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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

My dear people,

Last week we were privileged to
celebrate two wonderful Saints:

Padre Pio, and Our Lady of
Walsingham (formerly Our Lady of
Ransom).

The Feast of Our Lady of Ransom
was instituted following the famous
victory of the Battle of Lepanto on
October 7, 1571. Pope Pius V called
on all of Europe to pray the Rosary
for the victory of the Catholic fleet of
the holy league, despite being a
much smaller force. As a result of
these prayers, the Christians
inflicted such a serious defeat on the
Muslim forces that they retreated
back to the Middle East. Whilst we
should be pleased that we have our
own Feast of Our Lady in England
we should not forget its origins,
which remind us that the Rosary is a
powerful weapon against evil and
heresy. Padre Pio called the Rosary
his weapon and was never without it.
When Our Lady appeared in Fatima
in 1917 she called on all Catholics to
pray the Rosary daily for protection
of the Church and the true faith. I do
hope that each one of you is taking
the time to pray the Rosary daily
and so playing your part in
defending the Church. If you do not

have a Rosary we have plenty at the
back of church, together with helpful
cards explaining how to pray it if
you do not already know. Most days
I pray the Rosary on our Facebook
page at 1.30pm.

And of your charity please pray for
me as well.

Wishing you every blessing,

Fr Gerry

Live Streaming in the Parish

Sun 27th Sept	10am – Morning Prayer 10.30am - Mass
Mon 28th Sept	Fr Gerry's Day Off
Tues 29th Sept	7pm - Evening Prayer 7.30pm - Mass
Wed 30th Sept	1.30pm - Rosary
Thurs 1st Oct	7pm - Evening Prayer 7.30pm - Mass
Friday 2nd Oct	9am – Morning Prayer 9.30am – Mass 1.30pm - Rosary

Readings this Sunday

First Reading – Ezekiel 18:25-28

**Psalm 145 Response – ‘Remember
your mercies, O Lord.’**

**Second Reading: Saint Paul to the
Philippians 2:1-11**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia,
alleluia! My sheep hear my voice,
says the Lord; I know them, and they
follow me. Alleluia!**

Gospel: John 10:27



Baptism



This Sunday we welcome Amelie into the family of God as she receives the Sacrament of Baptism. We offer her our prayers and

congratulations on this very special occasion.

First Holy Communion



We are currently in the process of arranging suitable dates for our young people to make their First Holy Communion. On the 18th October our first

three children will receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ for the very first time. Please keep **Zak, Giorgio and George** in your prayers at this time.

Sacrament of Confirmation



It has been a frustrating wait for our young people and we hope that once they feel able to return to the most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass we will be able to arrange a suitable date with all

involved. We would ask that you keep **Elaine Hennessy and Callum Reynolds** in your prayers at this time as they continue to mourn the loss of loved ones. Thank you.

Sacrament of Reconciliation



Fr Gerry is available for Confession after **every** Mass or if you would prefer please give him a call on 07919 416263 to arrange a

mutually convenient time.

St Vincent de Paul (SVP)

continues to support our local communities. Our volunteers have built a structure of safety and human dignity during Covid-19. We applaud their dedication of Turning Concern into Action. Please continue to pray for all those who volunteer to serve in this way and for the many people their good

Bible Study Group



Every Tuesday night with Fr Gerry. We hope you can join us socially distanced in the narthex

Notices

School News

Certificate of Practice

Secondary and Primary School Applications

Fr Gerry will be available on Thursday 1st October 2.30pm - 4pm to issue certificates. Certificates will be issued based on Mass attendance prior to lockdown.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2021

If you are in Year 9 or above and would like to commence preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation next year please email frgerryd@gmail.com

Situations Vacant

St Peter's Catholic Primary School in Billericay are looking to recruit a Learning Support Assistant . Please click on the link below for full details of this position.

<http://www.essexschoolsjobs.co.uk/Vacancies/Details.aspx?VacancyId=60692>

Harvest Home Appeal



Can you donate food for homeless people in Southend this Harvest? **Sheila Jones** from our parish will be arranging a collection from the 27th September - 18th

October. There will be a box placed in the narthex for your items. Even if you can only spare one item, together, our donations will add up to make a big impact. Thank you.

Parish Finance

1st Collection - £305.45 13th September 2020

We are aware that a number of you are still unable to attend Mass but could we please ask that you continue to support your parish with your weekly offering.

<https://www.dioceseofbrentwood.net/donations?parish=brentwood>

Please click on the link above remembering to specify either Hockley or Rochford.

If you are attending Mass, your weekly offerings can be placed in the basket at the entrance or exit to the church.

Please continue to support your parish.

Message from BCYS

18 hour challenge – THANK YOU. Over the summer young people across the Diocese ran 18km, baked 18 cakes, made 18 curries, walked 18 miles, delivered 18 cupcakes to older

parishioners, and much more – and older pilgrims knitted 18 scarves, and made 18 phone calls to 18 shielding

parishioners. It was all

to recognise the 18 hours usual travel time by coach to Lourdes – even though the pilgrimage could only happen online, the faith-filled service continued. Sponsorship and donations were received, and the remarkable total of **£7794.77** was raised! This has been split between CAFOD and the BCYS, and will sustain vital work as the pandemic continues. Read more at <https://bcys.net/lourdes2020/>



Daily Prayers:



Pray for one another, that we may each hear the voice of Jesus speaking clearly to us, and that we may have hearts open to share his love, and courage to share the Gospel.

Sunday: The Sick: Mary Fugl, Martin Chandler, Lee Davis & Sian, Karen Landy, Joe Mullany, Mark, Renate Butler, Angela Read, Jonathan Somervell, Norma Goater. The people of the Middle East and especially our Christian brothers and sisters.

Monday: The Sick: Stephen Kennedy, Ron Holloway, Trevor Ridgwell, Marguerite Jakes, Louise Knight, Cory Lees, Anthony George & Mary Smith. Those who live in Althorne Way, Lesney Gardens, Dalys Road & South Street.

Tuesday: The Sick: Andy, Brian Holt, Anne, Baby Theo, Samuel, Nellie Smith, Mary Reilly, Edward Cunado & Andrew Stevens. For the people of St Andrew, Rochford. St Mary & All Saints Stambridge and their Minister Rev David Coster.

Wednesday: Fr Jeff Woolnough, Fr Jean Laurent Marie, Fr Kieron Dodd, Fr Liam

Hayes, Geraldine Stevens, Eve Stocks, Jim Beck, Sarah Knight, Kevin Cosset, Ethan Adlum, William McArthur, Margaret Hennessy & Marjorie Jay. For the Queen and her ministers, that they may govern us wisely. For our own Parish Priest Fr Gerry.

Thursday: The Sick:Maureen Lumholst-Smith, Kenneth Jobson, Venus Rubertazzi, Ellen Franklin, Jackie Gravestock, John Vasey, Sheila Van de Vyver & Len Smith. The Farming Community.

Friday: The recently departed: John Hennessy, Maureen Ivis & Baby Elizabetha.

Those whose anniversaries fall over this week: William Challis, Ann Davis Fr Gordon Godfrey, Ita Ryan, Elizabeth Kirwan, Hilary Greene, Ted Jukes, Sarah Kitchens, Janusz Dobkiewscy, Sylvia Baker, Josephine Casey, Michael Lyons, Alan Miles, Antonio Polsinelli, H&J Wasilewscy, Donatella Garcia and Cecelia Clapp.

Saturday: The Sick: Bartly Igoe, Padraig Evers, Margaret Thomas, Oliver Kelly, & Terry Lewis. Our Student Priests: Rick, Patrick, Michael, Adrian, Eamonn, Alexander, Tony, Damien & Jonathan

Sun	27	9am 10.30am	Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Michael Lyons RIP Pro Populo	AD
Mon	28	No Mass Today	S Wencelaus Duke M		
Tues	29	7.30pm	Dedication of S Michael Archangel		
Wed	30	No Mass Today	S Jerome		
Thur	1	7.30pm	St Therese of the Child Jesus	Ints Sheila Van de Vyver	FV
Friday	2	9.30am	Holy Guardian Angels		
Sat	3	No Mass Today			
Sun	4	9am 10.30am	Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	Pro Populo	