www.olorcps.net](http://www.olorcps.net)) Applications should be returned to [mrs.rance@olorcps.net](mailto:mrs.rance@olorcps.net) by 3.30pm on Tuesday 11th June.

Interviews will be held during the week beginning Monday 17th June.

**ACROSS SOUTHEND 2020 -**  
**Pilgrimage to**  
**Lourdes**



17/9/20 - 26/9/20,  
approx £750 (subject to minor change) in a 3\* hotel adapted to the needs of individuals with limited or no mobility. Travel is by Jumbo Ambulance.

If you would like to travel as a volunteer or you require assistance to travel or would like further information please email [southendacross@gmail.com](mailto:southendacross@gmail.com) or call Anita on 07889 416481.

**PLEASE SAVE YOUR USED**  
**STAMPS...**

The Ushers are collecting used stamps for Charity - Please save these and leave them in the box in the porch. Thankyou.



You are invited to join us for  
**AFTERNOON TEA**

**Saturday 15th June**  
**£6 per person**

**Two sittings 1pm or 3pm**

To book a table please contact us  
on the number below

**The Salvation Army**  
**146-148 High Street,**  
**Rayleigh.**



**Phone: 01268 771 752.**  
**See Poster in Porch.**



**SATURDAY 1st JUNE /  
SUNDAY 2nd JUNE**

**TODAY IS WORLD  
COMMUNICATIONS SUNDAY...**

*On this day, Catholics are encouraged to pray for all those professionals who work in the field of Communications. And particularly for those who are responsible for communicating on behalf of the Catholic Church in this country.*

*The communications office of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales supports the bishops, in their witness and engagement with current issues, and the Church more widely in promoting the Gospel through digital, social, print and broadcast media. The office is the central point for media enquiries and is a key resource for national and international media professionals. It also plays an important role in developing the public profile of the Church through word and image.*

*Please help us continue this work through contributing generously to the retiring collection today.*



**COFFEE MORNING**

after 10am Mass is organised by

Sue Hancock & Jo

Crowhurst for the Lubasi

Home in Livingstone, Zambia.

All are invited.

Look forward to seeing you.

Next weekend:  
OLOR Pre-School.



**MONDAY 3rd JUNE**

**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](mailto:chri8hurley@gmail.com), or just turn up!

**TUESDAY 4th JUNE**

**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](mailto:cristinal@hotmail.co.uk)



**THE LEGION OF  
MARY**

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

"Today missionary activity still  
represents the greatest challenge for  
the Church. We must be permanently  
in a state of mission with trust in God  
and great courage". *Pope Francis.*

**IS GOD CALLING YOU TO BE A  
PRIEST?**

*The monthly vocations group for those  
who would like to find out more about  
a possible vocation to the priesthood  
meets tonight - Tuesday 4th June at  
St Edmund of Canterbury Church, 9  
Traps Hill, Loughton, IG10 1SZ. There  
will be a talk, time of prayer and some  
food.*

Please contact Fr Mark Swires,  
Vocations Promoter for more  
information:

[vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org](mailto:vocprom@dioceseofbrentwood.org)

**WEDNESDAY 5th JUNE**

**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.



**TEA / COFFEE GET-TOGETHER**



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

**NEXT WEEKEND...**

**SATURDAY 8th JUNE**

**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 on sale after  
Masses this weekend.

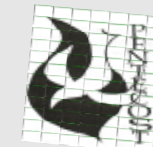
Please support this  
event if you can.

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



**SUNDAY 9th JUNE**

**THE FEAST OF  
PENTECOST**



**LOOKING AHEAD ...**

**K.S.C. MEETING**  
Monday 10th June,  
at 8pm in the Bethany Room