

OUR LADY OF RANSOM

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY 19th	
6pm	Joseph and Norah Thomas RIP (Hilary Barron)
SUNDAY 20th	
8am	Mr Maurice Johnson RIP (Carmen Paterson)
10am	Margaret Cox Ints (Maureen Coghlan)
MONDAY 21st	
9.30am	Thomas Gambling (Anniv) (Anne Gambling)
TUESDAY 22nd	
9.30am	Don McAulay (Jean and Peter Wood) (St. George)
WEDNESDAY 23rd	
9.30am	Martin Barry RIP (Maureen Ashkuri) (St. Mellitus)
THURSDAY 24th	
9.30am	Jack Clifford Ints (Maureen Howell) (St. Mark)
FRIDAY 25th	
9.30am	Agnes Hogan (Anniv)
SATURDAY 26th	
9.30am	Eucharistic Service
9.30am	Bullwood Hall (Staff & Inmates only) Sp. Int
6pm	James and Elizabeth Barron RIP (Hilary Barron)
SUNDAY 27th	
8am	Mary Stanford Ints
10am	Martin Barry RIP (John and Lorna Warren)

IT'S CHRISTIAN AID WEEK..... 11 - 17TH MAY!

CAN YOU DELIVER ENVELOPES IN A ROAD NEAR YOU? Many volunteers are needed to fulfil our Parish commitment to Rayleigh's collection. Any age can deliver the envelopes but you must be 16 years or over to collect....and you can never be too old!!! This is seven amazing days of fundraising, campaigning and prayer uniting 22,000 churches. It reaches millions of people with messages about poverty and empowers poor communities to change their lives forever..... Please see the road list at the back of the Church or ring Mary Butterworth on 01268 741928.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

19th/20th April 2008
Year 1
Eucharistic Prayer 2

PARISH PRIEST
Father Martin Joyce
50 London Hill
Rayleigh
Essex
SS6 7HP
01268 742229
www.olor.org.uk
email: pp@olor.org.uk

RETIRED PARISH PRIEST
Father A Dorricott
25 Homeregal House
Bellingham Lane
Rayleigh
SS6 7HN
01268 774552

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
Saturday 1pm - 1.30pm

Baptisms
by Appointment

Sunday Mass
Saturday
6pm
Sunday
8am and 10am

AYLESFORD ALL NIGHT VIGILS

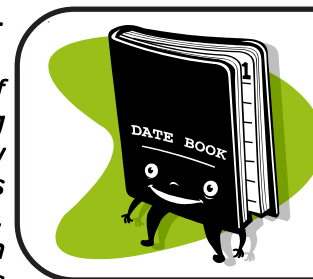
on the 1st Saturday of each month starting from Saturday 3rd May 10pm-6am. Continues through to October. Travel from London organised by Mrs Tugadi Tel 020 7352 4478 and Miss Ogbeni Tel 07847 532199. For further information Tel: 01622 717272. See poster in porch.

NEW HALL SCHOOL, CHELMSFORD OPEN DAY on Monday 5th May 2008 9.30am-12.30pm. Presentations from the Principal and current students will take place at 10.30am & 11.30am. The co-educational Prep School takes pupils from 3-11, the Senior School offers single-sex teaching for girls and boys between 11-16 and a co-educational Sixth Form. Students may board from age 8. Each year we offer 11+ and 13+ boarding and day Scholarships specifically for Catholic students. Please visit www.newhallschool.co.uk for more information.

BRES SPIRITUALITY EVENING

Tuesday 6th May: 7.30pm. 'Ways of Praying'. Speaker: Rt. Rev. Thomas McMahon, Bishop of Brentwood at Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood. £5 waged. £3 unwaged. Telephone: 01277 265285.

MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT HYLANDS PARK DOG WALK on Sunday 25th May. Raising money for people living with cancer. 'Let's take steps together to help people living with cancer'. To find out more telephone 01245 345280.



2008 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

BCCS SPONSORED WALK

The Brentwood Catholic Children's Society is holding its Annual Sponsored Walk on Saturday 10th May leaving Our Lady of Ransom Church at 9am. If you are interested in walking all or

part of the distance to Brentwood, please contact John Sinclair on 01268 776957.

PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND

by Fr. Joseph Whisstock, 12th - 20th May 2008. Going to different parts of Poland, Shrine of Divine Mercy. Contact Fr. Joseph on 01206 866317 or 07754 163007.

BEETLE DRIVE FOR PARISH PROJECT Friday 16th May 6.30 - 9pm at Pope John Paul II Hall organised by the Brownies and Guides. Fun games for all ages 5+. Tickets £3 each from Jennie Barry 07812 194167 or Louise Archer 07930 945722. Family ticket discount! All are very welcome.

AN INTER-FAITH CONFERENCE DAY

Saturday 17th May from 10.30am until 3.30pm at Brentwood Cathedral Conference Centre, Brentwood, led by Bishop Thomas. Admission is free but please book your place. Phone 01277 265289. See posters in porch.

FAMILY FUN DAY - HELPERS NEEDED

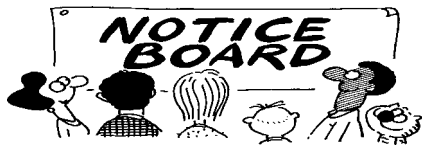
for Saturday 19th July. Please fill in the relevant form in the porch and return it to Lyn Lee, address on the form, by the 18th May. Organised by Rayleigh Churches and being held at King Georges playing field in Rayleigh 11 - 4pm. Entry FREE!!

☺☺☺ THIS MONTH IT'S MARS EGG TIME FOR THOSE TERRIBLE JOKES!! ☺☺☺

What do you get when you cross a parrot with an elephant? An animal who tells you everything it remembers!!! What do you get if you cross a cow with a camel? Lumpy milkshakes!!! What do you get if you cross a woodpecker with a carrier pigeon? A bird that knocks before it delivers a message!!! This Week's Terrible Jokes come from Adam McDonnell who wins 49p, a Mars egg, Bunny Buddies, chips and a hot dog!!! Come on boys & girls, TERRIBLE JOKES always needed & major prizes to be won!!! ☺☺☺

✠✠ PLEASE
REMEMBER IN
YOUR PRAYERS

Mr Edward Zammit
formerly of Daws Heath
Road, Rayleigh who died on Thursday 10th
April. His Funeral took place last Thursday.
May he rest in peace ✠✠



A GENTLE REMINDER!
*Moblie phones are NOT to
be used in the Church*

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES
2008 FINAL PAYMENT TIME!!**

Date: Wednesday 28th May to Tuesday 3rd
June 2008. Payment: Single room £220.
Double room £272.50 per couple.
Cheques payable to OLOR Rail Group.
Coach to Stansted leaves Church Wed.
28th at 3am (sorry for the early start!).
Flight: 6.20am. Flight No. FR 2356. Return
Flight No. FR 2357 arrives at Stansted:
10.30am. Lunch at hotel upon arrival. Fr.
Dorricott will celebrate Mass in Oratory at
2pm. DO NOT forget your Passports. We
advise obtaining an E111 for emergency
health care in France. Vatican Tel No:
00335 62940021. Any questions phone
George 01268 772038.

WEDDING PHOTOGRAPHY

*Your complete wedding day
photographed for £300. Tel Mark on
01268 591396 (after 7pm) or mobile
07944 382876 anytime.*

**TWO TEACHING VACANCIES FOR
SEPTEMBER 2008**

1. Class Teacher at St Anne Line Catholic
Junior School, Basildon.
2. Primary Class Teacher KS1 or KS2 at
Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School,
Southend.
For more information see details on the
church noticeboard.

PLEASE PRAY for all the
sick members of our
Parish; we pray especially
for *Nora Gilbert, Danny
Frost, Mrs Teresa Bird,*

*Mrs Theresa Denton, Mr John
Carminati, Eileen O'Riordan, Rupert Lyon,
Mrs Kathleen Kirkland, Mr Eric Leech, Mrs
Eileen 'Pat' Savage, James Travers, Roy
Kitchen (father of Gill McGuigan), Felicity
(Flick) Bevan, Paul Abbott, Ruth Fitzgerald,
Patrick Francis, Jim Mitchener, Brigid & Jacob
Marsh, Kate Cracknell, Mary Collison,
Margaret Heath, Gwen Hassell, Josephine Nix,
John Barry, Larry & Jean King, Noreen Gunn
& all our sick relatives and friends.*

*Kindly pray for Gertrude Anley, John
Frampton, Beatrice Green, Teresa
McClellan, Sophie Croucher, Tom Gambling,
Jennie Dooley, Eleanor Culf, Michael
Merrick, George Fox, Joseph Goulding,
Frederick Gilfoyle, John Owens, Mrs Agnes
May Hogan & all others whose
anniversaries occur about this time.*

URGENT!

UP-TO-DATE CRB CHECKS

Could leaders of all Groups contact
Denise MacDonald ASAP to ensure she
has a full list of volunteers and that they
have all had a completed CRB check!
Tel. Home: 01268 78365
Work: 784564. Thank you!

GIFT AID

For those giving through Gift Aid, please
collect your supply of envelopes from the
Bethany Room. Please note that those
paying by standing order should collect
their Special Collection Envelopes.
If any taxpayers are interested in increasing
the income of the parish at no extra cost
to themselves, please contact Sandra
Cowdrey on 01268 772998 or email
olgiftaid@hotmail.com

Dear Friends

**FROM: MARK FRANCOIS, MEMBER
OF PARLIAMENT FOR RAYLEIGH:
HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA**

**To a parishioner re: The Human
Fertilisation and Embryology Bill:**

Thank you for your recent letter regarding
the Government's
Human Fertilisation and
Embryology Bill. This
arrived together with a
batch of over 80
unstamped identical
letters, of which more
than half did not have a
return address.
Therefore, I would be
grateful if you could
please show this letter
to any members of your
parish who you know
have also written to me,
but did not include an
address for a reply.

The Conservative Party has welcomed
the Government's proposal to replace the
outdated Human Fertilisation and
Embryology (HFE) Act in order to take
account of the changes in technology and
in public opinion since the 1990
legislation.

I am also glad that the Government has
made the Bill open to pre-legislative
scrutiny because, as you rightly identify,
it contains many contentious issues
which will require much discussion and
debate at all levels before any final
proposals can be agreed upon and put
into law. The pre-legislative scrutiny
committee, which was made up of a
group of cross-party MPs and peers,
reported back to the Government in
August and made a number of

recommendations.

The Government considered the views
of the committee and has taken some
of its recommendations on board in the
publication of the final Bill. For example,
the Government has agreed to scrap its
proposals to establish the Regulatory
Authority for Tissue and Embryos (RATE).
However, I fully understand that the Bill
remains highly contentious and I can

assure you that as it
progresses through
Parliament it will be
subject to a free vote
among Conservative
MPs, due to the highly
sensitive nature of the
topics being discussed.
Please let me reassure
you that nothing will be
put into law until it has
faced considerable
scrutiny, in which
Conservatives will play a
central role in ensuring
that any proposals have

the best interests of British society at
their heart.

Finally, while I will want to look at the
detail of the legislation, I have generally
tended to be cautious regarding
proposals of this kind. I therefore expect
to take a similar sort of approach when
the Bill reaches the Commons in due
course.

Yours sincerely,
Mark Francois MP



PARISH LIFE

*Contributions to the summer edition
will be welcome. Final submission
date is 1st May. Please send items
to parishlife@hotmail.co.uk*

God Bless, Fr Martin

**SATURDAY 19th APRIL /
SUNDAY 20th APRIL**

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE TICKETS

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES. Wickford parish are staging 'The Witness' in Pope John Paul Hall at 8pm on 2nd and 3rd May. Tickets: £5 adults /£2.50 u.16's. All monies raised will go to The Teenage Cancer Trust in memory of Emily Begg who attended OLOR Primary school. Tel. Peter Robinson on 01268-776760. Thank you for your support.

COFFEE MORNING

after 10am Mass is organised today by Children's Art Club. All welcome! Look forward to seeing you!

Next week:Linda Petchey

AVAILABLE IN PORCH

CATHOLIC LIFE, APRIL EDITION: Includes Lourdes 2008 The 150th Anniversary Celebrations... plus much more... £3.

PLACES TO VISIT MAGAZINE

A guide to Christian renewal and short breaks throughout the UK and Ireland: £3.50.

MONDAY 21st APRIL

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION GROUP

meet Monday evenings at 8pm in the Presbytery. Anyone is most welcome to join us in this ancient form of contemplative prayer. The practice is simple but not easy! If you would like to find out more: Phone Chris 01702 207722, or visit www.wcm.org

TUESDAY 22nd APRIL

LADIES GUILD

Trip to Clare Priory - Coach leaves from the Church at 8.30am.

THE CHILDRENS ART CLUB

3.30 - 5.30pm in the Bethany Room. Come and have fun, and make something unique to take home. Any problems please let Malvine know. Phone: 01268 772268.

**THIS
COMING WEEK**

**WEDNESDAY 23rd APRIL
WEDNESDAY IS:**



ST GEORGE'S DAY

St George is the patron saint of England. He suffered martyrdom in Lydda, Palestine, around the beginning of the fourth

century. The best known story attached to him, is the Golden Legend. In it, a dragon lived in a lake near Silena, Libya. Whole armies had gone up against this fierce creature, and had been defeated. The monster ate two sheep each day; lots were drawn in local villages, as sheep were scarce, and maidens were substituted for sheep. Into this country came Saint George. Hearing the story on a day when a princess was to be eaten, he crossed himself, rode to battle against the serpent, and killed it with a single blow with his lance. George then held forth with a magnificent sermon, and converted the locals. Given a large reward by the king, George distributed it to the poor, then rode away. Due to his chivalrous behaviour (protecting women, fighting evil, dependence on faith and might of arms, generosity to the poor), devotion to Saint George became popular in Europe after the 10th century. In the 15th century his feast day was as popular as Christmas. The shrine built for his relics at Lydda, Palestine, was a popular point of pilgrimage for centuries. Besides being patron of England and other countries, he is known as patron of Boy Scouts, farmers and soldiers.

RAYLEIGH ANNUAL TOWN MEETING for all electors of Rayleigh on Wednesday 23rd April at 7.30pm at the Cloister Hall, Holy Trinity Church, Rectory Garth, Rayleigh. Guest Speaker: Mr Mike Davies, Chairman of Rayleigh Through The Looking Glass. See poster in porch for a more detailed agenda.

THURSDAY 24th APRIL

HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY BILL - STUDY DAY led by Dr. Helen Watt, Director, Linacre Centre for Healthcare Ethics www.linacre.org on Thursday 24th April at Domus Mariae, Chigwell Convent, 803 Chigwell Road, Woodford Bridge, Essex. 10.30am - 3pm. Telephone: 01277 265243. More details on the booking forms in porch.



PARENT & TODDLER GROUP

Open Thursdays 9.30-11.30am term time for children 0-4 years. £1.50 per session. Free refreshments. New children and their parents/carers always welcome. Ring Jo 786710/Linda 786332/Jane 778222.

**NEXT WEEKEND
SATURDAY 26th APRIL**

FERTILITY SEMINAR

at the Parish Pastoral Centre, Billericay on Saturday 26th April 10.15am - 12 noon. A minimum donation of £5. Call Susan on 01277 654587 for more details.

CARMELITES TERTIARIES

Next Meeting for the Rayleigh Chapter is Saturday 26th April from 2.30 - 4.45pm in the Bethany Room. Newcomers always welcome.

SUNDAY 27th APRIL

At 10am Mass

The First Holy Communion children will be involved in a Family Mass.

**AT ALL MASSES NEXT SUNDAY
PARISH PROJECT APPEAL**

An appeal on behalf of our Parish Project - Mduduzi Home Care in Dundee Diocese South Africa - will be made after all Masses Saturday/Sunday 26/27th April. There will be a retiring collection so please give generously.

LOOKING AHEAD

**MONDAY 28th APRIL
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2008
PARENTS MEETING**

28th April
7.45 for 8pm in the Convent.

CONFIRMATION 2009

Could all those seeking confirmation in June 2009 please write to Father Martin, including your name, ALL contact details, d.o.b. and current school. Candidates must be 15 by the 31st August 2009. Any queries? Call Steve on 01702 202922